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A third wooden "patch," representing class 67-C, was placed in Hangar 25 Air Museum this week. The patches are created by a local artist in recognition and honor of organizations that have served at Webb Air Force Base. To find out how to commission a patch, call 264-1999.

Hangar 25 'patches' honor those who served at Webb

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Staff Writer

Keeping the memory alive can be done several ways at Hangar 25 Air Museum. Whether you want to make a monetary donation in memoriam of someone, have a name placed on the Wall of Honor or commission a plaque or other monument, there is space available. "We have several ways people can choose to honor their loved ones who have served at Webb," Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger said. "Really, anyone who has any connection



Stockburger

to Webb or the Hangar can be honored here." One of the most recent ways for organizations from Webb to be remembered are wooden patches. Three patches — class 67-C, 69-E and 65-A — have been commissioned and are now hanging in the Hangar. "Earlier this year, we decided this would be a great way for those who had served at Webb to have a memorial placed in the Hangar to ensure their organizations would be remembered and represented for all to see," Stockburger said. Patches can be commissioned for a donation of \$500. All of the money is designated as a donation, as all the materials and labor for the signs have been donated by local individuals and businesses. "We are always thinking of unique ideas on how to raise money," Gloria McDonald, member of the Hangar 25 advisory board, said. Burcham Signs is providing the boards and installation of them

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Mistrial declared

Jury deadlocked; DA to try again

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The trial of a 27-year-old Big Spring man charged with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon ended Wednesday in a mistrial, as the jury announced it was hopelessly deadlocked. According to officials with the 118th District Court, the jury — which was seated Monday and heard testimony Tuesday and Wednesday — announced it was hung late Wednesday afternoon with 10 jurors voting guilty and two voting not guilty.

Brian Christopher Lewis, 27, currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center, was being tried on a single charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

"In any case, you need a unanimous vote by the jury, whether it's for guilty or not guilty," Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said. "In this case, the jury came to the conclusion it was hopelessly deadlocked 10-2 after six hours of deliberation, at which time a mistrial was declared."

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Meet the teacher events under way

Herald Staff Report

Following is a corrected list of "meet the teacher" events scheduled for Big Spring Independent School District campuses:

- Moss Elementary — 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. to night.
- Goliad Elementary — 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday.
- Marcy Elementary — 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to night.
- Washington Elementary — 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday.
- Kentwood Pre-K Center — 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday.

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Good quality books needed

Herald Staff Report

Friends of the Library is requesting donations of books in good condition for its book sale, to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate, take them to the Howard County Li-

brary, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides support for the public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application.

Deadline arrives for school supplies

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Friday is the final opportunity to take advantage of the annual Salvation Army Back-to-School Supply drive, as the local charity looks to get students from low-income families ready to begin classes Monday.

According to Bessie Flores,

a social worker with the Salvation Army, the charity has distributed supplies to approximately 136 school children, down considerably from years past. "We've approved 48 families and given away 136 backpacks with supplies so far this year," Flores said. "Last year we provided supplies to a

little more than 300 children, so the total this year is down quite a bit from what we had expected. "I've heard of several local churches and civic groups that are doing drives for school supplies, so it's our hope the families who need these items are simply getting them there. In the end,

it all just goes to show what a giving spirit there is in this community." The Salvation Army will continue to accept applications for the annual program until noon Friday, according to Flores. "We're doing the applica-

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Obituaries

Manuel De Los Rios



Manuel De Los Rios, 79, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012, at Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit. Prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Elder Eliseo Gamboa officiating. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Lamesa Cemetery in Lamesa, Texas, with Trinidad Sanchez officiating.

He was born May 18, 1933, in Mexico City, Mexico, to Esperanza and Manuel De Los Rios. He was a retired cabinet maker. He lived in Hawaii and California most of his life before moving to Lamesa. He moved from Lamesa to Big Spring 10 years ago. He was a Jehovah's Witness.

He is survived by seven sons: Henry De Los Rios, Phillip De Los Rios, Willie De Los Rios, Manuel De Los Rios, Jr., Alex De Los Rios, Gustavo De Los Rios, all of California and Richard De Los Rios of Big Spring; and many grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Mercedes Ortiz De Los Rios in October 1997 and 11 brothers and sisters.

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

Police blotter

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

- JERRY LIN WHITE, 43, of 1200 N. FM 700, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for accumulated items/weeds/rubbish.
- RAY MARTINEZ ALVARADO, 35, of 1500 Lincoln, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- AMBER LYNN JAMES, 21, of 3810 Rice Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- CHANCE PATRICK NEWTON, 22, of 1307 Virginia, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for possession/purchase/consumption of tobacco by a minor, juvenile curfew violation, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to yield right-of-way to an emergency vehicle, no driver's license – when unlicensed, disorderly conduct – fighting and failure to appear (three counts).
- TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 30, of 2600 Langley, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana two ounces or less.
- DARRIN JAY CROOKS, 53, of 4200 Bilger, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and a warrant from another agency.
- ASSAULT was reported:
In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
In the 400 block of N.E. 10th Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 600 block of W. I H 20.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 900 block of Abrams Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.
- AMBER JAMES, 21, was transferred to the county detention center Wednesday by BSPD on capias failure to maintain financial responsibility.
 - CHANCE PATRICK NEWTON, 22, was transferred to the county detention center Wednesday by BSPD on charges of capias minor in possession of tobacco, capias curfew violation, capias expired motor vehicle registration, capias failed to yield row to emergency vehicle, capias no drivers license, capias DOC fighting with another, capias violate promise to appear (three counts).
 - DARRIN JAY CROOKS, 53, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on charges of possession of controlled substance less than one gram and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
 - TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 30, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on charges of possession of controlled substance less than one gram and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Fire/EMS

- The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

- The Howard County Texas Tech Alumni Association will host a barbecue and social get-together at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Hampton Inn, 805 W. Interstate 20. The event is open to all current and prospective association members. For more information, contact Craig Ferguson at 213-3837.

- The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

- Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.

- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

- Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be dropped off at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allan's Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, call Sharon Rich at 432-517-0723.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

- 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.

- An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

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

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

- 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.

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

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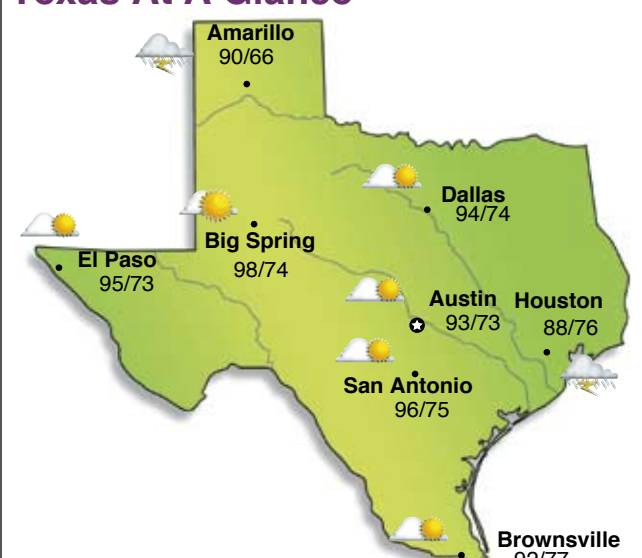
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 8/25	Sun 8/26	Mon 8/27	Tue 8/28	Wed 8/29
98/74 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	91/72 A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	93/72 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	94/71 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	98/72 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM



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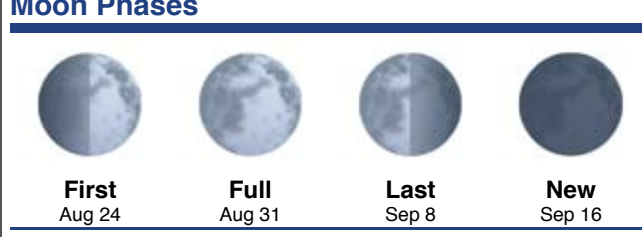
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	98	73	windy	Kingsville	96	76	windy
Amarillo	90	66	t-storm	Livingston	89	72	t-storm
Austin	93	73	pt sunny	Longview	87	74	t-storm
Beaumont	85	74	t-storm	Lubbock	95	70	t-storm
Brownsville	92	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	93	74	t-storm
Brownwood	98	72	pt sunny	Midland	99	75	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	92	78	mst sunny	Raymondville	97	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	92	72	mst sunny	Rosenberg	88	75	t-storm
Dallas	94	74	pt sunny	San Antonio	96	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	101	78	mst sunny	San Marcos	93	74	pt sunny
El Paso	95	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	90	74	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	93	73	pt sunny	Sweetwater	96	72	pt sunny
Gainesville	92	72	t-storm	Tyler	91	73	t-storm
Greenville	91	72	pt sunny	Weatherford	93	72	pt sunny
Houston	88	76	t-storm	Wichita Falls	98	72	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	65	mst sunny	Minneapolis	80	67	t-storm
Boston	79	63	cloudy	New York	80	70	pt sunny
Chicago	90	71	pt sunny	Phoenix	95	78	pt sunny
Dallas	94	74	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	53	pt sunny
Denver	83	57	pt sunny	Seattle	77	56	pt sunny
Houston	88	76	t-storm	St. Louis	93	74	mst sunny
Los Angeles	77	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	87	70	pt sunny
Miami	88	80	rain				

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- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays 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.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Suzy Miliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal

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Hippo stuck in South Africa swimming pool

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — A hefty hippo chased away from his herd at a South African game reserve has found a refreshing place to relax: the lodge’s swimming pool. Now it’s stuck there.

