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Children and adults took a trip Saturday to the new Big Spring Family Aquatic Center to escape from the hot temperatures. The center is open from noon until 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday and Sundays. The facility is closed Mondays.

Ration plans on tap

Water issues top city agenda

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Water will be the topic of choice during Tuesday night's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, as the group is expected to discuss ways to keep up with recent decreases in water deliveries by the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

The Big Spring City Council approved a revision to its current Drought Contingency Plan — which is currently in Stage 3 — by a unanimous vote approximately two weeks ago to decrease the number of days city water customers can water lawns and utilize water for outdoor activities and usages from three days each week to two days.

The new cutback from CRMWD limits the water the city can receive from CRMWD from 7.1 million gallons per day to 6.3 million gallons per day — a 20 percent reduction compared to previous years — Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said.

The further reduction in deliveries comes on the heels of news fellow CRMWD-served cities Midland and Odessa failed to meet the required reductions, with Odessa falling more than 1 million gallons short and Midland missing their target by approximately 80,000 gallons.

And while the city of Big Spring

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NSCC need volunteers

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

There is still time to take advantage of the Northside Community Center summer school program, officials say.

"We have nine students and have spots available," Linda Sepulveda, programs coordinator, said.

The summer program focuses on educational time where students can keep their minds focused on school subjects, as well as different aspects of the community. The classes meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, with Friday being set aside for guest speakers.

So far, a representative of the fire department and law enforcement personnel have visited with the students. Still to come is a program from Melanie Gambrell of Pet Connection, about dog bite prevention.

"Melanie is state and federally licensed for protection of wildlife," Associate Director Bobby Armstrong said.

Also, there will be programs from Isaac Miramontes on soccer leagues, while Debbie Jensen will lead a program on safety.

The last day of the center's summer school program, Aug. 19, will be a celebration with pizza and ice cream.

"We still have a ways to go for the program and we are always needing volunteers," Sepulveda said. "The more people we have volunteering the more one-on-one help we can provide for the kids."

The center needs volunteers for other events as well, Armstrong said, including the fall after-school program. Another area in need of assistance is transportation.

"We have no transportation, which puts a hinderance on the participation and on what we can provide for the students," Sepulveda said. "There are some who want to take

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Debt limit deal eludes negotiators

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the clock ticking toward an Aug. 2 deadline, congressional leaders return to the White House Monday for another round of budget bargaining with President Barack Obama, who has warned top lawmakers he will call daily meetings until they break their partisan stalemate.

Monday's discussion will focus on formalizing the tentative agreements lawmakers reached in talks led by Vice President Joe Biden. Republicans say the Biden group identified more than \$2 trillion in cuts, but Democrats put the true figure significantly lower — in large part because many of their

A Republican congressional aide said the White House is proposing between \$1.4 and \$1.7 trillion in tax increases, a total unlikely to garner any support from GOP lawmakers.

concessions on spending cuts relied on the assumption Republicans would accept some new tax revenues.

The two sides appear to be no closer to a deal to stave off a potentially disastrous first-ever default on U.S. obligations than they were when the Biden talks hit an impasse last week on the tax issue.

Obama will give his take on the status of negotiations during a news conference at the White House Monday morning. Obama, Biden and con-

gressional leaders will then meet at 2 p.m.

The president also convened a rare Sunday meeting with lawmakers in the White House Cabinet Room, where he continued to push for a "grand bargain" in the range of \$4 trillion worth of deficit cuts over the coming decade, but momentum is clearly on the side of a smaller measure of perhaps half that size. Obama continues to press for revenue increases as part of any agreement but Republi-

cans remain stoutly opposed — despite some private hints to the contrary last week by House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

A Republican congressional aide said the White House is proposing between \$1.4 and \$1.7 trillion in tax increases, a total unlikely to garner any support from GOP lawmakers.

Last week, Boehner and Obama had private talks that led Democrats to believe the House speaker was willing to entertain revenue increases as part of a full overhaul of the tax code later this year in exchange for Democrats agreeing to stiff curbs on the growth of Medicare and lower increases in Social Security

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Obituaries

Michael Jonathan Garcia



BOSSIER CITY, La. — Funeral services for Big Spring native SSgt. Michael Jonathan Garcia will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at St. John Berchman Cathedral in Shreveport, La., with the Rev. Carson LaCaze officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at Boone Funeral Home in Bossier City, La.

Michael was born to David Garcia and Mary Ann Garcia on Aug. 1, 1983, in Big Spring, Texas. He was killed in action on July 4, 2011, in Afghanistan. Michael was an EOD Team Leader on his third tour to the Middle East, which included two tours to Iraq and one to Afghanistan.

Michael graduated from Bossier High School in 2001. He had been active in the Junior ROTC program there and said he wanted to join the military after college. He attended Louisiana Tech in Ruston.

He left Louisiana Tech and graduated from basic training in 2004. While in the service, he received the Bronze Star Medal; Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device; Purple Heart Medal, third award; NATO Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Navy Achievement Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Valorous Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Citation; Army Good Conduct Medal, second award; National Defense Service Medal; Afghan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars; Iraq Campaign Medal, with two campaign stars; Global War on Terror Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon, second award; Combat Action Badge; Senior EOD Badge; EOD Badge; Driver and Mechanic Badge; Wheeled Vehicles, Driver; and Mechanic Badge, Operator.

He is survived by his father, David Garcia Jr.; siblings, Debra Garcia, Cindy Elizardo, Richard Garcia Sr., Amanda Garcia and Jason Garcia; son, Elijah Cade Pilcher; and two goddaughters, Selena Manzano and Brooklyn Gray.

Paid obituary

Lois May Peters

SAN ANGELO — Lois May Peters, 94, of San Angelo died Wednesday, July 6, 2011, at a local nursing home.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Lois was born in St. Cloud, Minn., to Benjamin and Lorayne (Fredenburg) Foster. She was a secretary prior to her marriage to William H. Peters on Aug. 23, 1940, in St. Paul, Minn. He preceded her in death Dec. 6, 1977.

Lois was a loving and caring mom who baked great bread. Following the death of her husband, Lois enjoyed being a licensed professional clown, where she was able to entertain gatherings in Big Spring and San Angelo. Later in life, she also took up painting and became an accomplished artist.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Kendall Clark Foster, Benjamin Bartley Foster Jr. and Charles Joseph Foster; and sisters, Helen Foster Nelson and Jeanette Foster Robinson.

She is survived by daughters, MaryAnn Schiff and Norman Hurt of Carlsbad, Texas, and Annora Hensley and husband Joe of Cresco, Iowa; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to West Texas Rehabilitation of San Angelo, 3001 S. Jackson St., San Angelo 76904, or to Regency House Activities Department, 3745 Summer Crest, San Angelo 76901.

The family would like to thank the staff of Regency House and Lighthouse Hospice for all the loving care given to Lois during her stay.

Lois' obituary and memorial guest book may be viewed online at www.RobertMassie.com

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- JOSHUA DAVID HARRINGTON, 21, of 1316 Park Ave., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- OTIS JAMES PORTER, 28, of 2510 Hunter, was arrested Saturday on charges of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter, criminal mischief, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and failure to appear (three counts).

- CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YANEZ, 18, of 1100 E. Fifth St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- MICHAEL REY LEWIS, 49, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 34, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- SERGIO VALENTE TORRES, 17, was arrested Sunday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

- ALEXANDER TAPIA, 26, of 1105 E. 14th St., was arrested Sunday on warrants for violation of a protective order, failure to maintain financial responsibility and assault – family violence.

- LUIS ALEJANDRO RAMOS, 22, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 141, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass.

- ASHLEY RAE HODGE, 26, of 3214 Drexel, was arrested Sunday on warrants for assault by contact, assault – family violence and disregarding a stop light.

- SARAH ARLEEN FAULTNER, 31, of 2401 Cheyenne, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JESUS CERVANTES JR., 29, of 3619 Connally, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 3300 block of E. 11th Place.

- In the 1500 block of Tucson.

- In the 1800 block of S. Lancaster.

- In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

- ASSAULT was reported:

- In the 3600 block of Hamilton.

- In the 600 block of State.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

- KORINA SIRMON, 37, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check and theft by check (three counts).

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- JOHNNY JOE RODRIGUEZ JR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.

- ELIZABETH RENEE VIASANA, 35, was transferred to the county jail Friday on a charge of theft by check.

- JOHN ANTHONY PANTOJA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no driver's license and violation of a promise to appear.

- LACEY DANYELLE RODRIGUEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.

- COREY PRESTON HOFFPAUIR, 34, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- JOSHUA DAVID HARRINGTON, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- LANA MUNOZ, 48, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YANEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- EUGENE SCOTT, 61, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- OTIS J. PORTER, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection, violation of a promise to appear, failure to appear (two counts) and charges of criminal trespass and criminal mischief.

- JOSE ALBERTO LUGO, 29, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

- ENRIQUE R. CALDERON, 31, was arrested Saturday by DPS on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no seat belt – driver, speeding and failure to appear.

- JAMES ELIAS MCKENZIE, 59, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

- RODRICK RODRIGUEZ, 20, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

- MICHAEL RAY LEWIS, 49, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and a municipal warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- CELSA VERONICA REYES, 31, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- SERGIO VALLENTE TORRES, 17, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of minor consuming alcohol.

- ALEXANDER TAPIA, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of violation of bond/protective order, failure to maintain financial responsibility and assault – family violence.

- SARAH ARLEEN FAULTNER, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- ROGELIO PARRA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday on a Glasscock County charge

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Take note

• Big Spring resident Matt Fowler was involved in a vehicle accident June 20 and is listed in critical, but stable condition at Odessa Medical Center. He has undergone two procedures and two surgeries, with more to come. The family is in need of assistance with medical expenses. They ask for anyone wanting to help to send donations to P.O. Box 3315, Big Spring, 79720, Attn: Angela Morrow. The family extends its gratitude for all gifts.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will be offering "Back to School" immunizations from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27. Bring your child's immunization record. If you have the letter your child received from school, bring that also. No immunizations will be available July 18 through July 22.

• Sharon Chancy, campus curriculum coordinator at Bauer Elementary School, and her family lost their

home and all their possessions to the wildfire that swept South Mountain on the evening of June 20. A fund has been established at the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union to assist the family as they recover from this loss. To help, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

• A medical fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employee FCU for Maurine Pittman, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. She and her husband Gale are both off without pay at this time and may be for quite a while. Maurine is at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas at this time. To donate to the fund, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire 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.

CITY

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has managed to meet its target reductions in water usage, city officials say it hasn't been easy by any stretch of the imagination.

"We're going through a learning curve. This is the first time the city has been faced with this to my knowledge," Big Spring Mayor

Tommy Duncan said. "I think the citizens of Big Spring have done an exceptional job by keeping us well below the 10 percent reduction that was requested. We'll monitor (water usage) to make sure we keep it below the 20 percent reduction and make adjustments as we go."

The city put Stage 3 of its Drought Contingency Plan into effect in mid-April, allowing for

outdoor water use three days each week.

Under the recently revised plan, residents with even address numbers — such as 110, 112 or 114 — will be required to limit their use of water outdoors to Tuesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 12:01 a.m. until 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. until midnight.

Water customers with odd address numbers — such as 111, 113 and 115 — will be required to limit their outdoor use of water to Wednesdays and Sundays, also between the hours of 12:01 a.m. until 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. until midnight.

"This recommendation is to try to get that additional 10 percent (CRMWD) is requesting by cutting our number of watering days in half of what we currently have,"

Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said. "We'll still follow the same even and odd address plan and times, but it will be different days we'll allow watering (and outdoor water use). We monitor our water usage on a daily basis, and the hope is this will help us achieve that additional 10 percent decrease in consumption."

"We've been in contact with some of our hotel customers to see what they can do. This is going to take a cooperative effort on the parts of the city and our customers to make this happen. Based on our data, this is our recommendation."

According to the Accuweather forecast for the Crossroads area, Big Spring could see light rain by the middle of the week, with low chances of rain running from Wednesday into

the weekend. However, Darden said that unless those rains drop a substantial amount of moisture in the CRMWD water shed, water restrictions could get much tighter in the coming months.

"I feel like when we reach a reduction of 35 percent, that's when we are going to have to consider more drastic measures than are currently in place," Darden said. "In that case, we'll probably have to consider going to a tiered water rate that would, in essence, charge water customers more when they use more water. It's not an idea any of us is happy with, because you're basically penalizing your customers. However, if we reach a point where we simply can't meet the decreases placed before us by CRMWD by limiting or

eliminating watering of lawns and outdoor water use, I don't see any other choice."

Outdoor water usage includes watering lawns, filling swimming pools or hot tubs, the use of fountains and spas and washing vehicles.

"No outside watering except that which is specifically allowed in the Drought Contingency Plan Stage 3 shall take place on Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays, or any day between the hours of 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.," the amendment reads. "Watering should occur during either morning or evening hours rather than both in one day."

Tuesday's meeting is expected to get underway at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information call 264-2401.

SHERIFF

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of driving while intoxicated.

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DEBT

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cost-of-living adjustments. But Boehner recoiled and abandoned the idea Saturday night in a move that rattled the talks.

Sunday's sometimes testy session was shorter than some had anticipated and it's clear neither side is willing to budge on taxes. Democrats say tax increases are a prerequisite for big spending cuts; Republicans rule out the idea unless taxes are lowered elsewhere.

"The sides are at loggerheads," Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, the top-ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee, said in a nationally broadcast interview Monday morning.

The Biden talks that will be featured Monday resulted in tentative agreements on cuts to farm subsidies, student aid, federal workers' pensions and domestic agency budgets, among

others. But the Biden group was bitterly divided over taxes, as Republicans like House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia repulsed Democratic demands to shut down tax breaks for oil and gas companies and deductions enjoyed by the wealthy. And Republicans resisted Democratic attempts for a mechanism to guarantee the Pentagon would contribute to cuts.

