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## Industry on stage in CoC program

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Industry takes center stage Aug. 10 as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce gets ready to present the third program in its State of the Community series in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Representatives from Alon USA, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the GEO Group Inc. and WETT — Wind Energy Transmission Texas — will be part of the program. Also scheduled is a presentation on Scenic Mountain Medical Center, which was originally scheduled for Part 2 of the series, but was delayed because of a scheduling conflict.

"We didn't want to exclude SMMC, so we are having CEO Larry Rodgers give an update during this program," explained Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director.

"These are just some of the major employers in our community," said ValVerde. "We wish we could hear from everyone."

Each entity will deliver a 12-minute speech informing the community about its daily operations and any current projects under way. A representative from WETT will be providing information on the upcoming transmission line project making its way through Howard County and surrounding areas.

"A few years ago the Public Utility Commission of Texas did a study to find the best placement of the transmission lines and they mapped out an area which goes from the Dallas/Fort Worth area to here and then up towards the Panhandle," said Terry Wegman, BSEDC executive director.

WETTS is one of the eight contractors handling the construction of transmission lines. Their project will encompass Borden, Coke, Mitchell, Sterling and Howard counties.

"The largest portion of this project is going right through this area. It's going to be a total of 360 miles of transmission lines and an about one-third of that will be in Howard County," Wegman said.

The breakfast will be catered by Great Western Catering

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**Tickets for the 2011 Howard County Fair Quilt are on sale now at various locations in the community. The fair is scheduled Sept. 29-Oct. 1.**

HERALD photos/Amanda Moreno



## A-quilting we will go

Annual giveaway to benefit 2011 Howard County Fair

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

For the past 10 years, a group of women has been doing their part to support the Howard County Fair, one patch at a time. Each year the quilt is awarded to one person at the conclusion of the fair.

Joyce Ditto had the idea of getting a group of women together and creating a quilt in hopes of supporting the fair and her idea has continued to grow.

"There are women who have been with this project since day one, but each year there are new members who join the cause," said Geraldine



Posey

Posey, quilt participant. Mrs. Roy Simmons was the recipient of the first quilt, which highlighted the 50 states of the union. Since then quilts have focused on state birds, state flowers and magnolias. There have also been quilts honoring Texas wild-life, wildflowers, humming-birds and magnolias. Cleon Jones was the recipient of the 2009 Humming Birds quilt.

This year, the fair will run Sept. 29 through Oct. 1. The recipient of the quilt will be announced Oct. 1 at 9:45 p.m.

This year's quilt is on display at Wells Fargo until Aug. 1 and then will be on display for three weeks at Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union and will travel

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## Aggies raise \$80,000

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Howard County's Aggies continue to be superb at raising funds for scholarships — and that's no joke.

The Howard County A&M Club recently put the cap on its annual fundraising event and organizers said they couldn't be happier with the results.

"It was fabulous, fabulous, fabulous," Darlene Newton said. "We had a great turnout at all the events and we raised more than \$80,000 for scholarships."

Money raised during the two-day event goes toward funding scholarships for Howard County students attending Texas A&M.

Newton said this year's response

helped the club meet its fundraising goals.

"The club had 15 endowed scholarships and this year, we raised enough funds to have 17 endowed scholarships," Newton said.

The event, which included a golf

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## Back to school Salvation Army prepares for annual drive

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

The Salvation Army is kicking off its Back to School Drive.

The program is aimed at providing local, low-income school age children and their families with essential supplies as the school year approaches.

"We are looking to the generosity of the community to be able to help with this year's program," Maj. Orville Chambless said.

According to Chambless, the program is set to help an estimated 400 students, depending on the donations received. Donations can be monetary or actual school supplies and can be dropped off at the Salvation Army, located at 811 W. Fifth. School supply lists can be found at Wal-Mart and H-E-B in the school supply section or on the districts' websites.

"We are accepting any school supplies, but we are really in need of monetary donations to keep the pro-

gram going," Chambless said. "It's not the individual items that are costly, but when you have to purchase 400 of those supplies the cost does add up."

The program will benefit families with children in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Families in need of assistance will receive a backpack and school supplies for the children.

For families wanting to take advantage of the

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# Obituaries

## Bobette 'Bobbie' Pierce



Bobette "Bobbie" Pierce, 72, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 19, 2011, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2011, at Dora Roberts Community Center.

She was born Dec. 7, 1938, in El Paso, Texas, and married Roger Pierce on Feb. 19, 1954, in Las Cruces, N.M. He preceded her in death Aug. 25, 2000.

Bobbie was a longtime resident of Big Spring and was a homemaker. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include three children, Randy Pierce and wife Jill of Big Spring, Robin Newton and husband John of Big Spring and Russell Pierce and wife Carla of Colleyville; 10 grandchildren, Brock Pierce, Ashley Pierce, Kyle Briggs, Derek Pierce, Spencer Briggs, Macy Briggs, Wesley Kinsey, Chase Pierce, Bresha Pierce and Britta Pierce; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Kennett Carnes of North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Lois Sherman; and one sister, Shari Richards.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

*Paid obituary*

## M.W. Bates



M.W. Bates, 89, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 10, 2011, at his residence. Private services with military honors were held Sunday, July 17, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Winnfield, La., to Frances and Richard Mullins. He married Virginia "Gin" Patterson Geiger on Aug. 18, 1958, in Snyder, Texas. She preceded him in death Oct. 17, 2007.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, moving to Big Spring in 1971. He was a supervisor for Parker Drilling and a Baptist.