The young hippopotamus plopped into the pool on Tuesday at the Monate Conservation Lodge north of Johannesburg. The pool is big enough for the hippo to swim but it’s eight feet deep with no steps and “there’s no way he can come out,” lodge manager Ruby Ferreira told *The Associated Press* on Thursday.

A game capture team will sedate the hippo and lift it out of the pool with a crane, said Mulsabel Wentzel of South Africa’s National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Much of the water has already been drained to make the extraction easier. A veterinarian will be present during operation hippo extraction on Friday.

Wentzel said the 4-year-old hippo’s mother gave birth recently, and more dominant males forced him from the herd.

The staff has been feeding the hippo. Ferreira said it’s been noticeably relaxed with no other hippos fighting it for dominance, though the water in the pool has been getting mucky with hippo poop. The pool will be entirely drained before the hippo is lifted out.

Because the hippo was chased away by his herd, it will be moved to another animal sanctuary, Ferreira said.

UK newspapers steer clear of naked Harry photos

LONDON (AP) — The prince has no clothes — but British newspapers aren’t running the pictures.

The country’s scandal-loving tab-

loids devoted many pages Thursday to the story of Prince Harry’s naked romp in a Las Vegas hotel suite. But all heeded a warning from royal officials that printing the images, already seen by millions on the Internet, would infringe on the prince’s privacy.

So while Ireland’s *Evening Herald* ran the stark-naked prince on its front page, British newspapers made do with pictures of holiday Harry in bathing trunks and fedora hat.

The Sun tabloid came up with the most creative solution, getting a staff member named Harry and a 21-year-old female intern to recreate the naked pose under the headline “Harry grabs the crown jewels.”

Bob Satchwell, head of industry group the Society of Editors, said papers were merely complying with editors’ voluntary Code of Practice, which declares “it is unacceptable to photograph individuals in private places without their consent.”

But other media-watchers said a scandal that erupted a year ago over phone-hacking and other tabloid wrongdoing had tamed Britain’s once-rambunctious press.

Newspapers were exposed to a trial of public opinion as Judge Brian Leveson’s media ethics inquiry heard from celebrities, politicians and crime victims who said their lives had been turned upside down by press intrusion.

The scandal has killed one tabloid, the *News of the World* — shut down by owner Rupert Murdoch after revelations about its illegal eavesdropping — and tarnished the entire British media.

With the inquiry considering whether to impose stricter limits on press freedom, many feel the tabloids

are staying away from kiss-and-tells and celebrity scoops that they once would have relished.

Neil Wallis, a former *News of the World* executive editor, said fallout from the hacking scandal had left newspapers “terrified of their own shadow.”

“In this post-Leveson era ... they daren’t do things that most of the country, if they saw it in the newspaper, would think ‘that’s a bit of a laugh.’” Wallis told the BBC.

While newspapers including *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror* proclaimed that the naked photos had been “banned,” that is not strictly true.

Several media organizations around the world ran the two naked photos of the prince, which are being sold, according to British media reports, for about 10,000 pounds (\$16,000).

Deputies: Stuffed animals recovered

LEXINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Authorities say they have searched a North Carolina man’s home and recovered stuffed bears, bobcats, foxes and other animals reported stolen from taxidermists in recent years.

Sheriff’s deputies in Davidson County say they also recovered a preserved mountain lion, deer heads and coyotes at the home of Terry William Pitt Jr.

The Lexington man, who was initially arrested last month, was charged Tuesday with felony breaking and entering along with other charges. Bond for Pitt was set at \$40,000.

The man’s attorney wasn’t available for comment Wednesday afternoon.

The sheriff’s office said the items were reported stolen from four taxidermists in Davidson County in 2009

and 2010. Deputies also say more than 60 racks of deer antlers were recovered during the search.

Police cite drought for marijuana finds

SELLERSBURG, Ind. (AP) — Police say marijuana growing operations in southern Indiana are easy to spot from the air because of the drought.

An airplane pilot guided troopers on the ground through browning forests and corn fields Tuesday to uncover grow sites in Clark, Scott and Harrison counties. The troopers cut down more than 100 marijuana plants.

Sgt. Jerry Goodin tells *The Courier-Journal* the resilient green marijuana plants “stick out like a sore thumb.”

Trooper Mike Bennett tells *The News and Tribune* that marijuana can flourish in harsh conditions, pointing out, “It’s not called weed for nothing.”

Bennett says the seized plants will be destroyed once a burn ban is lifted.

Police: Fast food reach caused Mass. car crash

WESTFIELD, Mass. (AP) — State police say a Massachusetts teenager was reaching into a bag of fast food on her lap when her car collided with a trooper’s cruiser over the weekend.

Authorities allege a car driven by 18-year-old Tia Grover, of Westfield, went through a flashing red light at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday just before she was struck by the cruiser driven by Trooper Daniel Moran, who had a flashing yellow light.

A state police spokesman said evidence suggests Grover was eating from a McDonald’s bag.

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Lewis was indicted Feb. 3 on charges of deadly conduct, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to Wilkerson, the decision to try Lewis on the single charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon was tactical.

“In approaching this case, we had particular witnesses who were available to testify, so the decision of which charges to pursue was purely a tactical one,” Wilkerson said. “I have

every intention of retrying this case. At this point, it’s likely we’ll pursue the drug charge next.”

Wilkerson said he felt comfortable with the way testimony in the trial had proceeded.

“We were very comfortable with it. I feel like we put the evidence forward in a very positive manner,” Wilkerson said. “I spoke with several of the jurors who voted guilty, however, I haven’t been able to speak to the two jurors who voted not guilty, so I don’t have the particulars on why they voted that way.”

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the

Big Spring Police Department, the Aug. 22, 2011, altercation began when Lewis and another individual began chasing 32-year-old Lonnie Ray Gray Jr. near the 500 block of State Street because of a domestic dispute.

“Officers responded to a residence in reference to a report of shots fired,” Everett said. “On arrival, officers found that a family had been inside their home when Gray banged on the door and then forced his way inside, begging the family to hide him from Lewis and the other male subject.

“As Gray ran through the house, Lewis and the second male subject came through the door chasing him.

Lewis was armed with a handgun and fired two shots at Gray. Lewis and the second subject then fled the scene in a vehicle.”

Everett said no injuries were reported as a result of the gunfire.

Lewis was apprehended Dec. 14, 2011, at a residence in the 500 block of Young Street during a drug sweep carried out through Big Spring by local, state and federal law enforcement officers and arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

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

PATCHES

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once the patches are completed. A local artist is supplying all the paint and talent for the decorating.

“The patch replicas are meant to memorialize all those who served at Webb, in whatever

capacity, whether it be as a cook, maintenance person or any other title,” McDonald said.

The first of the three commissioned patches was installed in April and the final patch was placed Monday afternoon.

“Hangar 25 is a container of history of what is left from World War II and the Korean Con-

flict. It is important to keep alive those areas that would otherwise be lost,” McDonald said.

Monetary donations of any size can be made “In Memoriam” and will be recognized with a thank you card and recognition in the Hangar 25 newsletter. Another way will be to submit a memorial for the Wall of Honor. For a \$50 do-

nation, a plaque will be created and placed on the wall inside the museum.

“This is a great way to honor someone,” Stockburger said.

For those wanting to have a monument placed outside Hangar 25, Stockburger said details can be worked out in order to make that type of memorial come

to fruition.

“We are looking to place more monuments outside the Hangar. Right now, we have one that was placed by class 67-C,” Stockburger said.

For more information on any of the memorials, call 264-1999 or visit the website at hangar25airmuseum.com.

Contact Staff Writer

Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

SUPPLIES

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tion and distribution the same way we did it last year,” Flores said.

“The parents come in and fill out the paperwork, and if they are eligible, they can pick up the supplies right then. It makes it easier to keep up with our supply, and it makes it easier on them because they don’t have to make a second trip to the office.

“We need people who are coming in to apply to bring a birth certificate or Medicaid card for each child. We also need to know what

school the child is going to and what grade they will be in. Also, bring proof of income and expenses and a picture ID for the person applying for the program.”

According to Flores, the annual program can have a major impact on the lives and education of the area’s youth.

“It’s hard enough to get back into the books after a whole summer off,” Flores said. “When you don’t have the things you need — notebooks, paper, pencils — it just makes it that much harder. Education can make a huge difference in these kids’ lives, and we need to do everything we can to

support them.”

Residents seeking assistance can do so from 9 a.m. until noon at the Salvation Army office, located at 811 W. Fifth Street. Flores said the charity will continue to accept donations for the program, as well, and any supplies not distributed this year will be

held over for next year’s effort.

For more information on the program, contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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Youth Football League Signups Open

The Crossroads Youth Football League is holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Registration will close Saturday, Sept. 1. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old division and \$160 per child for Division 1 (6-8 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years). Payment arrangements are available, but must be paid in full by Sept. 14. Any businesses wishing to sponsor a team for \$200 will receive an advertising spot at the field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 816-6871. The league will be providing financial assistance to those who apply and qualify. There are limited resources so please apply a.s.a.p. at a registration time.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

The presidential campaigns are getting a lot of attention. Candidates are publicizing their agendas, accomplishments and concerns. Voters are bracing themselves for an onslaught of advertisements, speeches and reports.

If you wanted people to choose a specific leader, what would you do? Would you ignore opportunities to highlight the character and strength of your candidate? Would you tell people one leader is as good as another? Would you speak favorably of your preference today and then deny him tomorrow? Would you be a credible campaigner if your life choices violated the views and goals of your selected leader?

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OUR VIEWS

Keep Big Spring Beautiful is the focus and the group behind Saturday's Love Our Lake clean-up.