Van Hollen blamed Republicans, saying "they refuse to eliminate any of these tax breaks for corporate special interests — corporate jets, oil and gas companies and folks at the very high end of the income scale."

South Carolina's Sen. Jim DeMint, a Republican, argued that Obama "still has not given us a proposal we can accept or reject."

Sunday's meeting featured some tense exchanges, officials briefed on the talks said, as Democrats accused Republicans of being inflexible. And officials

briefed on the talks said Obama sharply rebuked Republicans for saying there's no time for a "grand bargain" blending new revenues with big spending cuts — including curbs to Social Security and Medicare.

"If not now, when?" Obama asked, according to a Democratic official because the session was private.

Senate GOP Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said a big \$4 trillion bargain is off the table.

"Everything they told me and (Boehner) is that to get a big package would require a big tax increases in the middle of an economic situation that's extraordinarily difficult, with 9.2 percent unemployment," McConnell said on "Fox News Sunday." "We think it's a terrible idea. It's a job-killer."

The lower \$2 trillion-

plus figure is noteworthy because it's what's needed under GOP-imposed ground rules to solve the issue until after next year's elections and avoid another politically toxic vote before then. Boehner is insisting that any increase in the so-called debt limit be matched by larger cuts in spending, though the spending cuts would accumulate over the coming decade while the debt increase would last perhaps 1½ years.

Democrats continue to press for a larger agreement, arguing that it may be just as easy to achieve as a medium-sized deal.

And on Monday, the No. 2 Senate Democrat, Dick Durbin of Illinois, implored fellow lawmakers to "stay, close the deal" on a new budget plan.

Durbin opposed a

short-term or stopgap measure, saying "I'm worried about this idea that we can lurch from week to week and month to month." He said that if Democrats and Republicans cannot come to an accord, public outrage will be "on our shoulders."

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund's new chief, Christine Lagarde, said that if the U.S. fails to raise its debt limit, she foresees "interest hikes, stock markets taking a huge hit."

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News in brief

More bodies pulled from wreckage of derailed train

FATEHPUR, India (AP) — Rescue workers used blowtorches to cut through the mangled wreckage of a derailed passenger train in northern India on Monday, as the recovery of more bodies brought the death toll to 67.

Bodies wrapped in white shrouds lay in rows on the ground next to the train, while anxious relatives thronged to the site of Sunday's accident to search for their missing family members.

The death toll was expected to climb as teams cut deeper into the twisted coaches, said Col. Amarjit Dhillon, a senior army official in charge of rescue operations.

More than 100 passengers were injured when the Kalka Mail jumped the tracks near the town of Fatehpur in Uttar Pradesh state.

"I was listening to music on the upper berth, when there was a loud bang followed by a thud. I was flung from my seat and hit my head against the side of the coach," passenger Subajit Ghosh, 20, said at a hospital in Fatehpur, his head swathed in bandages.

9 confirmed dead after cruise boat sinks in Volga

MOSCOW (AP) — Rescuers scoured the wide waters of a Volga River reservoir on Monday, searching with dimming hopes for survivors after an aged, overloaded cruise ship sank amid wind and rain. Nine people were confirmed dead, but more than 90 remained missing.

Exactly how many people were aboard the two-deck Bulgaria when it set off for a cruise on Sunday remains unclear but it was certain to be carrying more than its licensed maximum. Officials say anywhere from 185 to 196 people were aboard the ship that should have carried no more than 120.

The cause of the disaster has not been determined. Igor Panishin of the regional Emergencies Ministry was

quoted by the state news agency RIA Novosti as saying survivors reported the ship was leaning to starboard as it made a turn and a wave washed over the deck. It sank within about eight minutes, he said.

The ship sank about three kilometers (two miles) from shore in about 20 meters (65 feet) of water, officials said.

National Emergencies Ministry spokeswoman Yelena Smirnikh on Monday said nine people are confirmed dead and 80 have been rescued. A ministry list of the rescued shows all were Russians; it was unclear if any foreigners were aboard.

U.S., Mideast mediators to discuss old, new problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and other Mideast mediators meet Monday in Washington, with the Israeli-Palestinian peace process in shambles and an upcoming U.N. confrontation over whether to admit Palestine as an independent country only likely to make the decades-old deadlock even more intractable.

Modest goals have been set by the U.S., the United Nations, Russia and the European Union. Foremost is getting Israeli and Palestinian negotiators back to the table for direct talks after nine months of inaction. Even that seems an unlikely outcome from Monday's meeting.

The mediators "will come together and will compare notes about where we are and plot a course forward," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said last week.

Despite furious U.S. efforts, American and other officials say neither the Israelis nor the Palestinians appear willing to commit to new discussions based on parameters that President Barack Obama outlined in a May speech: two states based on the territorial boundaries that existed before the 1967 Mideast war, with some territory swaps to account for population shifts and security concerns.

Repeated visits to Israel and the

West Bank last month by U.S. envoys have produced no tangible results. And this past week, the new U.S. special Mideast peace envoy, David Hale, and White House adviser Dennis Ross pressed the chief Palestinian peace negotiator on one of the biggest points of contention, a Palestinian plan to win U.N. recognition as an independent state.

3 rockets hit Baghdad's Green Zone during visit by Pentagon chief

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi police say three rockets have hit Baghdad's Green Zone during a visit by U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta.

Police say the rockets were fired from a Shiite-dominated neighborhood in eastern Baghdad.

No casualties were reported in Monday's attack.

The police officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Panetta is in Baghdad to meet with Iraqi leaders to discuss the possibility of keeping some U.S. troops in Iraq beyond 2011.

Gunpowder store explodes at Cypriot naval base, at least 10 dead

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A huge explosion — likely sparked by a brush fire that set light to containers of gunpowder — tore through a Cypriot National Guard naval base Monday, causing widespread damage and leading to extensive power cuts, the Defense Ministry said. At least 10 people were feared dead.

The ministry said the explosion occurred at the Evangelos Florakis Naval Base on the Mediterranean island's southern coast at around 6 a.m. (0300GMT). State radio said the dead included two Cyprus navy sailors, two soldiers and five firefighters.

State broadcaster CyBC said 59 people had been injured, including two who were seriously hurt but whose lives were not in danger. There was no official death toll.

"We were devastated by this event, not so much by the material damage, but by the loss of human lives and the injury of many of our compatriots," said President Dimitris Christofias, who visited the naval base after the blast.

He described the scene at the base as a "a catastrophe of biblical propor-

tions."

Investigation continues after U.S. Army double amputee falls to death from roller coaster

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — An investigation is continuing into the death of an Iraq war veteran and double amputee who fell from a 208-foot-tall roller coaster in upstate New York.

Sgt. James Thomas Hackemer, who had lost both his legs to a roadside bomb, was ejected Friday from the Ride of Steel coaster at Darien Lake Theme Park Resort, located between Buffalo and Rochester.

The ride remained closed Sunday and the park's website said it will not operate again until authorities complete their investigation.

Amusement park industry consultant Dennis Speigel said two things should be considered when determining whether someone should be allowed on a ride.