He is survived by three sisters, Flo Sage, M.E. Mullins-Hilliker and Marie Turner, all of El Dorado, Ark.; one sister-in-law, Eileen "Pat" Walsh of Sun City, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

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

## Lilia 'Lily' Howard

Lilia "Lily" Howard, 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

## Roy Keefer

Roy Keefer, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 20, 2011, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Police blotter

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

- JAMES WILLIAM HALE JR., 58, of 1809 Mittel, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault of a public servant.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2600 block of Chanutte.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3000 block of Navajo.

# Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

•CRYSTAL NICOLE LOPEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for driving while license invalid.

• JANET DARLENE LUJAN, 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for theft (two counts).

• ASHLEY NICOLE RUNCIE, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• JAMES WILLIAM HALE, 58, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault of a public servant.

• JAMES BRYAN KEITH HAMMONDS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on Midland warrants for burglary of a habitation and failure to appear — theft of property.

• ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

# Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Craigmont. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of Piper Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of N. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

# Support Groups

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Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:50 PM	Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:50 PM	Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:49 PM	Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:49 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	101	78	mst sunny
Amarillo	99	71	mst sunny
Austin	97	76	windy
Beaumont	92	76	t-storm
Brownsville	94	78	pt sunny
Brownwood	102	77	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	96	79	mst sunny
Corsicana	99	77	mst sunny
Dallas	101	79	mst sunny
Del Rio	97	80	pt sunny
El Paso	99	75	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	97	74	mst sunny
Gainesville	100	78	mst sunny
Greenville	99	77	mst sunny
Houston	94	77	pt sunny
Kingsville	99	76	pt sunny
Livingston	96	74	pt sunny
Longview	99	77	t-storm
Lubbock	98	73	sunny
Lufkin	97	75	pt sunny
Midland	100	78	sunny
Raymondville	98	77	pt sunny
Rosenberg	95	78	pt sunny
San Antonio	101	79	windy
San Marcos	97	76	windy
Sulphur Springs	100	78	pt sunny
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**QUILT**

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to the Senior Center for the final weeks leading up to the fair.

"There are some patches that didn't make it on the quilt which have been placed on pillows and those will also be at the fair," Posey said.

Tickets can be purchased for \$1 or \$5 for six at Wells Fargo, Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union, Posey Cotton or at the fair. All proceeds will benefit the Howard County Fair.

"This is really an heirloom piece and would be a great addition to anyone's collection," Posey said.

Every piece of the quilt is handmade; no machines are used in the construction of the quilt. The patterns are handed out to participants at the first of the year and the quilt is pieced together no later than May.

Posey said the quilt is the result of a combined effort of 45 to 50 women. It is a group project and anyone wanting to take part in the construction of the patches and quilt can contact Posey at 263-1267.

More information can be found at [howardcountyfairoftexas.com](http://howardcountyfairoftexas.com).

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com)

- A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

- 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. Normal immunization hours, Monday through Wednesday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., will resume Aug. 1. DSHS will not be providing immunizations

at the high school for registration Jul 27-28. DSHS suggests getting immunizations before attempting to register for school.

- Sharon Chancy 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.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

- Big Spring High School Class of 1981 will have its 30-year reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact Mark Warren at 903-283-3326.

**SERIES**

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of Howard College, with the serving line opening at 7:30 a.m. Presentations will begin at 7:50 a.m. and conclude at 9 a.m. ValVerde said they are hoping to allow a question and answer session for those with any questions after the presentations.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased before Aug. 5 at the chamber office, located at 215 W. Third. No tickets will be sold at the door.

ValVerde said the question has been raised as to why there is a charge for these forums.

"We understand everyone's concern about the price of the tickets, but there is no way around it. In putting

on these breakfasts and luncheons we incur expenses and the price of the tickets help cover those costs in order to allow us to continue putting on these forums," ValVerde said.

According to ValVerde, the chamber series has been receiving positive feedback from those in attendance, but she said the attendance numbers are not where she would

like to see them.

Part 1 of the series focused on city, county, water district, college and economic development; Part 2 addressed public school districts and health care facilities.

"This is a series open to the entire community. It's not just for chamber members or businesses, but for every person in the community," ValVerde said. "This is

a great way to hear from the entities themselves what is going on right in our own backyard."

To purchase tickets or for more information stop by the chamber office or call at 263-7641.

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**A&M**

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tournament, skeet shoot and memorabilia auction, attracted Aggies from across Texas — and some from even further away.

"We had people fly in from Florida and South Carolina; we had people drive in from as far away as Arkansas, and

we had quite a few come in from College Station," Newton said.

But it was the local connection that really made the event a success, she added.

"People in our community know these students personally ... and that helps a lot," she said. "We had such a great outpouring of support from the community, not only in monetary

contributions, but in donations of items and services

Those scholarships will help 10 Howard County students pay at least part of the cost of their education at the College Station university this autumn, she added.

"We will find some scholarship money for any student in Howard County interested in

going to Texas A&M," Newton said. "We will not turn anyone away."

Students interested in applying for scholarship funds should call 263-4042 or visit the club's web site at [www.westexags.com](http://www.westexags.com)

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**SUPPLIES**

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program, sign up and verification will take place Aug. 1-5 at the main Salvation Army location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. A proof of income and household expenses will be required upon filling out an application.

"The day the families

come out and apply for the program will be the day they will receive the supplies if they are approved," Chambless said. "We don't want the families to have to come out and fill out the application and come back for the supplies, so they will get them the same day."

All donations are accepted and appreciated. Every donation, no mat-

ter how small, makes a difference, according to Chambless.

