**2 children found living in abandoned bus in Texas**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-501363_162-57393086/2-children-found-living-in-abandoned-bus-in-texas/>

SPLENDORA, Texas — Child welfare officials have taken two children into custody after finding them living on their own in an abandoned bus northeast of Houston.

Montgomery County Constable Rowdy Hayden tells KTRK-TV (http://bit.ly/zMPLph) of Houston that the children's parents are in prison for embezzling money from Hurricane Ike victims in 2008. He says the children have been living on their own, alone in the bus for at least 12 hours a day but checked on each night by a great-aunt. He says a neighbor also told investigators that she'd bring food to the children occasionally.

Hayden says there was electricity in the bus, and an air conditioner, but the children were dirty. No charges have been filed. Child Protective Services is investigating.

Splendora is 35 miles northeast of Houston.

**Kony 2012 campaign hits the northern beaches**

<http://origin.manly-daily.whereilive.com.au/news/story/teens-want-to-cover-the-night-with-joseph-kony/>

CHANCES are that before this week you had not heard of Joseph Kony. But if you have a Facebook or Twitter account it’s likely his name has since taken over your home page.

The aim of the extraordinary social media campaign Kony 2012 is to ``make Kony famous’‘, and it is already well on the way to achieving its goal.

A documentary on the leader of the Lord’s Resistance Army and his alleged war crimes in Uganda has gone viral this week after being posted on the internet by humanitarian group Invisible Children.

The documentary has resulted in thousands pledging to help on Kony 2012’s day of action, Cover the Night, which is on April 20.

The northern beaches has its own event which was formed late on Wednesday by 19-year-old Elanora Heights resident Lizzie Baxter.

``On April 20, everyone goes out as it goes dark and they basically cover the whole of the northern beaches with posters and signs and flags with this man’s name, Kony,’’ Miss Baxter said.

``It is basically so when everyone wakes up in the morning they are confronted with it and can’t hide from it.’‘

The event was created with the idea that when everyone knows Kony’s name and what he has done, justice for his war crimes will be demanded.

Miss Baxter initially invited 700 people but by 11am the next morning almost 6000 had been invited.

``I’ve got people in-boxing me from all the way down the northern beaches asking to help out everyone just wants to get involved,’’ she said.

``If you watch the whole video it does make an impact on you and opens your eyes. It makes you realise there is other stuff going on other than on the northern beaches and I wanted to help make people aware of that.’’

*Are you planning to take part in the day of action? Tell us below*

A photograph of graffiti on Barrenjoey Rd at Newport with the words ``Kony 2012’’ was posted to the Sydney event yesterday.

Miss Baxter said the event was not about damaging property on the northern beaches.

``No one wants to damage where they live,’’ she said. ``We just want to get the name out there and do it in a passive way.’‘

She said she was organizing a clean-up for after the Cover the Night event

*STORY SO FAR*

\* The campaign Kony 2012 is run by American-based charity Invisible Children and wants to make Joseph Kony famous so he can be brought to justice for alleged war crimes

\* Kony is the leader of the Lord’s Resistance Army in Africa which, the campaign says, has abducted more than 30,000 children and forced them to murder their families or work as sex slaves

\* Invisible Children faced controversy yesterday in the media regarding its financial statements. Links posted to the northern beaches Facebook event claim only 30 per cent of donations actually reach children in Uganda

**Teen charged in connection with Orem bank robberies**

BY JANELLE STECKLEIN - The Salt Lake Tribune

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/53666381-78/teen-police-allegedly-robbed.html.csp>

Utah County authorities want to try as an adult a 16-year-old Orem teen who allegedly robbed two banks last month.

The Utah County Attorney’s Office has charged the teen with two counts of aggravated robbery in 4th District Juvenile Court, said state court spokeswoman Nancy Volmer.

The teen allegedly took his mother’s car on Feb. 25 and in a period of 20 minutes robbed two Orem banks before police arrested him, police said.

At each bank, the teen drove up to the banks’ drive-through windows, where he allegedly passed a note to the teller asking for money and indicating he had a weapon, police said. The teen was allegedly in possession of a BB or pellet gun when he robbed one of the banks, charging documents state.

Police allege the teen first robbed the Central Bank, 415 N. State St., at around noon. While authorities were investigating that robbery, the teen allegedly drove across town and robbed the America First Credit Union, 357 S. Main St.

Shortly after the second robbery, Orem police found the car abandoned in a residential neighborhood about six blocks from the credit union. Police said the teen was spotted unarmed, walking a short distance from the car.

Officers said they recovered a BB gun — allegedly belonging to the suspect — at another undisclosed location.

The teen is scheduled to appear in juvenile court later this month.

**Miss Seattle sorry for using Twitter to bash Seattle**

By Rene Lynch – LA Times

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-miss-seattle-sorry-twitter-20120307,0,2531648.story>

Miss Seattle may have contributed to the stereotype that beauty queens are all about their looks and not their brains: The newly crowned pageant queen was caught using Twitter to publicly proclaim her hatred for the city of Seattle, its residents and its weather.

Jean-Sun Hannah Ahn, 22, a Seattle native, was crowned Miss Seattle 2012 on Saturday night. So far, she has spent her tenure trying to explain comments she made Dec. 10 using the public social media platform to rant seemingly against all things Seattle.

"Ew, I’m seriously hating Seattle right now," she tweeted, along with "Take me back to az!" and "Ugh can’t stand cold rainy Seattle and the annoying people."

And so Ahn joins a growing roster of people who fail to recognize that a public social media platform is just that -- public.

Ahn now says she was simply having a bad day -- and was missing the sun-drenched days back in Arizona, where she attended classes at Arizona State University.

"I apologize for the negative connotations toward the city of Seattle and its people or any other postings when I wasn’t in a positive place. Those tweets by no means reflect my actual opinions or views, I was simply having 'one of those days' and sincerely apologize to anyone who took those statements offensively," Ahn told KIRO FM's Linda Thomas, who brought the tweets to the public's attention.

Ahn, who was formerly Miss Phoenix, is now doing the mea culpa dance, going from media outlet to media outlet to explain her actions to a city that isn't exactly warming up to her explanations.

Reaction to Ahn has been mixed, with some Seattle residents posting on media websites to say she deserves a break: "Leave the babe alone. Who hasn't said something rude on Twitter?" said one poster.

But others were taking a harder line. "I'd be willing to donate money to help her get a ticket out of Seattle. In fact I'll throw in a little extra to get her all the way out of Washington state," said another.

Such a tempest might make it tougher for Ahn later this summer when she moves on to compete for Miss Washington state.