"One is rider responsibility and then there is operator responsibility, and those two issues have to homogenize," Speigel said Sunday. "This just seems to me that it was a bad decision on both parts."

Nissan works on recharging Leaf electric vehicle with solar power

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Japanese automaker Nissan is testing a super-green way to recharge its Leaf electric vehicle using solar power, part of a broader drive to improve electricity storage systems.

Nissan's Leaf went on sale late last year, but the automaker is looking ahead to about five years time when aging Leaf vehicles may offer alternative business opportunities in using their lithium-ion batteries as a storage place for electricity.

Nissan Motor Corp. acknowledges that, once the Leaf catches on, a flood of used batteries could result as the life span of a battery is longer than an electric vehicle's.

Electricity generation and storage are drawing attention in Japan after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami caused massive blackouts in the country's northeast.

A nuclear power plant that went into meltdown, Fukushima Dai-ichi, after backup generators were destroyed by the tsunami, is also renewing fears about a power crunch.

Lawyer worried for Anthony's safety

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — One of Casey Anthony's defense lawyers says he's worried about her safety once she's released from jail after being acquitted of murdering her 2-year-old daughter.

Cheney Mason told NBC television Mon-

day he doesn't know where Anthony will go when she's freed Sunday from a Florida jail. He said she would need time and counseling to re-enter society after being jailed for nearly three years before and during her high-profile trial. She was convicted

of four counts of lying to law enforcement.

Mason said Anthony's relations with her parents were "pretty well burned" after the trial, where her defense team contended she was sexually abused by her father. Her father denied the claims.



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Hints from Heloise: A permanent mark?

Dear Heloise: Would you please tell me if there is anything that will remove permanent mark from my clothes? — *Irene C. in Hamilton, Ohio*

Well, permanent marker is ... supposed to be permanent! Irene, this can be tricky, but here's a Heloise hint to try:

Put a couple of white paper towels under the stain.

Then, using a clear, nonfragranced, acetone-free nail-polish remover on another paper towel, begin to gently dab the stained area.

Check the paper towels frequently to see if the color transfers onto the towels.

Do not rub or use too much of the remover, because it might spread the stain.

When you have removed as much as possible, put laundry detergent on the spot, gently rub it in and then launder. Let air-dry, and re-treat if necessary. — *Heloise*



HELOISE

FAST FACTS

Dear Readers: Here are some uses for cotton swabs:

- Clean the hard-to-get places on a waffle iron.
- Clean spills around a stovetop and other edges in the kitchen.
- Get the last lipstick or lotion out of a container.
- Clean around computer keys with some alcohol.
- Dust the crevices on figurines and knickknacks.

— *Heloise*

FIRST-AID HINT

Dear Heloise: My daughter had her wisdom teeth out. The doctor's order of placing ice packs on her cheeks for swelling was an important part of her care.

Traditional ice packs were too hard, so we found that a bag of frozen peas was the perfect fit for her face! — *Mom from Maryland*

TRAVELING WITH KIDS

Dear Heloise: My kids are like most when traveling: bored easily and always asking, "Are we there yet?"

This year, I tried something new. I bought the kids maps and highlighted the route we would be taking. I found some interesting sights that we would be passing by and where we likely would be eating lunch.

I printed off information for each kid. They loved looking for the sights and coloring pictures of things they saw on the way. — *Louise in Oklahoma*

SHOPPING ABROAD

Dear Heloise: This hint makes traveling abroad easier, especially when shopping:

I make a table on my computer that has round-number denominations of the currency of the place I'm traveling to in the first column, and the U.S.-dollar equivalents in the second column.

I print it out in a size that fits on a business card and cover it with clear tape.

It goes in my wallet, and when I travel, I only have to open my wallet to look up the price for something. — *Danna, via email*

SOUND OFF

Dear Heloise: One of my pet peeves is rebates. Some stores are notorious for this practice and advertise products at a lower cost after rebate.

I absolutely refuse to purchase these products, because the rebate is negligible after postage is paid. Furthermore, it takes six to 10 weeks to see a check for 80 cents or less. Ridiculous! — *Brigitte in Tucson, Ariz.*

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Ryan" for three years, and we dated for two years before that. It's a second marriage for both of us.

My first marriage was miserable and lonely, and I wanted to make sure to do it right the next time.

When I met Ryan, he was supportive and accepting of my two sons. He made the effort to spend time with them. He was attentive to me. I thought he was perfect.

The problems started

not long after we moved in together. He became distant and moody and spent most of his day in front of the TV.

Now, after five years, Ryan has completely alienated my boys, his co-workers and everyone else.

No matter what I ask of him, he blows it off as if I'm crazy. He doesn't seem to care that he's pushing us away. Ryan's doctor put him on an antidepressant to help him sleep, but he refuses to take it. He doesn't believe he has a prob-

lem. I miss my husband, Annie. His behavior has done such a complete 180 that I don't want to be with him anymore.

I am tired of making excuses for him. He won't go to counseling. I'd go alone, but I don't have the money.

Should I cut my losses and walk away? — *Frustrated in Flint, Mich.*

Dear Flint: Some suitors put on a good show during courtship, and once the relationship is set, they revert to form. If that's the case, things are unlikely to change, and you might be better off leaving. However, a "complete 180" could also indicate that Ryan is depressed, overwhelmed by his sudden family obligations or has an underlying medical problem. Suggest he get a com-

plete physical. You also can find low-cost counseling for yourself through your church or United Way.

Dear Annie: I think my mother is verbally abusive. I just finished my last year of middle school. I am now in summer school in order to prepare for a grueling high-school course load, and am also involved in many other activities.

The last thing I want is to come home to a mother who will nag, nag, nag and then yell, yell, yell.

My mother takes her anger out on other people. If I try to discuss this with her, she talks right over me. She constantly compares me to my older siblings, saying they were better behaved and that she wishes

I were more like them. She has become more and more hurtful, calling me horrible names like "retard." If I cry, she says I'm a "crybaby." When I ask why she does this, she changes the subject.

I feel taunted and bullied by my own mother. How do I fix this? — *The Crybaby Daughter*

Dear Daughter: Can you talk to another relative — your father, a grandparent, an aunt or uncle or even one of your siblings — and ask them to intercede on your behalf? Your mother may not recognize how negatively her behavior affects you, and it might help for someone else to point it out.

And when school starts in the fall, please talk to the school counselor or a favorite teacher who can help on an ongoing basis.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Crazy," whose mentally ill brother is making life difficult for their father. Get him out now!

My parents allowed my older, paranoid schizophrenic brother to live with them.

Their lives were spent tiptoeing around him. When they passed away, my brother was 60 years old and had never held a proper job.

It took us two lawyers, a social worker, a crisis team and more than a year to get him out of the house so we could sell it.

All along, he treated us with contempt and

disdain. He was capable of behaving himself, however, so we couldn't have him committed.

He ended up homeless, even though we offered to pay his rent elsewhere until he got his share of the proceeds from the sale of the house.