"You never know, the donation you make may be helping your neighbor," Chambless said.

For more information or to find out exact doc-

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**AN ENCOURAGING WORD**

By Eddy Pitchford

Laziness and slothfulness can overtake an entire culture. They can encourage the taking of unethical shortcuts. They can elevate wishful thinking above prepared performance. They can misdirect our money and stifle our skills. They can prompt daydreaming to crowd out work and effort. They can motivate students to cheat, politicians to lie and Satan to rejoice.

Laziness and slothfulness can lead us to make decisions based upon spontaneous whims rather than diligent faith. We exchange hours of Bible study for motivational sound bytes. We fall prey to habits because we fail the habit of praying. We seek reputation and dismiss character. We passively become victims because we aggressively ignores the price of victory.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Time to gear up for back to school

Temperatures remain high, pools are still open, but the school season is slowly creeping forward.

Back to school brings about the excitement of new classes, reuniting with old friends and new memories. It also brings school clothes shopping and the need to purchase school supplies.

The school supply lists seem to be ever-changing, but necessary. Stores have already started stocking the shelves and districts have posted their lists on their websites.

Buying school supplies is no problem for some, but a financial burden for others. There are some families — and with the worsening economic situation, there are more families than usual — who are struggling with the question of how to purchase supplies for their children.

The Salvation Army is hoping to help ease that burden for at least 400 low-income families in the Howard County area.

They have officially kicked off their back to school drive, which collects school supplies and monetary donations. Through the program, families are able to get backpacks and school supplies for their children.

The program buys supplies for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Grade specific supplies are being accepted and can be dropped off at the main Salvation Army office, located at 811 W. Fifth.

Local families wanting to take advantage of the program can apply for assistance Aug. 1-5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the main office. Families are asked to bring documentation of household income and expenses. Decisions will be made and families will receive supplies the same day as their applications are submitted.

The program has been going for the past few years and has been able to provide assistance to numerous families. Each year the number can change, depending on the donations provided by the community.

Any and all school supplies are accepted and lists can be picked up at Walmart and H-E-B if you are wanting to purchase grade specific supplies. Monetary donations are also accepted, as they are a big part of the program.

Every donation, no matter how big or small, makes a difference and can benefit someone.

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

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we do something important, Lord,  
and take small breaks and talk to You. Amen

# The world of online dating

As Kermit the Frog said, it's not easy being single.

OK, so maybe he said green, but for the sake of this column — and my tenuous grip on reality — let's just nod our heads and go along with the crazy writer-guy.

Bear in mind, my married friends would be smacking me upside the head right now, extolling the challenges of marriage. My married friend-women would be telling me the right one just hasn't come along yet and I need to be patient, while my married friend-dudes would be telling me to follow Nancy Reagan's example and "just say no!"

It's funny how marriage is often likened to hard drugs. How odd.

Anyway, today's tirade centers around online dating. Yes, I know the very mention of it in this column makes me a geek of loser-like proportions, but the truth of the matter is these days more relationships begin online than in person.

OK, so that's just what I heard in a commercial, but bear with me.

For those of you who have been to an online dating site — Match.com, Zoosk and about nine million others, mostly being advertised at 3 a.m. on Comedy Central, mind you — then you already get the gist. You sign up, you wade through thousands of potential dates, then fork over huge sums of money for a chance to be rejected by someone who probably submitted their profile in a drunken rage.

Sounds appealing, right?

Of course it does. If it didn't, these companies wouldn't be making millions of dollars off us uber-geeks, who are mindlessly



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wiling away our hours shopping for a mate much like eBay-ers look for sweaters.

Now, for the newly initiated there are some subtle nuances to online dating someone should — but never will — make you aware of. First and foremost, if you're so desperate for a date you're joining a dating website, don't be dumb enough to tell thousands of people through a widely-read publication about it. At that point you might as well just sew a big ol' 'L' on your shirts and free up your calendar every Friday night until Armageddon.

The same goes for clicking the Facebook "like" button on these sites. While it might help you connect with other losers taking a break from World of Warcraft or playing bingo in some basement, you might as well be waving a white flag at the opposite sex in your network.

This next tip delves into what I consider the world of false advertisement. Just because your great-grandmother called you "sweet cheeks" right before she kicked off doesn't make it a good idea to make your profile name `sweet_cheeks_3030`.

The same goes for using your real name. If you're going to make yourself that easy to find, you might as well just take out an ad in the newspaper that reads, "Mildly desperate person seeks full-time stalker. Must be a self-starter and like pets."

Now this next tip is where guys and gals will quietly part ways. For a guy, when it asks you to upload a picture, you grab the most recent one you can find and send that bad boy into cyberspace. Never mind the fact it's a shot of you doing a keg stand or standing over the blood-soaked corpse of the eight-point buck you killed.

If nothing else, however, we're honest. Women, on the other hand, have a slightly different process they go through.

First of all, a little tip for your

boyfriends and husbands out there ... when you start seeing photo flashes going off in the bathroom when your lady is in there, do everyone a favor and go ahead and start packing.

Arm stretched out as far as it will go with the camera aimed from an overhead angle, lips puckered up in a classic, sultry Marilyn-esque manner ... it's what the Mona Lisa would look like if Da Vinci had been born in our time.

Never mind the mind-boggling number of tubes, cans and jars of God-only-knows-what lining the counters, or the dingy white towel with the giant spaghetti sauce stain in the background. Or, better yet, a giant, open tube of Valtrex — used to treat herpes, in case you're wondering — sitting right next to the sink.

