The Amazing Grace of Emergency Medicine
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Storm spawns floods, tornadoes in Texas as hurricane grows at sea

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (CNN) -- The remains of Tropical Storm Erin, downgraded to a tropical depression, crawled deep in the heart of Texas Thursday, bringing localized heavy rain and 35-mph wind.

Erin hit the coast at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. ET) near Lamar, Texas, about 25 miles northeast of Corpus Christi, the National Hurricane Center said. Tropical storm warnings for Texas and Mexico were dropped.

In the previous 12 hours, while it was still a tropical storm, Erin dumped as much as 4 inches of rain in parts of the state. The system also sparked tornado warnings farther inland from the middle Texas coast.

Erin's biggest threat continues to be inland flooding -- especially south of Houston -- where heavy rain and flooding have been common occurrences since March.

At 10 a.m. CT (11 a.m. ET), the center of Erin was 55 miles north-northwest of Corpus Christi, the NHC said, and it still had winds of 35 mph with higher gusts.

Erin was moving to the northwest at 15 mph, the NHC said, and that movement inland was expected to continue throughout the day Thursday.
Hurricane Dean
August 16, 2007
11 AM EDT Thursday
NWS TPC/National Hurricane Center
Advisory 13
Current Center Location 13.7 N 54.3 W
Max Sustained Wind 90 mph
Current Movement W at 23 mph

- Current Center Location
- Forecast Center Positions
- S Sustained wind > 73 mph
- Potential Day 1-3 Track Area
- Potential Day 4-5 Track Area
- Hurricane Warning
- Hurricane Watch
- Tropical Storm Watch

Approx. Distance Scale (Statute Miles)
SM 125 250 375 500
True at 30.00N
Peru quake death toll rises to 450; 200 dead in one city

(CNN) -- Sheet-covered bodies lined a street Thursday in Chinch'a near Peru's southern coast after an earthquake that a U.N. official said has claimed the lives of at least 450 people and injured 1,500 in the South American country.

The new casualty figures came from the deputy emergency relief coordinator for the United Nations, Margarita Wahlstrom. In addition, she said, nearly 400 houses were destroyed.

Hard-hit by the quake was the port city of Pisco, 160 miles (260 kilometers) southeast of Lima.

Arriving in Pisco, Minister of Health Carlos Vallejos told Andina television almost 70 percent of the city of 58,000 people is destroyed.

"There aren't any buildings that are in good condition, even the very modern buildings around the central plaza are totally destroyed," Vallejos said.

"There have been more than 200 deaths in this area, and they're still looking for more victims because entire buildings have collapsed."
Amazing Grace
The homeless guy who was trying to get warm at a shelter...
...or, a funeral
in my hometown
in western Georgia
Loving those that may be difficult to love
32 y/o Hispanic female walks into the ER with a headache, collapses, and has her first seizure.
...Or the guy driving carelessly through the mountains
...Or through the streets!
The Young Mother who brings her baby to the ER who’s not eating right
...and WE have to think rationally...
Cyanotic Babies: ABC
Think Airway
Think Lungs
Think Heart (such as CHD)
WE
have to
think
rationally....
...and be gentle in our criticism...
The Cop that was shot

...and

the prayer...

...and the perp...
Or, the victim of Elder Abuse…
…and the perp….
Speaking of Forgiveness!
Middle-aged guy presents to the ER because his cell phone has become melted to his ear and cannot be removed.
...or, why some people are too stupid to have guns
the calorically challenged...
...simple kindness where we can render...
...being observant, because we must...
...and understanding...
Thank God I ducked when I did!
Baby, too close to the propane stove
Pseudo-seizures: Watch for the eyes rolled back in the head.
If you’re gonna shoot up, isn’t it better to find ONE HOLE that seems to work?
What DO we do with people who are destroying themselves?
Chronically, day after day?
Don’t ever tell me that seatbelts don’t save lives.
The AFTERMATH...

The “Wear and Tear” on Us
Every now and then it takes a true military mind to come up with a classic quote!

In a recent interview, General Norman Schwartzkopf was asked if he thought there was room for forgiveness toward the people who have harboured and abetted the terrorists who perpetrated the 9/11 attacks on America.

His answer:

"I believe that forgiving them is God's function. Our job is simply to arrange the meeting"
US Postal Service

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Celebrating 6 Months Without An Anthrax Related Fatality
Moscow suicide bomber kills 9

MOSCOW, Russia (CNN) -- A female suicide bomber killed nine people and herself and wounded 51 others when she detonated a bomb outside a subway station in northeastern Moscow Tuesday, officials said.

The bombing marked the second major terrorist attack on Russia in a week, following the near simultaneous attacks of two Russian纹理ers by what authorities believe were two Chechen women suicide bombers.

Witnesses told police the woman in Tuesday's attack was walking toward the entrance to the Rizhskaya station around 8:10 p.m. (1210 p.m. ET), but turned around when she saw police checking commuters' bags and blew herself up.

Authorities later found her head on the subway station's roof.

The blast was so powerful a nearby car erupted in flames.

"The amount of explosives was huge, and the bomb was stuffed with shrapnel and other small metal objects," said Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov.
CALL POLICE TO REPORT SPACE SHUTTLE DEBRIS
Intraosseous Devices
How very much our times seem to have changed...
...and yet...
The Little Brown-haired Girl
...and even closer still...
The Melting of the Rings
A story of a physician as family
Mom and Dad
Dad’s Trip Home
August 8 – 10, 2003
Day One
Day Two
“Did you bring your checkbook? Pay the man. Let’s go home”

A.A. Fowler, August 9, 2003
3:30 p.m.
“Jimmy?”

…and then, silence…
Day Three
“He has gone home”

Ned Fowler, August 10, 2003

11 a.m.
A. A. Fowler, Jr.
1920 – 2003
Soldier
Statesman
Father
Friend
What followed...
Thoughts in closing...
Medicine gives us a seat on the highest peaks of human existence...
We have but to open our eyes and we will see it all...
...for we must always remember...
Simple Gifts

‘tis a gift to be simple,
‘tis a gift to be free,
‘tis a gift to come down where you ought to be.

And when you find yourselves in a place just right,
‘twill be in the Valley of Love and Delight.
Simple Gifts

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed.

To turn, turn will be our delight,
For by turning, turning…
…we come round right.
Thank you for your kind attention...

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