Once again starting at 8:30 a.m., members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful and volunteers will pick up trash around the Dora Roberts Community Center and Comanche Trail Lake.

HEB will be providing donuts for those helping in the clean up.

Efforts will not only help beautify the lake area and park for local residents, but will serve as preparation for the upcoming Comanche Warrior Triathlon. The triathlon is set for Sept. 8, starting near the Dora Roberts Community Center.

For those wanting to help out, members of KBSB will be on hand at the park until around 11 a.m. or until the area has been cleaned.

Anyone can come out and donate a few hours of their time. Each piece of trash picked up is progress and will contribute to the overall success of the project.

Each year, KBSB undertakes the cleanup of the lake as a way of helping keep the area clean but also to help ensure we are putting our best foot forward when the triathletes arrive.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can soar like an eagle, Lord, when we trust in Your love for our life.

Amen

David Axelrod: Mitt Romney speaks all 'Pious nonsense'

David Axelrod sits in a booth in the upscale cafe at the foot of the towering Obama campaign headquarters building and casts a cold eye both on his ahi tuna salad and Mitt Romney. He likes the tuna better.

"There is a sense of entitlement to Romney," Axelrod says. "He believes 'I'm supposed to criticize you, but you're not supposed to criticize me.'"

There has been so much criticism in this campaign that last week Romney snapped, "Mr. President, take your campaign of division and anger and hate back to Chicago!"

This was met in Obamaland with a rolling of the eyes.

"Romney's campaign has been predicated on negativity from the beginning," Axelrod says. "He got the nomination by eviscerating his opponents with negative media and then complained that they 'whined' about it."

"He challenged the president's patriotism and stood mute when a woman accused the president of treason. And now he is moralizing on the tone of the campaign? It's absurd. It's pious nonsense."

Outside, over Chicago's downtown, military jets scream in tight formations at incredibly low altitudes, trailing sonic booms behind them. In other cities, this might send citizens scrambling for their cellphones to call 911. Here, they know it is a rehearsal for the Air and Water Show.

And Axelrod has a few sonic booms of his own.

"There is something Orwellian about Romney's analysis of Obama; it's like he is looking in a mirror and ascribing things in himself to Obama: Romney says that Obama will do anything to hold onto power," Axelrod says.

But when Axelrod first talked to Obama about running for president years ago, one thing troubled Axelrod: Obama didn't seem obsessive enough.

"Obama didn't have that pathological drive for power, and it worried me," Axelrod says. Axelrod once saw the future candidate sitting around on a couch one day with friends watching ESPN. Axelrod considered this an ominous sign: The candidate might not be as driven to win as was going to be necessary.

And now? "The last thing Obama cares about is holding onto power for the sake of holding onto power," Axelrod says. "But he knows that beyond him and Romney, this is an important election."

"I've got two jobs," Obama told Axelrod, speaking of the presidency and his need to be re-elected to it. "Let me know what you want me to do."



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Axelrod says Obama has not balked at any campaign request, though he keeps in mind he has a world to run. "When you've done a job and been called upon to make consequential decisions — some life-or-death decisions — it gives you a different perspective," Axelrod says. "You don't sweat the small stuff."

Which is made easier by the fact that Obama has a huge campaign staff — to say nothing of a White House staff — to sweat the small stuff for him. A Romney press pool report recently noted, "A vintage plane carrying a sign reading 'Obama — Taking America Forward' made a few slow laps above us before flying off above Romney event in Massachusetts."

Romney forces are outspending Obama forces 3 to 1 on the airwaves, \$200 million of it on negative campaigning by Axelrod's reckoning. But Axelrod says the president is not overly troubled.

If negative ads are being used in an attempt to push persuadable voters toward Romney, so what? The Obama campaign believes there are not that many persuadable voters out there who actually will believe Obama is a terrible guy.

"Never will so much be spent to influence so few," Obama told Axelrod.

Axelrod says: "Michael Jordan used to say that when the game was on the line, things slowed down for him and he could see everything. It's the same for Obama. He hunkers down, and he focuses. He tends to be calmer and more focused the more frenetic the situation."

And, once again, Obama has a staff that can handle frenetic for him. The Obama inner circle — the strategy team — meets once a week. Even though some members do not live near Chicago, all try to be at the meeting rather than use conference calling.

The team includes Axelrod, the campaign's senior strategist; Jim Messina, the campaign manager (whose office the team meets in); David Plouffe, senior adviser to Obama; Alyssa Mastromonaco, deputy chief of staff for operations for Obama; Larry Grisolano, a top political adviser overseeing media and polling; and Stephanie Cutter, Jen O'Malley Dillon and Juliana Smoot, all deputy campaign managers.

The experienced staff, Axelrod insists, does not have the same roller-coaster view of the campaign that the press has. "Our data has been incredibly stable for the entire year," he says. "Our polling shows that President Obama's standing in battleground states has held up very well. How much can you influence people (against) someone they know very well?"

A senior campaign official said Obama currently has 247 electoral votes solid or leaning toward him and Romney has 191. A candidate needs 270 to win.

"If we win Florida (with 29 elec-

toral votes), we win," the Obama official said. "I don't want to be sanguine in the least, but we certainly have more paths to 270 than they do. From an Electoral College standpoint, they have to pull an inside straight."

Inside straights do sometimes get pulled. But the Obama forces say the campaign is playing out pretty much as they expected. "They make phony and incendiary charges and put great force behind it in terms of money and power," Axelrod says. "They campaign with the big lie."

Even though Axelrod believes the public can "sniff out" lies and dirty tricks, he does not intend to depend on the public's olfactory abilities alone.

"We will respond aggressively to what they're doing and force them to respond to us," he says.

Axelrod believes Romney's choice of Paul Ryan as his running mate can only hurt the ticket. "Ryan is very much an ideologue," Axelrod said. "His views are not mainstream views."

Then Axelrod quoted Tom Perriello, a former Democratic congressman from Virginia: "Mitt Romney is the only person in America who looked at the way this Congress is behaving and said, 'I want the brains behind THAT operation.'"

"Foreign policy experience is going to be important also, and Romney's little foray into foreign policy wasn't all that reassuring," Axelrod says. "Insulting our strongest ally (Great Britain) wasn't that helpful."

But what about Biden's gaffe about "y'all" and "chains"?

Axelrod shrugs it off. "We can pretty much rest assured that every one of these four will say something to send the media into a frenzy," he says. "That doesn't mean any (frenzy) will affect the outcome of the vote."

Obama, Axelrod says, "laughs and shakes his head at the absurdity of the process."

But seeing through the game is not the same as winning it. A candidate can be sardonic, or he can be victorious. Rarely can he be both.

And Obama does sweat some details. Like when Axelrod came to Obama with happy news. Axelrod's son, Michael, is getting married on Sept. 15 at the University of Chicago's Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

"Mazel tov!" Obama said and then did some mental arithmetic. "Wait. When? This Sept. 15? Are you going to be able to concentrate on the election?"

Then Obama relaxed. "Of course you will be able to," he said to the famously disheveled Axelrod. "No one is going to be relying on you for decisions on floral arrangements."

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The delusions in Ryan's medicare vision

Paul Ryan has bold economic ideas. Or maybe he doesn't. It's really hard to know what Mitt Romney's VP pick thinks, since his budget plan includes Obamacare's \$716 billion in Medicare savings over 10 years, but his election plan has him saying he would restore those spending cuts. Romney is accusing president Obama of "robbing" that money from today's beneficiaries.

Let's set the confusion aside for a moment and look at where the projected cuts would be made.

First off, none of the savings comes from changing eligibility or benefits. The president's health care reforms actually add benefits to Medicare. The savings come from reducing payments to hospitals, home-health services and other providers, though not doctors. And all the provider groups (except for insurers) have gone along with it because by covering 32 million currently uninsured Americans, the law brings them more paying customers. The Ryan plan would affect only

Americans now under age 55. It would replace guaranteed benefits with vouchers, whereby folks would be given a set number of dollars with which to buy private coverage or pay their Medicare premium. It would save money by increasing that number of dollars over the years by less than expected rises in medical costs.

In the real world, private insurers will skim off the young, healthy and profitable. What's left of traditional Medicare will attract the sickest patients, and down it goes.

But even accepting Ryan's sunnier vision requires swallowing several delusions:

Delusion 1: Offering vouchers to buy a private plan opens a wonderful world of choice to future beneficiaries. Exactly what would that choice be? It would be a choice of private insurers. In many cases, that means less choice of doctors and hospitals, as the for-profits force enrollees into their networks of approved providers.

Private insurers are in the business of making money for their execu-

tives and stockholders. UnitedHealth Group CEO Stephen Hemsley alone hauled in \$42 million last year. As implied above, an old person with asthma, a heart problem and two other worsening conditions is very, very bad for the bottom line. The idea that these profit-oriented companies would compete to attract sick and expensive elderly patients is not only a fantasy, it's an insane fantasy.

Delusion 2: Old-fashioned Medicare as we know it would be preserved for Americans 55 and older. This will not happen.

The scheme to radically degrade Medicare benefits for those born after 1957 would blow up well before the year of change, 2023, arrives. The Ryan plan has gotten as far as it has because younger Americans have not been focusing on their retirements. Republicans think they can drop this voucher system on them unawares.

But the likelihood that Americans born in 1957 or after are going to accept a two-class deal in which they have to pay for older peoples' generous benefits while expecting far less for themselves is about zero. As time goes on, there will be progressively

more voters born after 1957 and fewer born before. Thus, the politically numerous would either demand that older Americans' Medicare benefits be dragged down to their promised levels or that the whole voucher business be dropped. And who could blame them?

