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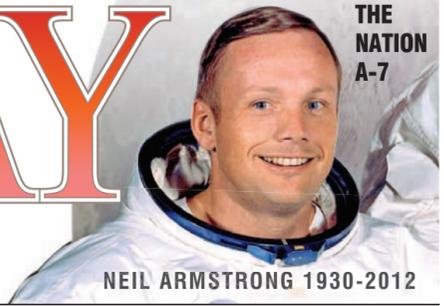
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'That is the most anxious moment for me, waiting to get that door open so we can get in and search the house' — deputy Andrew Winter

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Evictions process gets even more cautious in wake of deadly shooting

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When two Stanislaus County sheriff's deputies recently went to evict a man from his home on Crane Road on the outskirts of Oakdale, they found a note from him taped to the door.

Handwritten in pencil on the back of a yellow flier for a health and wellness fair, it warned, "Any offer to contract away my inheritance gifted to me by my creator is denied."

The resident knew when the deputies were coming to his home because of the mandatory five-day notice they had posted the previous week.

The letter was a red flag for deputy Tom Letras, who took it to mean that its author did not acknowledge the authority of law enforcement.

He and the other deputy backed away from the rundown, one-story home, which was partially obscured by tall, yellow weeds. They were determined to get more information about the 49-year-old

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To see video of how the deputies go about their work, and hear what they have to say, and to watch an emotional interview with a woman who had just been evicted, go to this story at www.modbee.com.



Above, Stanislaus County sheriff's deputies Andrew Winter, left, and Tom Letras stand ready as Dennis McPherson, an employee of the landlord, is set to kick in the back door of an apartment unit. Kicking in doors is not routine; more often a landlord will provide a key or a locksmith will drill out the lock. At left, Winter and Letras get ready to enter a foreclosed home in Modesto.

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Deputy Letras, right, explains to a tenant that she must leave the property as deputy Winter looks on Thursday.

New charity, same Gibbs?

Questions about involvement of ex-SCAP leader

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Its name sounds the same and its legal documents are suspiciously similar, but a new Modesto nonprofit group has denied any connection to organizations run by Joe Gibbs or programs operated by the controversial charity formerly called SCAP.

When dealing with charities, let the donor beware. Page B-1

Home of the Brave USA was formed in June, purportedly to help homeless veterans. Its organizers have been running it out of the Modesto complex called Home of the Brave, which the Stanislaus Community Assistance Project opened last year on D Street.

Home of the Brave USA has no legal ties to SCAP's Home of the Brave, but the new group has tried to position itself to take over near-

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GOP set to back Romney

BY DAVID LIGHTMAN
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TAMPA, Fla. — Mitt Romney goes before the nation this week with a historic opportunity to introduce and define himself to a nation weary of four years of economic anxiety and considering voting him into the White House.

But with Tropical Storm Isaac churning toward Florida, the Republican National Convention canceled its Monday program and is aiming to start its major business Tuesday.

Officials announced the change Saturday evening. The convention will quickly convene and then recess Monday, and try to come back Tuesday. A new schedule is likely to be announced today, and the roll call of the states to nominate Mitt Romney for president and Paul Ryan for vice president is expected to occur Tuesday afternoon instead of Monday. Romney is to make a prime-time

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