We never realized how paranoid and dangerous he was until we read his years of daily journal entries. It is a sad situation, but it is also a relief that we no longer have to deal with him. — *Still Looking Over My Shoulder*

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Howard County A&M Club shootout July 16

A golf tournament with a four-man Sherrill scramble format will be held July 16 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The start time will be 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person (carts not included). Respond by July 1 to westexags@hotmail.com or by calling 432-263-7969.

There will also be a five-stand and skeet shotgun shoot at 2 p.m. benefiting the scholarship fund. The entry fee for this event will be \$150.

For more information, call Kelly Gaskins at 432-517-1471

Volleyball camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10. Call 432-264-3662 for more information.

Football skills lineman camp

Coach Tony Johnson, former TCU line coach, will be hosting a one-day camp for linemen in Big Spring July 16. The camp, which will run from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., will cost \$55 per player and is open to players 9-18 years old.

For more information, contact Coach Johnson at 913-620-0167.

O.H. Ivie Reservoir public hunting permits July 15-Aug. 15

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir wildlife management areas will be accepted by mail only, beginning July 15 and ending Aug. 15.

Permits will be limited and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling Colorado River Municipal Water District at 432-267-6341 or writing to:

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A public drawing for the WMA public hunting permits for the 2011 hunting season will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 16 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir field office, located near the north end of the dam.

Big Spring Country Club 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24. Entry fee is \$60 per player, plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will kick off to a shotgun start at 1 p.m. each day with a field that will be pre-flighted. The number of flights will be determined by number of entrants.

Entry fee will include barbecue, which will be served on the course both days.

For more information or to enter your team, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

Quarterback Club Monday meeting

Quarterback Club, the official Big Spring football boosters, will hold their first meeting of the season Monday, July 11 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at the ATC.

If you have questions or need information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

Jeter homers for 3,000th hit

NEW YORK (AP) — This was so Derek Jeter.

Pressure mounting, time running out, all eyes on him at Yankee Stadium.

He delivered — and then some — on a defining day in his championship career.

Jeter homered deep into the left-field bleachers for his 3,000th career hit, making him the first New York Yankees player to reach the mark. He tied a career best by going 5 for 5. And he capped Saturday's show by singling home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning.

"Just one of those special days," Jeter said.

Mobbed by his pinstriped pals after the ball sailed into the seats, showered by ovations from his fans, Jeter stood alone in Yankees lore. A fitting crown for the captain, on a sunny afternoon when it seemed he could do anything he wanted in a 5-4 win over Tampa Bay.

Almost as if he saved his best swing of the season to counter his critics and doubters, to prove that he still was, indeed, Derek Jeter. How else to explain it? His first home run in the Bronx this year, for No. 3,000.

"You want to hit the ball hard," he said. "I didn't want to hit a slow roller to third base and have it be replayed forever."

"It's a number that's meant a lot in baseball," he said. "To be the only Yankee to do anything is special."

Oh, and for good measure: Jeter stole a base, too. For any hitter, a perfect game. Something out of "The Natural," really.

"I don't think you can script it any better," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "This is already movie-ready."

Added the Rays' Johnny Damon, a former teammate: "Hopefully he can act very well and hopefully he can play himself in his own movie, that's the type of day this was."

In fact, HBO will soon show a documentary about Jeter's pursuit.

"Nobody better in the clutch," Yankees star Jorge Posada chimed in. "He looks forward to that moment, and today was a perfect example."

With a swift swing of his shiny black bat, Jeter jolted himself into historic company, hitting a solo home run

off All-Star ace David Price in the third inning. He became the 28th major leaguer to hit the mark and joined former teammate Wade Boggs as the only players to do it with a home run.

Jeter watched the ball fly as he left the batter's box and gave a big clap as he rounded first base. Rays first baseman Casey Kotchman was the first to salute Jeter, doffing his cap as Jeter passed by.

"Hitting a home run was the last thing I was thinking about," Jeter said. "I was pretty relieved."

By then, all of Jeter's teammates were already celebrating in the dugout, raising their arms almost in unison. A second time for No. 2 — his second hit of the game, and right at 2 p.m.

He looked every bit like a spry 27-year-old with those bright green eyes and an even brighter future, rather than a 37-year-old shortstop with his best days behind him.

Jeter finished the day with 3,003 hits.

The only thing left, it seemed, was a triple — Jeter has never hit for the cycle.

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Beltre homer paces Rangers Texas takes down Oakland, 2-0

ARLINGTON (AP) — The only thing stopping the Texas Rangers now is the All-Star break.

Matt Harrison pitched six-hit ball into the eighth inning, Adrian Beltre homered in his third consecutive game and the Rangers extended their winning streak to a season-best seven games with a 2-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Sunday.

"I think we finally got the type of baseball moving in the direction we're capable of playing," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Now we know what we have to do and how we have to do it, just have to go out there and get a little break and continue to play good baseball. The biggest compliment I can give to them is that I love watching them play."

Harrison (7-7) struck out seven and walked one in 7 2-3 innings to prevail in a pitchers' duel over Trevor Cahill.

Neftali Feliz completed the shutout by working a perfect ninth for his 18th save in 22 chances.

"I was able to keep them off balance, moving the ball in and out," Harrison said. "I gave us a chance to win today. I knew it was going to be tough pitching against Cahill. He's a great pitcher and he made one mistake today and that's all we needed to win the ballgame."

After Josh Hamilton drew a two-out walk in the sixth, Beltre lifted a 1-0 pitch from Cahill (8-7) into the seats in left-center for Beltre's 19th of the season.

AL West-leading Texas opened the season with six consecutive wins, then topped that streak with a four-game sweep of Oakland.

The Rangers have won seven consecutive games heading into the break for the first time in franchise history.

A game played in 98-degree heat wrapped up an emotional weekend for both teams following the death Thursday of a fan who reached for a ball tossed into the stands by Hamilton. Brownwood firefighter Shannon

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NFL stumbles again

NEW YORK (AP) — A rookie wage scale and free agency for veterans appear to be the biggest stumbling blocks to ending the NFL lockout.

Several people with knowledge of the talks tell The Associated Press that such key issues as splitting total revenues — the major reason for the dispute — the salary cap, fewer offseason workouts and the length of a new collective bargaining agreement are close to being completed.

The people spoke anonymously because details are supposed to remain private.

Owners and players are to meet again, beginning Tuesday, after two days of long negotiations last week. Lawyers from both sides are to meet Monday.

The sticky topics include limits on rookie salaries and signing bonuses. Another is the number of transition tags for free

agents, with right of first refusal.

With training camps scheduled to open in less than two weeks for some teams, time is growing short to reach an agreement to end the nearly four-month lockout without a disruption to the preseason. With court-appointed mediator Arthur Boylan on vacation this week, the two sides plan to negotiate in New York, where last Friday talks were slowed by differences over the rookie wage scale and guidelines for unrestricted free agents.

NFL owners have long sought to restrict the huge bonuses and rookies paid to unproven rookies, particularly those selected high in the draft. Quarterback Sam Bradford, the 2010 top overall pick by St. Louis, signed a six-year, \$78 million contract that included a record \$50

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CTLGA has large crowd

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association got together Thursday morning with a few more participants than normal. Twenty players competed in a four person nine-hole scramble during the cooler part of the day and a tie for first place was the result.