Delusion 3: Only private insurers can curb Medicare spending. Not true. The evidence comes in the Republicans' own political ads complaining that ObamaCare cuts Medicare spending. Furthermore, spending on the Medicare program has been growing more slowly than that on private coverage because of lower administrative costs.

There's so much waste in Medicare that you could probably cut \$1 trillion out and patients would not notice a difference. That's actually good news — or should be.

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News in brief

Amid distractions, Romney seeks to refocus campaign on economy with push on energy sector jobs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney, seeking to refocus his presidential campaign on the economy after days of distraction, is promoting energy proposals aimed at creating more than 3 million new jobs and opening up more areas for drilling off the coast of two political battleground states, Virginia and North Carolina.

Romney's pivot to energy, a key component of his jobs agenda, comes as the national debate has turned away from the GOP candidate's jobs message and toward issues like rape, abortion, welfare and Medicare 2½ months before Election Day.

Signaling a renewed emphasis on the economy, Romney will travel from Arkansas to New Mexico on Thursday to discuss what aides cast as a comprehensive energy plan that would result in more than \$1 trillion in revenue for federal, state and local governments, plus millions of jobs.

The most significant aspects of Romney's plans hinge on opening up more areas for offshore oil drilling, including in the mid-Atlantic, where it is currently banned. Romney also wants to give states the power to establish all forms of energy production on federal lands, a significant shift in current policy that could face strong opposition in Congress.

Romney's campaign says his strategy would achieve energy independence by 2020.

Obama courts demographic groups to build coalition as Romney tries to stick with economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the recent diversions over Medicare and abortion, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is still running a campaign that paints with a broad economic brush in hopes of rallying voters on jobs and fiscal policy. President Barack Obama, by contrast, is painting by the numbers, filling in the Democratic landscape step by demographic step.

The president's pointillist approach has been on sharp display in recent weeks as he has alternately tailored his campaign speeches and his ad campaigns to women, older voters and, most recently, new young voters who may not have been old enough to cast a ballot four years ago.

In each case, Obama has used Romney and his running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, as foils, arguing that their policies would limit women's health care choices, force seniors to pay more for Medicare and cut back on student loans.

Ryan's place on the Republican ticket has given Obama the opportunity to draw attention to Medicare, singling out Ryan's proposal to overhaul the health care program for older Americans and drawing Romney into a skirmish on an issue that favors Democrats. Obama's courtship of women got an unexpected boost by the eruption over Missouri Senate candidate Todd Akin's remarks about rape and abortion, prompting an unexpected debate on that social issue.

As a result, the presidential campaign is taking shape as a contest between Democratic interest-group politics on one side and the Republicans' single-issue referendum on Obama's stewardship of the economy on the other.

Ex-Penn State president attacks report that accused him of covering up Sandusky child abuse

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Penn State's disgraced former president is trying to convince the public he had no idea that Jerry Sandusky was a child molester — and that he most certainly did not protect one.

With a network TV appearance, a magazine interview and a news conference held by his lawyers, Graham Spanier portrayed himself Wednesday as the innocent victim of a witch hunt and a rush to judgment by former FBI Director Louis Freeh, whose university-commissioned report on the sex-abuse scandal prompted the NCAA to hit Penn State with a \$60 million fine and other sanctions.

Freeh, hired by Penn State trustees to conduct an internal probe of the scandal, released a report last month that accused Spanier, Hall of Fame coach Joe Paterno and other top university officials of concealing a 2001 abuse allegation against Sandusky to protect the university from bad publicity.

Spanier told The New Yorker magazine he was stunned by Freeh's allegation.

"There's no logic to it," Spanier said. "Why on earth would anybody cover up for a known child predator? Adverse publicity? For heaven's sake! Every day I had to make some decision that got adverse publicity."

Tropical Storm Isaac takes aim on the Dominican Republic and Haiti, could become a hurricane

ROSEAU, Dominica (AP) — Tropical Storm Isaac took aim at the Dominican Republic and Haiti early Thursday, expected to gain strength after drenching tiny islands in its whirl over the eastern entrance to the Caribbean.

No major damage was reported, but authorities in Puerto Rico said an elderly woman died in an accident while preparing for the storm.

U.S. forecasters said Isaac was likely to approach Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, as a hurricane late Thursday or early Friday after intensifying over the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea. It was predicted to move on to Cuba as a tropical storm and perhaps eventually menace Florida as a hurricane later in the week.

In the eastern Caribbean, many seafront bars and restaurants remained open Wednesday night as lightning and thunder crackled and choppy surf slapped against piers and seawalls.

The storm was 255 miles (410 kilometers) south-southeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico, early Thursday, with maximum sustained winds near 40 mph (65 kph). Isaac was moving west near 12 mph (19 kph), the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

Michelle Obama to meet families of victims in Sikh temple shooting

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Sikh temple where a white supremacist killed six people earlier this month has been largely repaired. A crisp new American flag flies out front, prayer services have returned to a normal schedule and walls once scarred by gunfire are now covered with banners of support from around the world.

While the Sikh community in this Milwaukee suburb continues to mourn the dead, they have taken solace in one fact: The killing has drawn attention to their religion and given them a chance to share traditional Sikh messages of peace and justice with a global audience. A scheduled visit Thursday by first lady Michelle Obama offers one more opportunity to preach unity and compassion.

"There's a prayer we say twice a day, asking God to please give peace to everybody and give progress to every person in this birth," said Inderjeet Singh Dhillon, one of the temple leaders. "We don't mention a person's name or color or religion. We just say one word for every human on Earth."

There are an estimated 200,000 to 500,000 Sikhs living in America. However, it's not uncommon for Sikhs to keep to themselves, leaving non-Sikhs to wonder from afar about Sikh customs — for example, why the men might have long beards and wear turbans.

Sikh leaders in the U.S. have tried to change that. They have encouraged people of all faiths to visit their temples and sit with them on the floor to partake of free meals. One of those leaders was Satwant Singh Kaleka, the president of the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and one of the six people killed Aug. 5.

AP Exclusive: Watchdog who led review of energy loans gives \$52,500 for Obama re-election

WASHINGTON (AP) — A veteran Wall Street executive who performed an independent review that exonerated the Obama administration's program of loans to energy companies contributed \$52,500 to re-elect President Barack Obama in the months since completing his work, according to an Associated Press review of campaign records. The executive defended the integrity of his conclusions and said he decid-

ed to donate to Obama after his work was finished.

The campaign contributions to Obama started just weeks after Herbert M. Allison Jr., in congressional testimony in March, minimized concerns that the Energy Department was at high risk in more than \$23 billion in federal loans awarded to green energy firms. Two weeks later, Allison began giving to the Obama campaign. His contributions to Obama and the Democratic National Committee totaled \$52,500 by last month. Allison previously was the former head of the government's mass purchase of toxic Wall Street assets.

Allison did not make any Obama donations during his four-month review of Energy Department loans, and he has a long history of working with and giving money to both political parties. However, Republican Party officials and congressional critics of the energy loans said Allison's donations to Obama raise doubts about his objectivity and highlight his decision not to assess multimillion-dollar loans to two companies that later went into bankruptcy — the troubled Solyndra solar panel company and Beacon Power, an energy storage firm.

Allison's report, completed in February and touted by the White House, acknowledged that the Energy Department could lose as much as \$3 billion in loans, but it concluded that was far less than the \$10 billion set aside by Congress for high-risk companies. The review did not assess the two bankrupt firms because those loans were no longer current. Allison told Congress that "DOE has negotiated protections in the loan agreements that enable it to cut off further funding and to demand more credit protection if projects do not meet targets." He also urged the Energy Department to toughen its oversight.

Allison defended the integrity of his review in an interview with The Associated Press. He said that he did not make the decision to back a presidential candidate until after he had finished his work and that his selection was approved by Energy Department lawyers before he began his review last October to "ensure there was no hint of bias or conflict of interest."

Shock, horror! Scandal-loving British newspapers steer clear of naked Prince Harry photos

LONDON (AP) — The prince has no clothes — but British newspapers aren't running the pictures.

The country's scandal-loving tabloids devoted many pages Thursday to the story of Prince Harry's naked romp in a Las Vegas hotel suite. But all heeded a warning from royal officials that printing the images — already seen by millions on the Internet — would infringe on the prince's privacy.

Some media-watchers say a high-profile public inquiry into phone-hacking and other tabloid wrongdoing had tamed Britain's once-rambunctious press.

Former tabloid editor Neil Wallis said fallout from the hacking scandal had left newspapers "terrified of their own shadow."

The Sun tabloid came up with a creative solution to the photo problem for Thursday's edition, getting a staff member named Harry to recreate the naked pose on its front page.

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Texas inmate set to die gets last-hour reprieve

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court again halted the scheduled execution of a Texas inmate convicted of a triple murder less than an hour before he could have been taken to the death chamber Wednesday.

Justices decided to stop the punishment of John Balentine, condemned for fatally shooting three teenage housemates in Amarillo in 1998.

Balentine also came within an hour of receiving the lethal injection a year ago and the high court took the same action on an appeal that ultimately was rejected. In 2009, he won a reprieve a day before his death date.

The high court said in a one-paragraph ruling Wednesday that it was giving the reprieve so it could consider Balentine’s petition for a review. Attorneys said the appeal would be discussed by the court at a conference late next month. If the request for review is rejected, the reprieve would end and prosecutors again could ask for a judge in Amarillo to set another execution date.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark said Balentine, who was inside a small cell near the death chamber when the court action came down, was laughing and smiling when Clark approached him about the decision. Clark said Balentine did not want to comment to reporters.