No kidding, I've actually seen the pic.

While all of these mistakes are enough to convince Darwin to go head-first into a deep fryer, my personal favorite is that first message. Guys, much like they were trained by their fathers, say, well, hello.

Now, bear in mind just about every detail about this guy is right there on his profile for anyone to read — how many kids he has, has he ever been married, his favorite movie, does he work at McDonalds, favorite color. It's right there! And, what do we get back, guys?

"Tell me a little about yourself."

And before you folks at McDonalds get all uppity about your jobs manning the fryers or drive-thru, you deserve it. The last time I was there three different people took my order a total of six times and they still got it wrong.

Good luck, my fellow geeks.

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## It's simply a part of the job

The life of a reporter isn't exactly glamorous. I'm not saying it's not exciting, ever-changing or lacking interest.

I am saying it's not the easiest job to do and commonly misunderstood.

The Hollywood reporters are all glitz and glamour, sometimes overzealous. There are those who report in bigger markets and provide their readers with breaking, national news and have access to all the big name corporations. It seems they have access into all the corruption and chaos going on in the world. Those are the ones who become the reliable source, the know it alls and the ones to turn to.

It would be nice if all the media outlets obtained first name relationships with CEOs, government officials and the elite, but for smaller markets it's not common. I'm not saying it can't happen, but more often than not it doesn't. There are many reasons behind it, the reporters don't understand the routes to take to make the contacts, there is no immediate need for those contacts or the belief the contact is unattainable.

When it comes to reporting any kind of news the sources are vital. It's important to be able to provide accurate, important information to the public.

There are some stories that allow for freedom and the rules can be bent to a certain degree, but there are those stories when legality, privacy and ethics come into play.

There are stories where the public would like to know every little detail about what is happening, the reasons behind it

and even more the back story behind that, but sometimes it's just not possible. As media personnel we are required to tell the story as the facts tell it, not as the public wants it to be told.

There are those instances when the public does know the backstory leading to a murder or the planning behind a kidnapping, but there are no facts to prove them or no reasoning behind it to be published.

There are magazines and other outlets that thrive on providing the behind the scene part of the story, which includes the gossip, rumors and assumptions. Newspapers, news stations, radio and any credible avenue is not ... okay, will not ... go that route.

Yes, maybe a woman was murdered by an abusive ex-husband. Maybe her friends and family always told her she should walk away.

There are those who see her murder as a story needing to be told in order to possibly prevent another death or another abusive relationship, but the facts are just because it might help doesn't mean it can be told.

There are so many legal issues regarding accusations. It is more than simply pointing fingers and saying it's true. Sadly, the silver lining in those kinds of stories may never get told and the guilty party will get the fame. It will be the one committing the crime who will be plastered all over the news. The victim will be the one who takes a backseat, but it's not because they aren't important ... it's because they are important and deserve respect.

There are those who say the media is heartless and just doesn't care about the backstory or the person who lost their lives.

To some, reporters are people who are looking for the stories that will bring in more money, as people who are willing to disregard all humanity and only

shed light on the guilty.

I'm not naïve enough to believe there aren't people in this industry who are only out to make a buck because there are those who will leave ethics, integrity and their moral compass behind if they feel an extra dollar can be made or fame can be achieved.

However, there are those who delve into this field because of the heart, the sympathy for others and respect for the situations.

Just as people believe telling the abusive history leading up to a woman's death can make a difference, there are reporters who believe showing an accident, the remains of a fire or bringing to light the facts of a murder can make that same difference.

At the same time, the people reporting and gathering information are the ones who have to live with those images forever in their mind. They are the ones who have to walk up on an accident scene and see a woman and her three kids mangled and trapped in a rolled over car.

They are the ones who have to walk into a dangerous area to capture the perfect picture of the fire or devastation. They are the ones who have to hear the details and put all emotion behind them, snap the picture, write the story and move onto the next assignment.

That doesn't mean they forget it, doesn't mean they don't care, but it's what they have to do. It is the job they stepped into and the images, however haunting, are the results.

Then again, it's when the one life is saved, one person is made to stop and think before acting or a person's life is affected in a positive way that the reporter knows the job is worth it.

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# Casual cooking with Kris Soliz



Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

This week's recipe is inspired by my first and only fan mail. I have been doing this for about a year and a half and have received lots of positive verbal feedback. I get recognized by strangers and people I do know who stop and let me know they enjoy reading my column. Some have tried the recipes and some have not. Thank you for your positive feedback.

I told my husband I have become a household name and he tells people he has married a celebrity; either way, I now have to keep my nose clean, name out of the police blotter and face off the news. What fun is there left to do?

So my letter came from a subscriber letting me know she, too, has enjoyed reading the articles and she agrees with the younger generation's ability to not have been led into the kitchen. We only have ourselves to blame. Everything is geared to make us want things fast and now.

We've spent many years trying to fill up our schedules because that's the way things

are done now a days. But wait, there is a solution. It's called 'You are in control.' People's lives are filled with work, running errands and after school activities that by the time dinner rolls around all they want to do is fill that gnawing hole called a stomach. And fast food becomes our friend.

I, too, am guilty of fast food when I don't feel like cooking. That usually comes from not having a menu planned or at least an idea of what might be for dinner. So if you go the fast food route, you decide where and what everyone wants and you may wind up going to two or three different places. You get home, stuff your face and find yourself full but your taste buds are lacking the entertainment they were so desperately seeking.

You say to yourself that was OK, but I have settled when I really wanted something more flavorful and visually exciting. It can be done with just a little thought and the same amount of time to find the drive thru.