The team of Nick Dewaters, Linda Dewaters, Donny Long and Shirley Long shared the honors with Jimmy Foresythe, Deanna Foresythe, Howard Gabbard and Trish Gabbard. The two teams each shot three strokes under par.

Second place went to Ray Russell, Sue Russell, Joe Sharpnack and Patsy Sharpnack. The quartet shot two under par.

On hole number three, Howard Gabbard shot closest to the pin, while Annie ward was the closest on number six.

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My parents, who were Dutch, owned a summer cottage on the seashore. The Dutch are very family oriented, especially when one of them owns a cottage on the seashore, and my parents were tired of uninvited drop-ins.

One Sunday, when they saw a carload of people arriving, they ducked behind the sofa and didn't answer the door. The visitors, thinking no one was home, decided to have a picnic on the lawn. Since the cottage had many windows, my parents spent the entire day crouched behind the sofa. — *Arlington, Va.*

Dear Arlington: Serves 'em right. People who don't have the guts to protect their privacy deserve what they get. They should have said, "Sorry, we have plans for today. Next time you want to visit, phone, and we'll make a date."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

different. If you normally gravitate toward books, a computer program, interview or hands-on investigation may delight and educate you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have your own quirky way of getting things done. What works best for you is totally different from what's effective for someone else. Right now, it's best to stick to your own methods and not invite inquiry or advice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've had easier days. It will be up to you to resolve a conflict. Use humor to break the ice. You're all the same team, though it won't appear that way at first. Let the others know that when you win, they win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A certain mood strikes. You could rock the boat just because it makes things more interesting. But how hard should you rock it? That depends on how much you care about whether anyone tumbles out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're like a car dealer, as you encourage potential buyers to take a test drive of your offerings. You realize that once people try the merchandise, they will be hooked!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You enjoy doing things your way. And if your family and friends will go along with your ideas, there are benefits for them, as well. You're not infallible, but when you're right, you're right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You like a person so much that at times you feel dependent on his or her attention. You're not really dependent, though. You functioned perfectly well before the relationship, which is something to remember always.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your cooperation is not so easily won, and you'll never buy what you don't need or want. Someone doesn't seem to understand this about you. This person is persistent, to no avail.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may not be exactly who you want to be at the moment, but you are who you are — a person deserving of life. Be in the moment. Do not postpone the enjoyment you could be having right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A task keeps falling through the cracks, and for a good reason: You don't have the time. You thought you would, but the truth is, it's not a priority. The way to happiness is to accept and delegate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The home you have is more important to you than the one you do not yet own. The same is true of your job, relationships and method of transportation. You'll take care in the present, and let your future do the same.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Avoid complex arguments. Be straightforward, and state what you want and why

you deserve to have it. You'll be surprised who can help you. It's not who you think.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have the ability to lose yourself completely in what you're doing. As you do this, there is no room for wondering whether you're doing it right or worrying about how you'll be received when you're done.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 11). You are graceful, and you present yourself so well that you'll be very impressive to a whole new set of friends this year. You'll become involved with many projects over the next six weeks and should narrow down your focus in September, mastering one endeavor before moving on to the next. The fall is highly romantic. Pisces and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 2, 33, 25 and 19.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Whenever I talk to my boyfriend about something that upsets me, he tops the story, telling me about something that happened to him. Why does he have to do that? I feel like he's competing with me or trying to teach me a lesson or something, and I don't like it. All I want is for him to listen. My boyfriend is a Capricorn, and I'm a Gemini."

It's likely that your Capricorn doesn't want to compete with you at all. What he's doing is trying to make you feel better by letting you know that he's been there, too. He hopes his story will help you

see a solution to your problem. He's relating to you. Your Capricorn is highly responsible and probably feels that if he just listens without offering solutions or anecdotes, you'll think him unhelpful or maybe even weak and inept. You need to let him know your Gemini beliefs about communication — that just talking things through can be healing all on its own. Gently let him know that the best thing he can do when you're expressing your upset is to listen until you're finished talking and then say, "I hear you."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Perhaps best known for his role as Justin Russo in the television series "Wizards of Waverly Place," David Henrie is also a musician, television writer and film producer. The Cancer actor was born when Mercury was in Cancer, as well, indicating emotional attunement and complexity. Venus and Mars in Leo shows a natural instinct for entertaining an audience.

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DENNIS THE MENACE

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REMEMBER YESTERDAY YOU SAID IF I WENT HOME, YOU'D TAKE ME TO THE PARK TODAY."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"Is PJ wearing short pants that are too long, or long pants that are too short?"

HAGAR

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THESE GUYS ARE GOOD, HAGAR!

YOU MAY BE RIGHT...

THEY DO SEEM TO BE TOYING WITH US, DON'T THEY?

BLONDIE

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TODAY'S SPECIAL IS VEGETARIAN CHILI!

HMM...

OKAY, I'LL GIVE IT A TRY

AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE WITH THAT?

A CHEESEBURGER

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OUR CITY HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS, BUT IT STILL HAS THAT SMALL-TOWN FEEL

EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR NAME!

GIMME YOUR MONEY!

HERE!

THANKS, NICK

ANY TIME, JON

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THE OTHER COAST

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SNUFFY SMITH

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GONNA SHOW US SOME MOVES

WHAM!

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This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 11, the 192nd day of 2011. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 11, 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

On this date:

In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J.

In 1859, Big Ben, the great bell inside the famous London clock tower, chimed for the first time. (The clock had been keeping time since May 31.)

In 1864, Confederate forces led by General Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first incumbent chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

In 1936, New York City's Triborough Bridge (now officially known as the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge) linking Manhattan, Queens and The Bronx was opened to traffic.

In 1952, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

In 1960, the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee was first published by J.B. Lippincott and Co.

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

In 1989, actor and director Laurence Olivier died in Steyning, West Sussex, England, at age 82.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tab Hunter is 80. Actress Susan Seaforth Hayes is 68. Singer Jeff Hanna (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 64. Ventriloquist-actor Jay Johnson is 62. Actor Bruce

McGill is 61. Singer Bonnie Pointer is 61. Actor Stephen Lang is 59. Actress Mindy Sterling is 58. Actress Sela Ward is 55. Reggae singer Michael Rose (Black Uhuru) is 54. Singer Peter Murphy is 54. Actor Mark Lester is 53. Jazz musician Kirk Whalum is 53. Singer Suzanne Vega is 52. Rock guitarist Richie Sambora (Bon Jovi) is 52. Actress Lisa Rinna is 48. Rock musician Scott Shriner (Weezer) is 46. Actress Debbe (correct) Dunning is 45. Actor Gred Grunberg is 45. Wildlife expert Jeff Corwin is 44. Actor Justin Chambers is 41. Actress Leisha Hailey is 40. Actor Michael Rosenbaum is 39. Pop-rock singer Andrew Bird is 38.