Balentine, from Newport, Ark., already had a long criminal record in his home state when he was arrested in Houston six months after the bodies of three teens were found at a house in January 1998. His guilt was not an issue in court appeals.

Planned Parenthood awaits funding cutoff in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Planned Parenthood said Wednesday that Texas clinics are operating like normal for now, even as state officials move to quickly freeze funding after a federal court gave Republican lawmakers a victory in their efforts to punish health providers linked to abortion services.

The court ruling allows the state to cut off funding to Planned Parenthood, the largest provider in the Texas Women’s Health Program, while a lawsuit over the issue moves forward. But just how fast Texas can sever funding remains unclear.

The health program provides family planning and other health services to more than 130,000 low-income women and is designed for those who might not otherwise qualify for Medicaid.

At Planned Parenthood’s more than 60 clinics statewide, nothing has changed yet. “But we’re also letting (patients) know that we’re not sure who long that will be the case,” Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Rochelle Tafolla said. “Because of the ruling, it’s jeopardized.”

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans on Tuesday halted an injunction that had prevented the state from cutting off funds until an October trial on Planned Parenthood’s challenge to a law banning money for clinics affiliated with abortion providers. The law was passed last year by the GOP-controlled Texas Legislature.

Stephanie Goodman of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission said Wednesday that authorities were consulting with state Attorney General Greg Abbott’s office on the next step.

Nobody hurt in fiery train, truck wreck in Texas

WILLS POINT, Texas (AP) — Officials say nobody has been hurt in a fiery wreck when a freight train hit a gasoline tanker truck in East Texas.

Union Pacific spokeswoman Raquel (ruh-KEL’) Espinoza says the accident happened around 1:30 a.m. Thursday at a crossing in Wills Point, about 45 miles east of Dallas.

The tanker load of fuel spilled and burned. The flames died out by about dawn.

Espinoza says the trucker jumped from the cab before the train hit the rig, which apparently became stuck on the tracks in a residential area. Some nearby homes briefly were evacuated, as a precaution.

Espinoza says a conductor and an engineer were on the train hauling containers from Fort Worth to Marion, Ark. No hazardous materials were on board.

Union Pacific is based in Omaha, Neb.

Houston mall roof cut, attempt to steal Air Jordans

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police have arrested two teenagers after the roof of a mall was cut in an apparent failed attempt to steal Air Jordan sneakers.

Greenspoint Mall was closed early Wednesday when a security guard saw some people inside a shoe store and called police. Officers discovered the hole in the roof and a break-in at an athletic shoe store.

Investigators say two teens were captured at the scene. A third youth escaped while trying to flee via the roof.

More than a dozen pairs of Air Jordan shoes, which can cost \$140 or more, were abandoned atop the roof.

The teens are facing burglary and evading arrest charges.

Illinois man jailed on \$500K bond in online case

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — A Texas judge has set bond at \$500,000 for an Illinois man who drove to the Houston area allegedly to abduct a girl he met online.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office says James Wean Jr. was being held Thursday on a charge of attempted aggravated kidnapping. The 49-year-old from Pearl City, Ill., was arrested Tuesday night in Katy.

A detective this month began portraying a 14-year-old girl online after her parents noticed a suspicious exchange on Facebook. Investigators believe Wean planned to kidnap the girl and possibly take her out of the country.

A judge late Wednesday set bond and said Wean must surrender his passport, wear a tracking device and not contact the girl if he’s freed. Jail officials had no information Thursday on an attorney for Wean.

Ex-El Paso school official gets 4 years for fraud

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A federal judge in West Texas has sentenced a former school administrator to four years in prison in a public corruption case.

Tomas Gabaldon in December pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud in the bribery investigation. Gabaldon was also ordered Wednesday to repay \$2 million to the El Paso Independent School District.

The former associate superintendent was sentenced in a plea agreement related to a vendor seeking a health care-related contract. Gabaldon apologized during sentencing.

Also Wednesday, an ex-Socorro Independent School District trustee pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud in the sweeping public corruption investigation. No sentencing date was immediately set for Charles Garcia, who faces up to 20 years in prison.

UT System regents to hear of incentive pay plan

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A proposal to grant bonuses to University of Texas System presidents if graduation rates improve will go before UT System

regents.

The higher pay would be based on leaders increasing donations and meeting other higher education goals.

The proposal, which goes before regents Thursday, would apply to presidents of all UT System school presidents and other system executives.

Critics have raised ethical questions about financial rewards for meeting philanthropic goals. Other concerns have been raised about whether academic standards would be intentionally weakened so that students pass courses.

System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa has recommended approval, and an aide says Gov. Rick Perry strongly supports incentive pay.

Judge clears way for northeast Texas pipeline

PARIS, Texas (AP) — The developer of the disputed Keystone XL oil pipeline, planned to carry oil from Canadian tar sands to Texas Gulf Coast refineries, may condemn land across a northeast Texas farm for the pipeline’s right of way, a judge ruled Wednesday.

In an email to attorneys Wednesday night, Lamar County Court-at-Law Judge Bill Harris ruled that the pipeline would be a common carrier and that TransCanada has eminent domain rights to right of way across the farm.

Messages left with TransCanada were not returned Wednesday night. However, landowner Julia Trigg Crawford planned to appeal the decision to a state district court in Paris, said Tom “Smitty” Smith, Texas director of the activist group Public Citizen that is part of the coalition fighting the pipeline project.

In a statement issued Wednesday night, Crawford said she was disappointed that Harris “wholly dismissed our entire case with a 15-word ruling sent from his iPhone.”

Crawford had argued that TransCanada trampled her property rights and that the project could harm Caddo Indian artifacts on her farm. Her attorneys argued that the Keystone XL project did not qualify as a common carrier, meaning under Texas law that it lacked eminent domain powers.

Harris ruled otherwise, meaning the project is under the authority of the Texas Railroad Commission and qualified for land condemnation.

“Judge Harris’ disappointing decision today further highlights the vulnerable and precarious position that Texas landowners are in,” said Debra Medina, a former tea party-favored Republican candidate for Texas governor and property-rights activist.

Judge taped beating daughter to get pay cut

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — There’s a pay cut coming for a South Texas judge suspended after his daughter posted a video online showing him beating her when she was a teenager.

Aransas County commissioners say they’re trimming County Court-at-Law Judge William Adams’ 2013 salary by 1.6 percent to \$144,000. Other elected county officials will get a 2 percent cost-of-living increase.

Adams’ older daughter uploaded the secretly recorded 2004 video to You Tube last year, where it was viewed millions of times. The video shows Adams repeatedly beating his then-16-year-old daughter with a belt for illegally downloading music.

Commissioner Charles Smith tells the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that the Texas Supreme Court suspended Adams with pay in November but he remains in office until the State Commission on Judicial Conduct or voters decide otherwise.

Judge: Fort Hood suspect’s beard disrupts court

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A judge has the authority to order an Army psychiatrist charged in the 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage to be forcibly shaved before his murder trial, military attorneys told an appeals court Wednesday.

The attorneys, in a document filed on behalf of Col. Gregory Gross, contend that forcibly shaving Maj. Nidal Hasan would not violate the American-born Muslim’s religious freedoms and said it is similar to “and no more invasive than” a judge’s right to restrain a defendant who is disruptive during a court-martial.

“Forced shaving is not a novel concept in the military,” military attorneys said in the judge’s response filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

They cited no specific cases of other soldiers being forcibly shaved. “Army regulations expressly authorize nonconsensual haircutting and face-shaving for recalcitrant incarcerated soldiers. ... If the judge has authority to bind and gag a disruptive accused (soldier), then certainly he has authority to forcibly shave (Hasan).”

Last week that appeals court delayed Hasan’s court-martial, which had been set to start earlier this week with jury selection, while it considers his appeal to being forcibly shaved.

Now that the judge has responded, the court can make a decision or choose to hear oral arguments in the case first.

Hasan has grown a beard apparently to express his Muslim faith. His defense attorneys have said he won’t shave since he’s had a premonition that his death is imminent, and he doesn’t want to die without a beard because he believes not having one is a sin.

Hasan faces the death penalty or life in prison without parole if convicted in the November 2009 attack on the Texas Army post that killed 13 people and wounded more than two dozen others.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It's Easy When You Know How

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9 8 5 2
♥ A 6
♦ 8
♣ A J 9 7 3

WEST

♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 10 7
♦ Q 9 6 3 2
♣ 8 2

EAST

♠ 6
♥ J 9 5 3 2
♦ K J 7 4
♣ Q 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 10 3
♥ 8 4
♦ A 10 5
♣ K 10 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♥ Pass
6 ♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Consider this deal where South got to six spades on the bidding shown. North's four-diamond bid (called a "splinter") was conventional, indicating the values for a game in spades while at the same time showing a singleton (or void) in diamonds.
West led the king of hearts, taken by dummy's ace. Superficially, it

seemed that declarer would have to guess which way to take the two-way club finesse to make the slam. But South had been to the wars before and was not inclined to stake the outcome on guessing which defender had the queen of clubs. Instead he embarked on a line of play that assured the slam regardless of where the queen of clubs was located.
After cashing the ace of trumps at trick two, he played the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy. This was followed by a low trump to the king and another diamond ruff in dummy, setting the stage for a sure-fire endplay.
Declarer exited from dummy with a heart, and it did not matter which defender won the trick. Whoever wound up on lead would next have to return either a club (trapping the queen) or a heart or diamond (allowing South to discard a club as he ruffed in dummy).
The elimination play executed by declarer followed standard procedure. First he eliminated suit No. 1 (spades), followed by suit No. 2 (diamonds). He then put the enemy on lead with suit No. 3 (hearts) to force the return of suit No. 4 (clubs). That's how most elimination plays work.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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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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4								6
	2		6		7		3	

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Football

- Coahoma at Ozona (Scrimmage), 5 p.m.
- Tahoka at Stanton (Scrimmage), 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football

- Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado, Matador Field, (Scrimmage), 7 p.m.
- Reagan County at Forsan (Scrimmage), 7 p.m.
- Garden City at Highland (Scrimmage), 6 p.m.