Start small, like planning two days of your week's menu, a choice of meat, side dish and

veggy. Do some after hour cooking of some ground meat that can be used for chili or spaghetti, put in the freezer and it is ready to be added to your dish. Boil enough boneless chicken breasts or thighs with a bay leaf and black pepper until done (save the broth and freeze for soup) and remove cool and chop, put in two freezer bags and then you can do what I recently did and use them for chicken dumplings or the recipe I provide today.

This is a classic and is made many different ways. The first time I had it I was 26 and I don't even make it the same way. This recipe once you make it and combine all the ingredients you then put it in a casserole dish and bake for additional time and a few years ago I thought that doesn't fit into my schedule and so I have eliminated that

time frame to fit my life and again I am in control. So remember start small and soon you will be looking forward to dinner and how easy it can be to bring excitement back into your mouth. This recipe can be served with garlic bread, salad or veggy. Enjoy!

## Chicken Spaghetti

- 1 to 1 1/2 pounds of noodles
- 1/2 block of large box melting cheese (I use jalapeno easy melt HEB)
- 1 small can cream of chicken soup
- 1 small can of either cream of mushroom or cream of celery soup
- 1 can of Rotel (I use extra spicy)
- garlic powder
- salt

Bring water to a boil in a pot add salt, garlic powder, noodles and the frozen chicken

you chopped up ahead of time. Cook until noodles are done. Remove one cup of the boiling liquid and set aside. Turn the heat to medium, drain the noodles and place the empty pot back on the burner. Add the cup of liquid you set aside and add the cheese, stirring often. When mostly melted, add soup and

Rotel. Finish melting and add noodle-chicken combo, mixing well. Let heat back through. Your bread and salad can be made while waiting for the melting of cheese.

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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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## Coahoma all-classes reunion set Saturday

Coahoma High School alumni are planning an all-classes' reunion on Saturday at Coahoma Elementary.

Registration is from 9-10 a.m., followed by visiting, a short business meeting, a fund-raising auction, lunch, and a program honoring CHS Music Through the Years (band, choir, special singing and/or musical groups, etc.). Alumni with musical talents are encouraged to bring instruments or music to provide a couple of songs for attendees.

Alumni are also asked to bring items for the

auction. The Stampede has been reserved for additional visiting that evening for all CHS alumni from 6:30-11 p.m.

Music from the 50s, 60s and 70s will be played, and food and sodas provided.

For questions, contact any CHS Alumni Officer: Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588 or [jefnjoyce@yahoo.com](mailto:jefnjoyce@yahoo.com); Rose Thixton Teeler at 432-393-5267 or at [jrteeler@yahoo.com](mailto:jrteeler@yahoo.com); Barbara Ballard Reilly at 432-263-7808; or Cindy Parrish Klaus at 432-466-1298 or [cindyrklaus@gmail.com](mailto:cindyrklaus@gmail.com).



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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bad Bidding Sometimes Pays Off

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

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♠A J			
♥Q J 5 3			
♦K 5 2			
♣J 9 8 6			

<b>WEST</b>			
♠9 8 7 5 3			
♥A 4 2			
♦9 7			
♣K 3 2			

<b>EAST</b>			
♠6 4			
♥10 8 7 6			
♦10 6 4 3			
♣Q 5 4			

<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠K Q 10 2			
♥K 9			
♦A Q J 8			
♣A 10 7			

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 NT Pass 4 NT Pass  
6 NT

Opening lead — nine of spades.

In many circles, the range for an opening two-notrump bid is 20 or 21 points. There is no ordinance or statute that compels you to conform to that range — even if you've agreed with partner to play 20-21 points — and if you occasionally yield to temptation and cheat by one point, it will rarely prove fatal.

The really big trouble in these cases usually comes later on. If, for example, you decide to stretch your range by opening two notrump with only 19 points and then bid again

when partner merely invites a slam, you are guilty of compounding one felony with another. Most of the time, such excessive zeal will prove costly.

However, you might get lucky once in a while, which is exactly what happened in this deal where South had no extra values (other than two tens) for his two-notrump bid and yet accepted a slam invitation by North.

South's play of the hand was much better than his bidding. Fortunately, he escaped the club lead that would have put him out of commission immediately. Instead, West made the more natural lead of the nine of spades, and South quickly realized that he could not make 12 tricks with routine play.

Accordingly, after winning the spade with dummy's jack, South led the three of hearts and played the nine from his hand after East followed low! When the nine forced West's ace, South had 12 sure tricks consisting of four spades, three hearts, four diamonds and a club.

Observe that South would have gone down one against proper defense had he gone up with the king of hearts at trick two. Declarer needed three heart tricks to make the slam, and his best shot by far was to finesse the nine at trick two.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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**News in brief**

**Commissioner preps for retrial**

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County commissioner who faces retrial in a corruption investigation has nearly exhausted his campaign funds after paying \$1.1 million in legal bills.

The Houston Chronicle reported Thursday that campaign finance records show Jerry Eversole has \$51,000 left as he prepares for his retrial Oct. 24.

A federal judge March 30 declared a mistrial after jurors deadlocked on charges of conspiracy, accepting a bribe and filing false income tax returns in 2003 and 2004.

Eversole, who's been a county commissioner for 20 years, has raised just \$60 this year toward his defense. The elected official says he's not sure how he will pay for his next trial.

Attorney Rusty Hardin said Eversole's finances will have no effect on the case and he is staying with his client.