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Answer to previous puzzle

ANASTASIA	FORDS
HARPOMARX	INOUT
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LACY	ROI
EMO	MINNIE
GARBAGEDIS	DISPOSAL
STRAINGSUITS	EMS
UTIL	SIR
STP	CEL
TITFORTAT	ALAMO
ATIL	CLEANEDUP
SHOOT	OVERSTATE
HENRI	LADIES
	SMEN

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tra __ (song syllables)
 - 5 Some soda containers
 - 9 Cupid's weapon
 - 14 College grad
 - 15 Oodles
 - 16 Drawn-out battle
 - 17 Speck of land in the sea
 - 18 Lavish celebration
 - 19 Catch in a trap
 - 20 Like some plane tickets
 - 22 Looked impolitely at
 - 23 Cat's prey
 - 24 Cartoon bark
 - 25 Rubbish holder
 - 29 Trellich pattern
 - 33 Censor's sound
 - 34 Money in Mexico
 - 35 Biblical shipbuilder
 - 37 Prison room
 - 38 Insurance filing
 - 39 Wise advice-giver
 - 40 Offer at retail
 - 41 Cluttered condition
 - 42 Tube-shaped pasta
 - 43 Winter garment
 - 45 Main arteries
 - 46 Suffix for north or south
 - 47 GI show grp.
 - 48 French-style pancake
 - 51 Party's drink vessel
- DOWN**
- 1 Lion's den
 - 2 In addition
 - 3 Humdinger
 - 4 Prayer ender
 - 5 Beach cover-up
 - 6 Watchful
 - 7 Words of denial
 - 8 Staircase part
 - 9 Classify
 - 10 Place for a wedding band
 - 11 True-to-life
 - 12 Storybook monster
 - 13 Garden nuisance
 - 21 Faucet annoyance
 - 24 Molecule part
 - 25 Grade-school basics
 - 26 Icy precipitation
 - 27 Phone-call starter
 - 28 Salad veggie
 - 29 Minimum amount
 - 30 With no warranty
 - 31 Dracula's title
 - 32 __ living (be employed)
 - 34 "Not guilty," for one
 - 36 Shades of colors
 - 38 "We gotta get going!"
 - 42 Winnie-the-__
 - 44 Tops of waves
 - 45 Wide neckties
 - 47 Loosen, as laces
 - 48 Bumbling one
 - 49 Nevada city
 - 50 Simplify
 - 51 Writer of rhymes
 - 52 Loosen, as laces
 - 53 Rubber-duck place
 - 54 Two-tone cookie
 - 55 Chianti or Chablis
 - 56 Scottish girl

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JETER

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Instead, he singled in the sixth, and bounced a tie-breaking single through a drawn-in infield.

"I was expecting the triple," Yankees closer Mariano Rivera kidded. "That's the way it is."

The prize ball, one of the specially marked ones put in play for the occasion once Jeter got to 2,999 hits, disappeared into a cluster of fans a few rows beyond the wall. Christian Lopez of Highland Mills, N.Y., sitting in Section 236, emerged with the valuable memento after it bounced off his father's hand.

The 23-year-old former football player from St. Lawrence University gladly gave the ball back to Jeter, saying it never occurred to him to keep it. The Yankees rewarded him with four tickets to every game for the rest of the year, and memorabilia autographed by Jeter — three bats, three balls and two jerseys.

"Mr. Jeter deserved it," Lopez said. "It's all his."

Jeter 3K merchandise, meanwhile, began flying off the shelves at the souvenir stands. Hats, pins, shirts and more, all commemorating No. 3,000, hadn't gone on sale until it occurred.

True to his nature of staying focused on the game, Jeter briskly rounded the bases. When Boggs got his 3,000th, he knelt down and kissed home plate.

Not Jeter's style. But there was no way this moment was would pass without plenty of fanfare.

Posada, his good bud-

dy, greeted Jeter with a bear hug after he crossed the plate. Rivera and the rest of the Yankees were right behind, swallowing up Jeter before he could reach the dugout. The bullpen gate swung open, too, as New York's relievers came pouring in.

Jeter, still in the midst of a most difficult season, waved to the crowd several times, then pointed up to the box where his dad and steady girlfriend, actress Minka Kelly, were sitting. His dad was in attendance — his mom and sister were absent, attending a christening.

"It was tremendous," Jeter's father, Charles, told the YES Network. "I can't describe how I was feeling. We need a victory, first of all. ... Very emotional for me, very happy for him."

All the Yankees greats left their distinct marks. Babe Ruth set the home run record, Lou Gehrig became the Iron Horse, Joe DiMaggio hit in 56 straight games, Yogi Berra won the most championships, Mickey Mantle launched the longest drives. They all won World Series rings, certainly, with Jeter owning five.

The 3,000 hits, that will be Jeter's legacy forever.

"I want to give him a big hug. It's an absolute wonderful accomplishment," Berra said in a statement.

Whenever Jeter retires, a plaque in Monument Park is guaranteed to follow. Someday, he'll surely have a monument, too. Because on the list of monumental baseball achievements, this ranks up there.

Along with 28 players

with 3,000 hits, there are 25 members of the 500-homer club and 23 pitchers in the 300-win circle. And the Yankees: They've got 27 World Series championships.

Jeter desperately wanted to achieve the mark at home, and the Yankees only had two games left in the Bronx before the All-Star break, with an eight-game road trip looming to start the second half.

"I felt a lot of pressure to do it here," he said, joking that, "I was lyin'" when he said it didn't matter much.

Girardi wasn't worried about Jeter trying too hard.

"He's never had a problem with pressure in his life," Girardi said before the game.

As always, Jeter walked to the plate after a recorded introduction by late, longtime Yankee Stadium public address announcer Bob Sheppard.

His intonation of "Deh-rick Jee-tuh" has been imitated over the years by thousands of Yankees fans, if not millions.

Jeter smiled after his first hit as the sellout crowd of 48,103 roared. That singled came on a full count.

"He could've thrown it in the dugout and I would've swung," Jeter said.

The crowd sensed history was on deck when Jeter came up next. There was a buzz when he stepped into the batter's box — Jeter loves to put up his right arm to ask the umpire for time.

As the at-bat built, there was a hush each time Price went into his windup.

TEXAS

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Stone tumbled over a rail, falling about 20 feet to the concrete below. He died less than an hour later.

Cahill nearly matched Harrison before faltering in the sixth. Cahill gave up two runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings with three strikeouts and two walks.

"(Harrison's) stuff was electric," Cahill said. "It's always challenging when the other guy's throwing the ball well. It makes it a little more competitive."

Cahill left a fastball up and over the plate, and Beltre made him pay. That was all the Rangers needed against an Oakland offense that continues to scuffle.

"I was trying to get my pitch to hit, try not to miss my pitch," Beltre said. "I was trying to hit the ball hard somewhere."

Cahill entered the game with an 8-2 record and 2.18 ERA in 11 career starts against Texas.

Oakland was shut out for the 11th time this season and is 5-13 in its last 18 games after a six-game winning streak.

The A's fell to 16-32 on the road and a season-worst 14 games under .500 (39-53).