Volleyball

- Big Spring at Granbury Tournament (Varsity only), through Saturday.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com



Coahoma football players line up for drills during a practice last week. The Bulldogs will be traveling to Ozona today for their second scrimmage of the season. **HERALD photo/Brian McCormack**

Beltre hits three homers in Rangers' lopsided victory over Orioles



AP photo

Texas' Adrian Beltre connects for one his three home runs Wednesday during a game against the Baltimore Orioles. The Rangers won 12-3.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — It certainly wasn't the homecoming Tommy Hunter envisioned.

Baltimore's right-hander, who spent parts of four seasons with the Rangers and still lives in the area, took a beating at the hands of his former team and its All-Star third baseman in his first start in Texas since being traded last season.

Adrian Beltre hit three home runs, including two in the Rangers' nine-run fourth inning, and had five RBIs in a 12-3 victory over Baltimore.

Beltre had two attempts to match the achievement of teammate Josh Hamilton, who in May became

the 16th player in major league history to hit four home runs in a game.

"I didn't make good pitches," said Hunter (4-8), who spent parts of four seasons with the Rangers before a 2011 trade-deadline deal that also sent first baseman Chris Davis to the Orioles for right-handed reliever Koji Uehara.

Hunter surrendered eight runs, eight hits and three home runs in three innings. He entered the game having given up the third-most home runs in the AL and is one of three pitchers in the majors to allow more home runs than walks.

"The home run

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A's Colon tests positive, out for 50 games

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — In the 2½ hours it took the Oakland Athletics to wrap up a series win against the Twins, Bartolo Colon's belongings were removed from his locker and his nameplate taken down.

His replacement arrived from Triple-A, too.

Colon received a 50-game suspension Wednesday for testing positive for testosterone, and the A's disconnected themselves from the former Cy Young Award winner in a hurry. He left his teammates stunned and frustrated, some angry that a guy they thought they knew would take such a risk trying to gain an edge at age 39.

The A's now know what the Giants went through across San Francisco Bay.

What a devastating week it has been for the Bay Area's two contending baseball teams. First, it was All-Star game MVP Melky Cabrera of the Giants suspended 50 games for testosterone last Wednesday, then Colon exactly a week later for the same banned substance.

"I think the league is doing the best they can with it, and therefore

the policy and program is catching people," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "I don't know how much more you can do than that."

Major League Baseball made the announcement of Colon's penalty a week after suspending Cabrera.

"I apologize to the fans, to my teammates and to the Oakland A's," Colon said in a statement released by the players' association. "I accept responsibility for my actions and I will serve my suspension as required by the joint drug program."

He will miss the final 40 games of the regular season and the first 10 games of the postseason if Oakland advances that far. Any remainder of the suspension would be served in a future season, if Colon signs another major league contract.

"It's a shock," Oakland reliever Grant Balfour said. "He's a guy that we're definitely relying on right now. I guess you could say it's bad timing any time, but especially now."

Oakland, which hasn't made the playoffs since 2006, was preparing for an afternoon series finale against Minnesota when players got the news from clubhouse

televisions. A closed-door team meeting was called.

"The Oakland Athletics are disappointed to learn of today's suspension," the A's said in a statement.

Starter Brandon McCarthy took that a little further.

"You can say someone's a good teammate, but it has to extend in all facets," McCarthy said after a 5-1 win. "Off the field, on the field and how you are in the clubhouse, no matter how you look at it, we've now lost a really important part of our team to his actions."

General manager Billy Beane received word from MLB earlier Wednesday and began searching for a starter to take Colon's turn in the rotation Thursday at Tampa Bay. Tyson Ross was called up from Triple-A Sacramento and moved into Colon's clubhouse spot.

"It shocked all of us just the fact someone got caught for that," Ross said.

Beane addressed the A's in the clubhouse before the team took the field for pregame warm-ups.

"Listen, it's disappointing. From a baseball standpoint, we're scrambling," Beane

said. "We're all disappointed."

not just for the Giants and the A's, but for baseball."

Colon is 10-9 with a 3.43 ERA in 24 starts this season, his first with the A's, and has a 171-122 record in 15 big league seasons. A two-time All-Star, the burly right-hander won the 2005 AL Cy Young Award after going 21-8 for the Los Angeles Angels.

Colon will lose the remaining \$469,945 of his \$2 million base salary this year. He also has earned \$750,000 in performance bonuses based on starts and \$150,000 based on innings, which are not affected. Thursday's start would have earned him another \$250,000, and the suspension will cost him the chance to make \$850,000 in additional bonuses based on innings.

"It is what it is. We certainly don't support the actions, but you have to move forward," Melvin said. "You go through things over the course of the season. This is just one of them. ... You have to have a short memory."

Five players have been suspended this year under the big league drug

Darvish to miss start with quad problem

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers right-hander Yu Darvish will miss his next start on Thursday because of tightness in his right quadriceps muscle.

The Rangers say the move to skip Darvish's start is for precautionary reasons after he felt discomfort Tuesday during a bullpen session.

Roy Oswalt will pitch

in Darvish's place on Thursday against the Minnesota Twins.

In a statement released by the Rangers, Darvish emphasized that he doesn't consider this to be an injury, but after consulting with manager Ron Washington and coaches, missing a start was believed to be the best course of action.

Norris drops 10 straight in Astros' loss to Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Bud Norris just can't catch a break.

He lost his 10th straight decision as Houston fell to the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 on Wednesday night.

Norris (5-11) allowed three runs in six innings. He's got a 6.78 ERA in his last 14 starts in which he's 0-10.

"I didn't have my best slider tonight but I worked both sides of the plate with my fastball and tried to make some pitches," Norris said. "They snuck a couple across and they got the win."

Brett Wallace and Chris Snyder homered for the Astros, who are

winless in three games under interim manager Tony DeFrancesco. "We're not scoring enough runs," DeFrancesco said.

"We're trying to give these guys confidence." Things looked good for the Astros for a while. Wallace went deep in the first and Snyder connected in the third off St. Louis starter Kyle Lohse (13-2) to give the Astros a 2-1 lead.

In his previous three starts in August, Lohse had allowed a single run in 19 2-3 innings of work.

But St. Louis went ahead for good in the fifth thanks in large part to a mistake by Norris.

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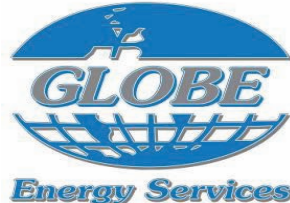
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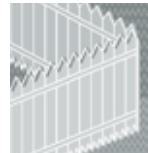
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On this first full day of the Virgo sun, the Scorpio influence is also strong. The moon and Mars are both nestled into this mysterious part of the sky, amplifying the need for understanding and clarity on more than superficial levels. Between Virgo's analytical influence and Scorpio's tendency toward psychic surgery, much will be learned.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The one who gives you a chance is giving you a gift. And when you seize the opportunity and do your best, as you are inclined to do, it's a living, breathing thank-you note.

TAURUS (April 20-May

20). Ordinary aspects of your life seem to shout out for extra attention — even your coffee mug and your breakfast seem worthy of a snapshot. Someday you'll be really glad to look at the pictures you took today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). "Foodies" talk about the flavor, texture and presentation of meals. You're more concerned with the nutritional value. Your focus on substance will lend you luck in more than one area of life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You prefer pleasant emotions, but you embrace whatever comes, knowing that laughter and joy are as essential to being human as are frustration and tears. Your willingness to accept all of it makes you strong.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be rewarded for getting things done, not for getting things done

perfectly. You'll find a balance as you strive for a good product without letting every concern stop you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes you feel like you've found your tribe, and sometimes you want to keep looking, believing that the tribe that found you is not a perfect fit. Today you'll experience both mindsets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It is difficult to measure and track your progress when your pursuits are as broad as yours are today. And the spiritual aspects of your life are impossible to quantify. For now, be content with a feeling that all is well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know what real love is and what it is not. Even though grand gestures can come from someone who really loves you, they are not proof of love. That comes in small, specific gestures

that only the two of you understand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Like it or not, you are strongly affected by the people you spend the most time with, and you'll become like them in many ways. A slight change in your social lineup will make a big difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are people who have done more with less than you have, and there are other people who have done less with much more. That's why making comparisons is useless. Keep your eyes trained on your own path.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Wanting too much from a loved one will create unnecessary drama. The most peaceful relationships involve expecting a loved one to be who they are and to do what they do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Judging from today,

the benefits of balanced living may be overrated. You'll see quick progress precisely because you focus all of your energy in one direction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 23). Different people and settings will accommodate your need for excitement. It's as though you've entered a new world, and you'll deepen your investigation of it in September. You'll take an item to market in December and be pleased with the outcome. November and July are the best times for travel. Aries and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 24, 7 and 18.

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deficiencies, medications — all of which can affect desire and libido. You owe it to yourself and your husband to figure this out. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I am appalled by my own offspring. My son is 30, and my daughter-in-law is 27. My grandchild is 16 months old.