**Texas man executed for killing store clerk**

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A Texas inmate was executed Wednesday for killing a Dallas-area convenience store clerk during a shooting spree that he claimed was retaliation for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Mark Stroman, 41, said hate in the world needed to end and asked for God's grace shortly before the fatal drugs began flowing into his arms at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Huntsville Unit. He was pronounced dead at 8:53 p.m., less than an hour after his final court appeal was

rejected. Stroman claimed the shooting spree that killed two men and injured a third in late 2001 targeted people from the Middle East, though all three victims were from South Asia. It was the death of 49-year-old Vasudev Patel, from India, that put Stroman on death row.

The lone survivor, Rais (Raze) Bhuiyan (Boo-yon), unsuccessfully sued to stop the execution, saying his religious beliefs as a Muslim told him to forgive Stroman. The courts denied his requests.

Stroman's execution was the eighth this year in Texas. At least eight other inmates in the nation's busiest death penalty state have execution dates in the coming weeks.

From inside the death chamber, Stroman looked at five friends watching through a window and told them he loved them.

"Even though I lay on this gurney, seconds away from my death, I am at total peace," he said. He called himself "still a proud American, Texas loud, Texas proud."

"God bless America. God bless everyone," he added, then turned his head to the warden and said: "Let's do this damn thing."

Feeling the drugs beginning to take effect, he said, he began a countdown. "One, two," he said, slightly gasping. "There it goes."

Eleven minutes later, he was dead.

**Teaching evolution up for debate again**

AUSTIN (AP) — The debate over teaching evolution in public

schools is resurfacing at the Texas State Board of Education.

The board is meeting to consider supplemental science materials for the upcoming school year and beyond. The Republican-dominated board drew national attention in 2009 when it adopted science standards encouraging schools to scrutinize "all sides" of scientific theory.

A public hearing on the new science materials is scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

The board is under the new leadership of Chairwoman Barbara Cargill, a former biology teacher who disputes the theory of evolution. She is considered to be one of the panel's more conservative members.

Cargill was appointed earlier this month by Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

**Perry courts potential fundraisers**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry met privately Wednesday with potential fundraisers in Los Angeles as he neared a decision on whether to enter the 2012 presidential race.

About 30 people joined the conservative Republican at a hotel in the Century City neighborhood for an event coordinated by influential fundraiser Renee Croce, who helped raise millions of dollars for former California Govs. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Pete Wilson.

Perry has been traveling the nation to gauge his support among party loyalists, elected officials and donors, while fashioning the framework of what could become a national cam-

paign. The Texas governor would join a wide-open GOP field, but a key issue is whether he can raise hundreds of millions of dollars to wage a 50-state presidential battle. Many deep-pocketed donors in California, a rich source of campaign cash, have been holding back their checks while the field takes shape.

Among Republicans in the contest, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney leads the monetary race and reported an \$18.4 million haul in the second quarter. President Barack Obama's campaign aides have told donors privately that they hope to meet or go beyond the \$750 million the campaign raised in 2008.

When it comes to financing a presidential campaign "it's a numbers game," said investor Michael Fourtqc Sr., managing partner at Hancock Park Associates, one of the hosts of the meeting with the Texas governor.

For Perry, "I think the money is there," Fourtqc said.

**Texas judge won't delay polygamist leader's trial**

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The latest new lawyer for polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs won't get more time to prepare for trial after a West Texas judge told

him Wednesday to be ready in five days to defend his client on child sex assault charges.

District Judge Barbara Walther also ordered attorneys previously hired by Jeffs to be ready for trial to begin Monday, the San Angelo Standard-Times reported. Walther even refused to excuse one lawyer who filed a motion to withdraw from the case after Jeffs fired him earlier this month, according to the Texas attorney general's office.

Jeffs, 55, is ecclesiastical head of a radical Mormon offshoot known as the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which believes polygamy is the key to heaven. He has run through a string of lawyers ahead of his trial on charges that could land him in prison for life.

Jeffs appeared during the final pre-trial hearing Wednesday with attorney Deric Walpole of McKinney. Walpole offered to replace Jeffs' most recent attorney, Jeff Kearney of Fort Worth, the Standard-Times reported. After representing Jeffs since January, Kearney filed a motion to withdraw July 7, saying Jeffs had asked for his dismissal.

Jeffs asked that Kearney not even help Walpole prepare for the case. Walpole asked for permission to represent Jeffs at trial, but said that given the circum-

stances, he would need at least six months to prepare.

**Congested Texas border crossings to get relief**

TORNILLO (AP) — This quiet two-lane border crossing on the banks of the Rio Grande, near alfalfa fields and pecan orchards about 40 miles southeast of El Paso, has seen the last of its days of tranquility.

Officials kicked off the construction Wednesday of a 117-acre, \$96 million port of entry that will bring relief for the congested El Paso-area border crossings from Mexico by June 2013. It will replace the wooden 1920s bridge.

The facility will join three other area crossings that process more than 10 million cars and 700,000 commercial trucks each year.

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# News in brief

## Debt limit impasse continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Progress remains elusive as official Washington grapples day after day for a way out of a debt dilemma that has the government sliding toward a first-ever default on its financial obligations.

President Barack Obama met with House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, at the White House for 90 minutes on Wednesday, but neither side would comment afterward.

The session came a day after the House passed legislation that would increase the government's borrowing authority by \$2.4 trillion but condition the release of the money on a litany of tea party demands, including a requirement that Congress adopt a proposed amendment to the Constitution requiring a balanced budget.