"We have confidence in each other," Oakland left fielder Josh Willingham said. "We know we can play better than this."

The Rangers have outscored opponents 53-22 during the seven straight victories that

moved them a season-high 10 games over .500 (51-41) following an 8-2 homestand.

"It means a lot because we're trying to win every game that we can," Beltre said. "The last 10 or 12 games we've been playing really good. Hopefully we can keep the same momentum in the second half and try to separate ourselves from the competition."

NOTES: A's 1B Conor Jackson sat out the

game after sustaining bruised ribs in a collision at first base with Texas' Elvis Andrus in the ninth inning of Saturday night's game. Jackson said the ribs weren't broken, but he had trouble raising his arms and wasn't even available to pinch hit. ... Washington set his rotation for after the All-Star break: LHP Derek Holland, RHP Colby Lewis, LHP C.J. Wilson, Harrison and RHP Alexi Ogando.

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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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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 8 5
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ K 5 4
WEST
♠ 10 9 4 2
♥ 3
♦ Q 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 2
EAST
♠ A K
♥ K J 9 8 6
♦ 10 2
♣ J 9 6 3
SOUTH
♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ K J 7
♣ A Q
The bidding:
East 1♥ South Dble West Pass North 2♦
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — two of clubs.

In my opinion, this is one of the most remarkable deals ever played. The declarer was Helen Sobel, considered by many to be the greatest woman player of all time. She won the club lead in her hand with the ace and then proceeded to deduce that East had been dealt the doubleton A-K of spades! Accordingly, she led a low spade from her hand at trick two and eventually finished with 11 tricks. The question is how Mrs. Sobel could tell at trick one that East's A-K of spades could be driven out with-

out wasting her high spades or using up valuable entries to dummy for spade leads toward the Q-J. When the logic of her low spade play at trick two is examined, it is found to be eminently sound. Since only 14 high-card points were missing, East had to have the A-K of spades and king of hearts for his opening bid. Next, it was also reasonable to suppose that West did not have two hearts, or he surely would have led his partner's suit in preference to his own, which was at best 10-x-x-x. Therefore, West had either a singleton heart or a void! But West could not be void. If he were, he would have a five-card suit, in which case he presumably would have led that suit in preference to a four-card suit (as indicated by West's deuce lead). Hence, West had precisely one heart. The inevitable consequence of this conclusion was that West's distribution was 4-4-4-1. Since West was thus marked with four spades, it followed that East had exactly two. This in turn meant that East had the doubleton A-K if his opening bid was to be believed. To cross to dummy with a club or a diamond — which would either cost a trick or use up dummy's last entry — was therefore pointless. So Mrs. Sobel led a low spade at trick two and wound up making more tricks on the deal than anyone else.

Tomorrow: How the defenders converse.
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Astros swept by Marlins, lose 5-4

MIAMI (AP) — Mike Cameron belted a tying two-run homer for his first hit since joining the Florida Marlins, who completed a four-game sweep of the woeful Houston Astros with a 5-4 victory on Sunday.

Florida's Emilio Bonifacio had three hits, extending his career-best hitting streak to 12 games. He stole three bases and scored twice.

All-Star Gaby Sanchez drove in two runs for the rejuvenated Marlins, who head into the break with a season-best five-game winning streak. They're only five games below .500 (43-48) despite a streak last month of 19 losses in 20 games.

Houston All-Star Hunter Pence hit his 11th homer.

Cameron's homer off Wandy Rodriguez (6-6)

made the score 3-all in the fourth. The Marlins are unbeaten since he joined them Wednesday following a trade with the Boston Red Sox.

Rodriguez gave up five runs in 5 1-3 innings for the Astros, who go into the All-Star break with a record of 30-62, worst in the majors.

The Astros were swept in a four-game series for the first time since May 2007 at Arizona. The four-game sweep was the first for Florida since May 2010 against the Mets.

Florida's Chris Volstad (5-8) allowed three runs in six innings. Leo Nunez pitched a perfect ninth for his 25th save.

The Marlins scratched out their first run in the third. Bonifacio led off with a single, stole second, took third on a wild pitch and came home when

Sanchez grounded out.

With the Marlins trailing 3-1, Mike Stanton walked to start the fourth, and Cameron followed with a drive to center on a 2-0 pitch. John Buck and Bonifacio singled, Omar Infante hit a sacrifice fly and Sanchez followed with a two-out RBI double.

Houston took a 2-0 lead in the first on three consecutive two-out hits — a single by Pence, an infield single by Matt Downs and a two-run double by Brett Wallace.

Carlos Corporan had a two-out RBI double in the fourth for the Astros.

NOTES: Astros 2B Downs had one hit while batting cleanup for the first time this season.

Bonifacio improved his average against left-handers to .342.

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money.

The NFLPA insists that the money diverted from the rookies go to veteran players; some

also would go for retired players' benefits. The main disagreement right now is how deep into the first round the rookie wage scale would apply, perhaps eight picks, perhaps twice that many. Some owners also are seeking longer contracts for rookies.

In addition, the owners are pushing for more restrictions in free agency, which the players "vehemently oppose," one of the people familiar with the negotiations said.

"Maybe for one year

there might be an extended right of first refusal as a compromise," the person said.

Would either side hold up a deal over that, especially with the possibility of lost exhibition games no longer remote?

NFL revenues would be reduced by upward of \$60 million for one weekend of canceled preseason games. The first full weekend of exhibition play is Aug. 11-15; the Hall of Fame game between the Chicago Bears and St. Louis Rams is Aug. 7 in Canton, Ohio.

Who pays how much to a so-called "legacy

fund" to help retired players has become somewhat contentious. Originally, the funding was to be 50-50 between the owners and the players. There has been no agreement yet on that breakdown.

Whenever a deal is struck, it will be anywhere from six to 10 years.

It also will include mechanisms for ending the CBA early, as happened with the 2006 agreement that the owners opted out of in 2008, leading to no salary cap in 2010 and, ultimately, to the lockout.

A topic on which there remains little disagree-

ment is the salary cap. Some owners are not thrilled with a salary floor that requires teams spend up to 90 percent of the cap in cash on players' salaries each year, but that is not expected to be a significant hurdle.

Players would receive around 48 percent of all league revenues, which reached \$9.3 billion last year, and the owners have dropped their demand for money off the top before splitting income with the players.

There still will be some stadium credits for teams that recently financed new homes or are planning to do so.

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Poker players prepare for WSOP's main event

Despite lower numbers this year

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The top prize of the World Series of Poker main event is likely to be well above \$8 million, with nearly 7,000 players entering the no-limit Texas Hold 'em tournament.

Well over 2,000 players entered the card tournament in Las Vegas on Sunday — the final day entrants could register for a shot at poker glory.

Tournament officials have opened new sections of the tournament floor that went unused during each of the

first three starting days, and plan to keep registration open through the first four hours of play.

Last year's winner, Canadian professional Jonathan Duhamel, beat 7,318 opponents for \$8.94 million.

The main event's totals are likely to be down, but well above expectations given recent turmoil in the online poker industry that put player bankrolls in question.

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