We had been traveling and stopped at a restaurant. While we waited for our food, my son and his wife fed my grandchild her dinner.

The end result was at least 10 pasta noodles dropped on the carpeted floor under the table. I cleaned them up, but it should have been the job of my so-called adult

children to leave our table floor area clean. They felt it was no big deal to leave the mess.

We most likely will never return to that restaurant, and they won't remember us anyway. But if it had been my place of business, I would have told us not to return until we had manners. What do you say? — *Angry and Embarrassed.*

Dear Angry: We say calm down. Restaurants serve food. People — both children and adults — spill and drop food all the time. While one should not deliberately toss food around, and it behooves parents to keep the mess to a minimum and pick up what they can, it isn't necessary to leave the floor spotless.

Cleaning up is part of the overhead costs, and the management does not expect patrons to do all the work.

Dear Annie: I believe you were wrong in your advice to "Frustrated and Alone in Indianapolis," whose mother is difficult. You suggested he try to find better ways to deal with her.

I, too, have had to deal with a mother like his. I

finally had to make the same decision and cut all ties. It was not easy, but I am healthier for it. I don't miss my mother, only the idea of a mother. Some people are so toxic that you simply cannot have them in your life. — **B.T.**

Dear B.T.: "Frustrated's" mother sounded like someone who has learned to push her son's buttons. We felt it might be worth figuring out how to respond differently to her and see whether that helps before cutting her off. We still do.

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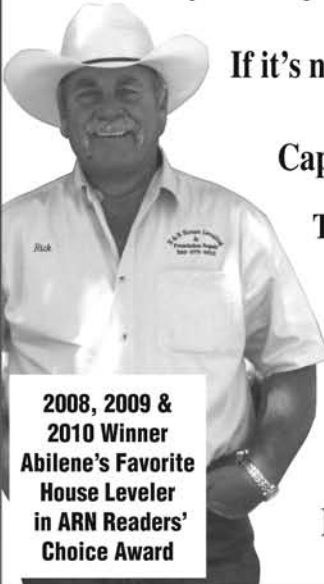
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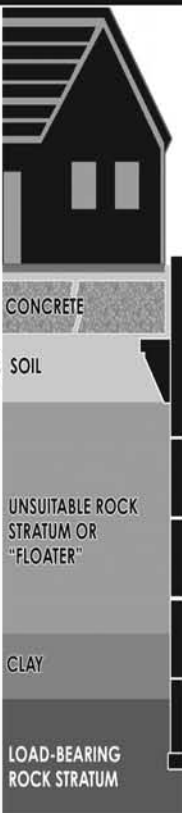
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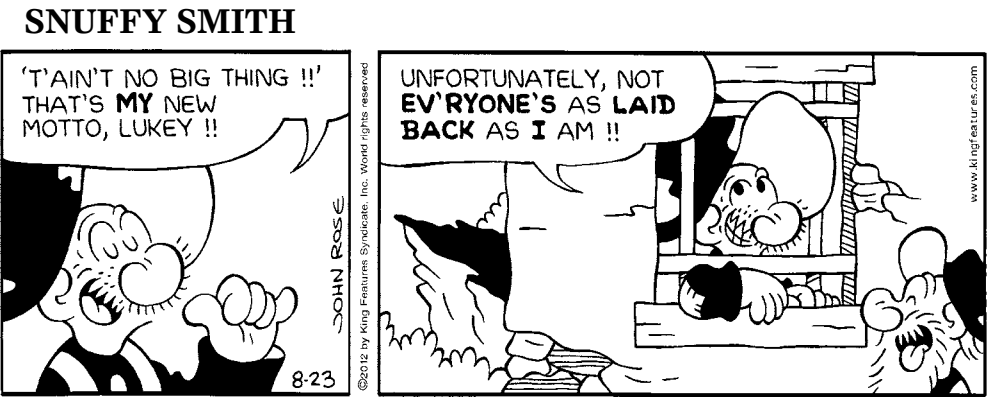
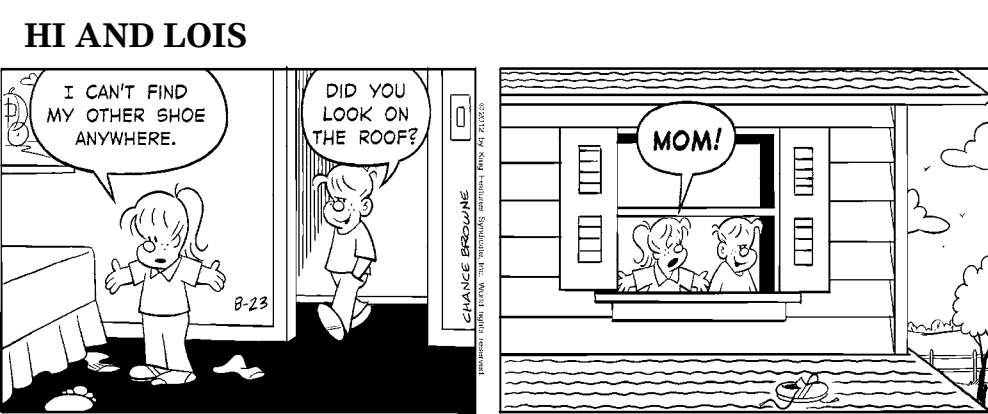
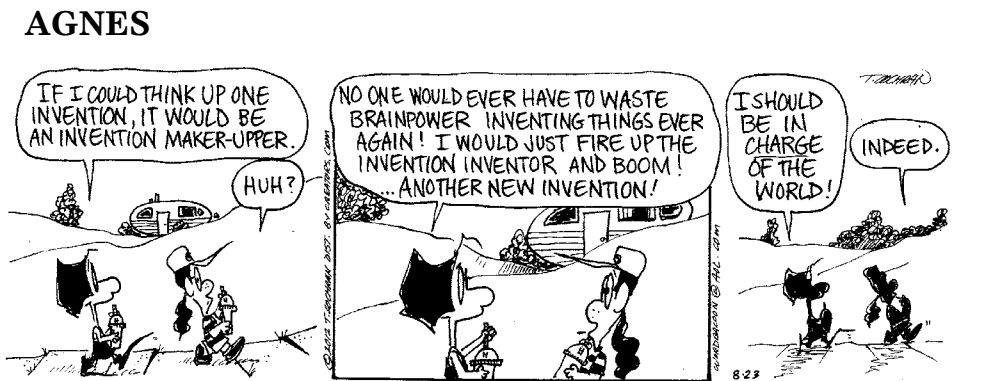
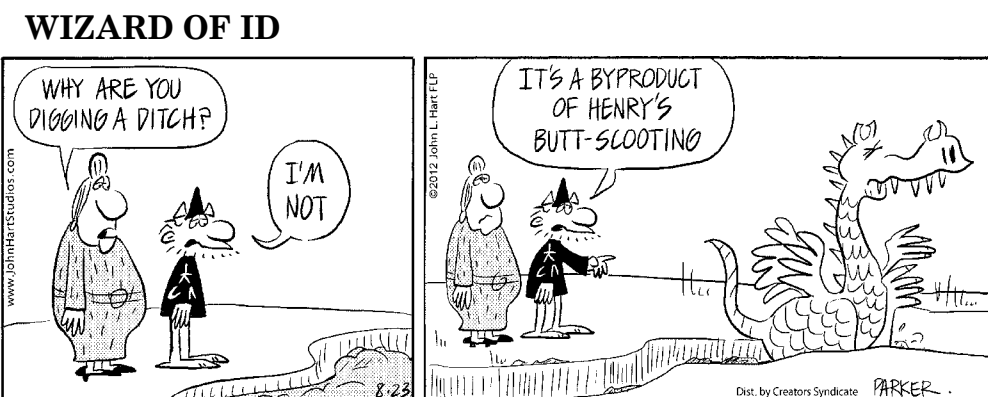
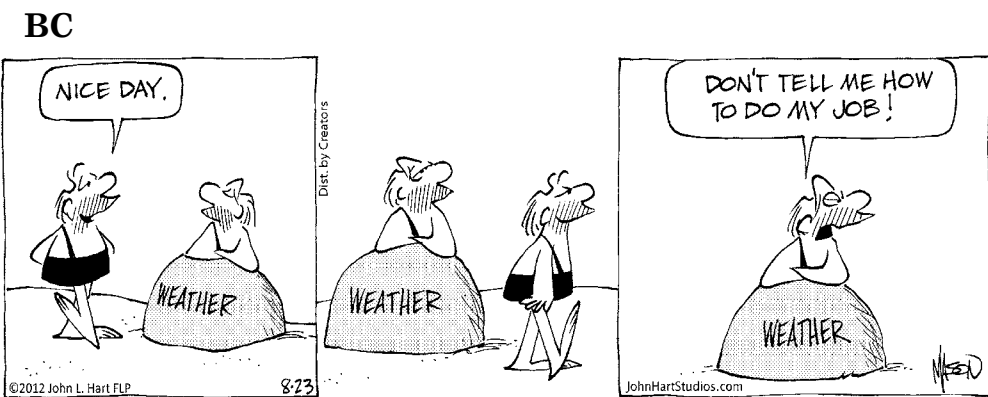
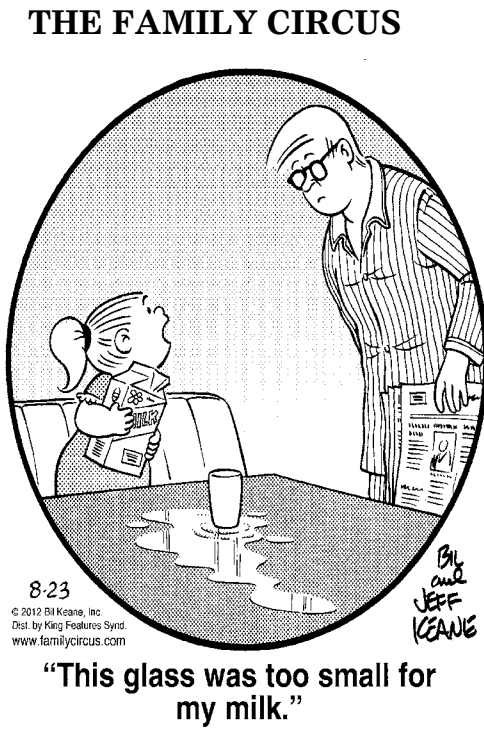
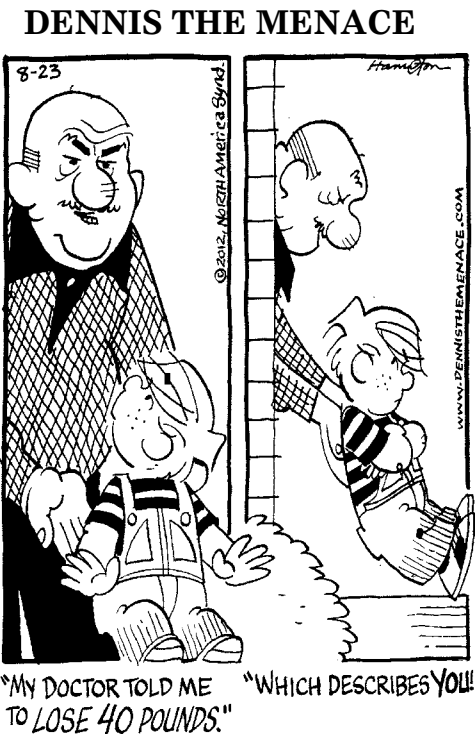
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 23, the 236th day of 2012. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 23, 1912, actor, dancer, director and choreographer Gene Kelly was born Eugene Curran Kelly in Pittsburgh.