Debate on the House plan, dubbed "cut, cap and balance," begins in earnest Thursday in the Senate. Democrats are expected to kill the measure — which they say would demand debilitating cuts to Medicare — in a vote on Saturday if not before.

Meanwhile, momentum on a separate bipartisan budget plan by the Senate's "Gang of Six" seemed to ebb Wednesday as critics warned the measure contains larger tax increases than advertised and it became plain that the measure comes too late and is too controversial to advance quickly — particularly as a part of a debt limit package that already would be teetering on a knife's edge.

## Regulators likely to face questions over delays in financial rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and other regulators are expected to face tough questions Thursday from lawmakers over missed deadlines and delays implementing the most sweeping overhaul of financial laws since

the Great Depression.

The Dodd-Frank law was passed a year ago in response to the 2008 financial crisis. The law gave the government new powers to break up financial firms that threaten the economy, established safeguards for consumers and investors, and imposed restraints on financial markets that have escaped regulatory oversight.

Bernanke, Securities and Exchange Commission Chairwoman Mary Schapiro and other officials are scheduled to testify before the Senate Banking Committee on the progress they have made writing 243 rules mandated under the law. Nearly half of the rules were supposed to have been finalized by now. But regulators have completed fewer than 50.

Bernanke says in testimony prepared for the hearing that regulators are moving to complete rules on how they would handle banks they deem to pose a threat to the financial system, in an effort to prevent another crisis. Regulators expect to finalize some of the rules this summer, Bernanke says.

## UK Official sees chance to clean up 'murky' press-political relationships

LONDON (AP) — Britain's deputy prime minister says the tabloid phone hacking scandal has created a once-in-a-generation chance to clean up murky relations among media, police and politicians.

Nick Clegg also defended Prime Minister David Cameron at a news conference Tuesday over questions about his private discussions with executives of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

A day earlier, Cameron told the House of Commons he had no "inappropriate" discussions about News Corp.'s bid, now dropped, to take full control of British Sky Broadcasting.

## Authorities say 3 people swept over Yosemite National Park waterfall are presumed dead

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Friends are describing the three young people who were swept over a 317-foot waterfall in Yosemite National Park as church role models who normally did not take risks.

Members of St. George's Church in Ceres gath-

ered for a prayer vigil Wednesday evening, grieving over the tragedy that occurred on a church group outing a day earlier.

The church pastor, Genard Lazar, was a part of the group of about a dozen hikers who ascended the steep Mist Trail to the top of Vernal Falls to pose for photographs.

Tanya Badal, the sister of victim Ramina Badal, saw her sister go over the falls.

She declined to talk about what happened atop Vernal's precipice, but said that despite the passage of time she was still praying the three would be found alive.

"I still have hope," she said outside of the church.

## Bringing Afghan war wounded home on a military jet equipped like a flying intensive care unit

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan (AP) — A light rain fell on a runway in the early morning darkness as vans pulled up to what one officer calls the "Cadillac" of medical evacuation aircraft.

Dozens of service members began loading wounded comrades onto a huge C-17 military transport plane in a carefully choreographed process. As many as eight people carry a single patient, who often is connected to more than 100 pounds of advanced medical equipment.

The giant plane had been converted into a flying intensive care unit to evacuate the war zones' most seriously wounded for advanced care in Germany and the U.S.

The wounded travel under the watchful eye of Air National Guard Critical Care Air Transport Teams.

Army Spc. Adam Castagna was on one of those flights after suffering serious injuries in a roadside bombing in Afghanistan a week before Easter. The 37-year-old, whom younger comrades call "Pops," had been evacuated to Germany. His family rushed to his bedside from New Jersey.

"He was on life support, he had internal bleeding; and I'll be honest with you, we weren't sure if he was going to make it," his brother, Michael Castagna, said later.

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# Players refuse agreement with NFL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest twist in the touch-and-go efforts to end the NFL lockout: Players didn't vote Wednesday on a full proposal to the league, however, said the sides would work through the night to try to have a final agreement ready for ratification Thursday.

A person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press there was agreement among player representatives from all 32 clubs on what items needed to be re-

solved before any offer would be accepted. A second person, also speaking on condition of anonymity because the talks are supposed to be secret, said the players gave what was termed "conditional approval" of the proposal — as it stood Wednesday.

Even after all acceptable terms are established, it only would lead to a collective bargaining agreement if the team reps recommend re-establishing the NFL Players Association as a union. And that needs to be OK'd by a major-

ity vote of the 1,900 players. Those votes probably would be done on a conference call.

In March, when talks broke down and the old CBA expired, the NFLPA said it was dissolving itself as a union and instead becoming a trade association, a move that allowed Tom Brady and other players to sue the league under antitrust law. Only a union can sign off on a CBA.

"We still have a lot of work to do," said Pro Bowl offensive lineman Tyson Clabo, who played for the Atlanta

Falcons last season.

The meeting at NFLPA headquarters lasted nearly 10 hours and included the group's executive committee and the team reps.

In Atlanta, where the owners' labor committee met, NFL general counsel Jeff Pash said the sides would keep talking in hopes of finalizing a deal that is expected to last 10 years, although even that was not 100 percent certain as of Wednesday evening.

"It's obviously a complicated agreement, but I think both

sides are at the point where they can close, they should close, and we should be in a position to take votes," Pash, the owners' lead negotiator, said following a five-hour session at a hotel near Atlanta's airport.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell joined the meeting of nine of the 10 members of the labor committee, which hoped to recommend a finalized proposal to all club owners, who are due there on

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AP file photo

Houston's Jason Michaels hit a walk off RBI single in the 11th inning to give the Astros a second straight win Wednesday.