On this date:

In 1305, Scottish rebel leader Sir William Wallace was executed by the English for treason.

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1858, "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," a play by Timothy Shay Arthur about the perils of alcohol, opened in New York.

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

In 1927, amid protests, Italian-born anarchists Nicola

Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1944, Romanian prime minister Ion Antonescu was dismissed by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies.

In 1962, John Lennon married his first wife, Cynthia Powell, in Liverpool, England. (The marriage lasted until 1968.)

In 1972, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Miami Beach, nominated Vice President Spiro T. Agnew for a second term.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."

In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks

later.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Vera Miles is 82. Political satirist Mark Russell is 80. Actress Barbara Eden is 78. Pro Football Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen is 78. Actor Richard Sanders is 72. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 70. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 68. Pro Football Hall of Famer Rayfield Wright is 67. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 65. Singer Linda Thompson is 65. Actress Shelley Long is 63. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 63. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 63. Queen Noor of Jordan is 61. Actor-producer Mark Hudson is 61. MLB All-Star pitcher Mike Boddicker is 55.

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Woods, McIlroy bring buzz back to Bethpage

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy playing in the same group. Bethpage Black, a notoriously tough track on Long Island made even more famous by the two U.S. Opens it has hosted in the last decade.

As the playoffs for the FedEx Cup get under way Thursday at The Barclays, the buzz is bigger than usual.

"Playing here at Bethpage Black is incredible," said Woods, who won his second U.S. Open title on this public course in 2002. "Two U.S. Opens here, and this is all the golf course you want. It's a great venue, great fans, and just a great environment to compete at. You know, it's basically like

a U.S. Open."

It doesn't look much different from three years ago, except that only a few hundred fans were at the far end of the course watching the pro-am on Wednesday. And the sun was shining, a change from the rain that interrupted the U.S. Open in 2002 and forced a Monday finish in 2009.

The course also is playing to a par 71, with the seventh hole returned to a par 5.

The Barclays is the first of four tournaments in the playoffs, when the field (125 players qualified for the opening event) gets whittled down each week until only 30 reach the Tour Championship, and the winner walks away with a \$10 million bonus.

Jeter brushes off Bayless' HGH comments

CHICAGO (AP) — Derek Jeter brushed off comments by ESPN analyst Skip Bayless, who raised the possibility the star shortstop may have revived his career by taking Human Growth Hormone.

Bayless made his comments on "First Take" on a day that former Cy Young Award winner Bartolo Colon became the second big league player in a week suspended for 50 games following a positive drug test.

The 38-year-old Jeter leads the major leagues with 169 hits and is batting .324 with 13 homers, his best statistics since winning his fifth World Series ring with the Yankees in 2009.

"You would have to have your head in the sand or your head somewhere else not to at least wonder, 'How is he doing this?'" Bayless said Wednesday.

Bayless made his comments while discussing Jeter's season with fellow commentator Stephen A. Smith, who defended the 13-time All-Star.

"I would have to be sight and hearing impaired not to at least wonder, because there is no HGH test in the sport of baseball," Bayless said. "They do not blood test. They do it one time in spring training for HGH, not again the rest of the year. How could I not wonder is he using something? If you're Derek Jeter, would you think about using HGH right now because I would. How would you not? Would you

not think about it?"

Jeter responded before the Yankees' 2-1 loss to the Chicago White Sox, saying: "One of the things is that now you have everybody questioning everything. That's the unfortunate thing. Maybe Skip should be tested."

Jeter homered for the third straight game for the first time in his big league career, but the Yankees were swept by the White Sox in the three-game series and dropped to 15-18 since July 18.

Jeter has hit safely in 17 of his last 18 games, moving up this week to 11th in career hits and 13th in runs.

"I'm seeing a whole new guy this year," Bayless said. "No way I could see he would be an MVP candidate, that he would be hitting .324 in 2012 as he now goes on age 39. Are you kidding me?" Before the game, Jeter told reporters he'd never been mentioned in a steroids conversation publicly as Bayless did.

"This is a first for me, man. I don't know what to tell you," Jeter said.

Jeter did say he has to work harder later in his career.

"I try not to think about age. As you get a little older, people talk about your age. I don't go out there and think about being 30-something years old, I just think about trying to perform," Jeter said. "You got to get here a little earlier and stay a little longer. I'm sure that applies to most people who are standing here

right now. I think that's normal, that's for everyone. My fifth year wasn't like my first year, just like this year isn't like five years ago."

Bayless said Jeter "looks stronger to me. He looks a little quicker to me. ... OK, now could it be natural? Sure it could be. But I'm just saying he's a victim of his game. He's a victim of what's happening."

Bayless did add: "I'm not saying he uses a thing. I have no idea. But within the confines of his sport, it is fair for all of us, in fact you're remiss if you don't at least think about this."

Five players have had positive tests this season. Melky Cabrera, the San Francisco Giants outfielder who used to be Jeter's teammate, was given a 50-game ban last week for a positive testosterone test. Colon was positive for the same substance.

With the loss, an AL East lead that stood at 10 games on July 18 was down to three games over second-place Tampa Bay. New York has finished first in every season in which it has led by 6½ games or more, according to STATS LLC.

"You don't pay attention usually until September," Jeter said. "Everyone that's in the race, we play pretty much most of September. If you win your games, you'll be fine."

Kevin Youkilis hit a sacrifice fly in the third for the White Sox.

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situation . that's frustrating," Hunter said. "I don't try to give them up. I don't say, 'Here's a fastball over the plate, hit it out.'

"It was a bad outing. I can put it behind me and be better."

Nick Markakis went 3 for 4 with three RBIs for

Baltimore.

Beltre hit a solo homer in the second and two two-run home runs in the fourth in support of Derek Holland (8-6), who pitched seven innings and gave up three runs and five hits, striking out five and walking three.

The Rangers sent 12 men to the plate in the fourth and Mitch Moreland hit his first career grand slam for four of his career-high tying five RBIs.

"It was a fantastic night," Texas manager

Ron Washington said. "I was hoping for him to get a fourth one also, but it didn't work."

With his first home run, Beltre became the ninth third baseman in major league history with 10 seasons of at least 20 home runs. His first homer in the fifth marked the 23rd multi-homer regular-season game of his career.

"He made a lot of mistakes," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said of Hunter. "And they made him pay for it."

The Rangers gave Hol-

land plenty of breathing room by breaking the game open in the fourth.

Hamilton started the inning with a single and was followed by Beltre, who hit his second homer of the game into the stands in left.

Nelson Cruz and Michael Young followed with singles before David Murphy's run-scoring double.

A walk to Geovany Soto set up Moreland's grand slam.

Three batters later Beltre hit his second homer of the inning, driving in Hamilton, who walked.

Beltre, who entered the game hitting .244 in his last 31 games, is hitting .462 (6 for 13) in his last three games.

"I've been kind of struggling for a couple of weeks," Beltre said. "I've been working in the cages trying to find a comfort zone with my feet and hands."

"The last three days I stuck with something."

Beltre, Murphy, Young and Ian Kinsler all had more than one hit. Shortstop Elvis Andrus was the only starter without a hit for the Rangers, who improved to 13-8 in August and maintained a five-game lead over Oakland in the AL West.

Murphy has five multi-hit games in his last six and is hitting .519 with four doubles, one home run and seven RBIs during the same period. Since July 24 he leads the majors with 13 doubles.

"That's a big, strong boy up there," Markakis said.

"As hard as he swings, he gets good wood on the ball and hits it hard somewhere. Tonight they went out."

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