# Astros win again

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros aren't going to make too much out of winning two straight games for the first time in more than a month.

But for this last place team, it sure feels good to end a series on a high note.

Pinch hitter Jason Michaels hit an RBI single in the 11th inning to lift the Astros to a 3-2 win over the Washington Nationals on Wednesday and give Houston consecutive victories and a series win for the first time since taking two of three from the Dodgers in June.

"It's good to see these guys rewarded for some good play," Houston manager Brad Mills said. "To have these back-to-back wins and win a series is big." Humberto singled to right field before advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt. He took third on a single by Michael Bourn to set up Michaels' game-winning center off Todd Coffey (3-1).

Neither team got a hit in a scoreless 10th inning before Jayson Werth doubled with one out in the 11th. Wilton Lopez (2-4) retired the next two Nationals to end the

scoring threat.

Houston starter Brett Myers is hopeful that the series will help the Astros get something positive going in the second half of the season.

"We need some momentum going right now," he said. "Obviously we're not playing our best baseball, but that series right there we played pretty well. It was close games. We slugged with them yesterday and we pitched with them today and ultimately we were able to come out winning."

It was the 15th extra-inning game for the Nationals this season and dropped their record in those games to 9-6.

Houston rookie Jose Altuve picked up his first major league hit with a single to right field off Tyler Clippard with two outs in the ninth. Clippard walked Hunter Pence before retiring Carlos Lee to send it to the 10th.

"Tyler was Houdini," Johnson said. "He came in with two men on and nobody out and got out of it. He got into trouble the next

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# Streak ends as Rangers fall to Angels in 9-8 loss

ANAHEIM (AP) — After throwing two straight shutouts, Derek Holland felt the full brunt of what the Los Angeles Angels' offense could be if only they could show some consistency.

The Texas Rangers saw their 12-game winning streak go down the drain, two shy of the club record, after the Angels rallied from five runs down to pull out a 9-8 victory Wednesday night.

Now the defending AL champions have to start a winning streak against a pretty tough customer — major league ERA leader Jered Weaver.

"I don't care how it comes to an end. A loss is a loss," designated hitter Michael Young said. "I'm not going to sit here and complain about the way it ended. We'll come out tomorrow ready to play. We're going to take the same approach no matter what happened the night before. In that sense, that's one of the biggest strengths of our team. We move on pretty easily."

Howie Kendrick had three hits and four RBIs, including a tie-breaking two-run single, as the Angels trimmed the Rangers' AL West lead to four games.

Torii Hunter homered for the Angels, whose six-run rally in the sixth inning wouldn't have been possible had it not been for two infield singles to shortstop by Mike Trout and Alberto Callaspo on close plays.

"They got two infield hits hustling down the line that inning. That's what hurt us," Rangers

manager Ron Washington said. "If we get those two outs, we're off the field with a lead. But Trout beat one out and then Callaspo beat one out. That was the real damage."

Holland took an 8-3 lead into the sixth before giving up hits to four of the five batters he faced — including RBI singles by Mark Trumbo and Trout and a run-scoring double by Erick Aybar.

"He's a good pitcher and a young guy who throws hard," Kendrick said. "He really isn't missing a lot. He was making his pitches and getting guys out. But in the sixth inning he made a few mistakes and we were able to get to the bullpen a little early. That's where we won the game. But we have to focus on having good at-bats, no matter who's throwing."

Bobby Abreu narrowed the gap to 8-7 with an RBI single against Tommy Hunter, and Kendrick put the Angels ahead to stay with his bases-loaded single with one out after a walk to Vernon Wells and Callaspo's hustling hit. The six-run inning equaled the Angels' biggest this season.

"You go out there in the sixth inning with an 8-3 lead and you don't expect to give it up," Washington said. "That team over there has a lot of pride and they're not going to quit. We didn't give it to them. They won it. They came out there in the sixth inning and showed what they were made of. They

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## MLB STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCG	L10	Str	Home	Away
Boston	59	37	.615	—	8-2	W-1	28-17	31-20	
New York	57	38	.600	1½	—	6-4	W-1	30-19	27-19
Tampa Bay	51	45	.531	8	6½	4-6	L-1	23-25	28-20
Toronto	49	49	.500	11	9½	7-3	W-2	23-24	26-25
Baltimore	39	56	.411	19½	18	3-7	L-1	25-26	14-30

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCG	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	51	46	.526	—	7	4-6	L-2	27-18	24-28
Detroit	51	46	.526	—	7	6-4	L-1	29-22	22-24
Chicago	47	51	.480	4½	11½	4-6	L-2	21-25	26-26
Minnesota	46	51	.474	5	12	6-4	W-2	25-22	21-29
Kansas City	40	58	.408	11½	18½	4-6	W-2	26-28	14-30

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCG	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	56	42	.571	—	—	9-1	L-1	31-18	25-24
Los Angeles	52	46	.531	4	6½	6-4	W-1	27-23	25-23
Seattle	43	54	.443	12½	15	0-10	L-11	23-26	20-28
Oakland	43	55	.439	13	15½	4-6	W-1	26-22	17-33

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCG	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	61	36	.629	—	—	6-4	W-2	34-15	27-21
Atlanta	57	41	.582	4½	—	5-5	L-2	30-19	27-22
New York	49	48	.505	12	7½	4-6	W-2	22-25	27-23
Washington	48	50	.490	13½	9	3-7	L-2	28-18	20-32
Florida	47	51	.480	14½	10	7-3	L-2	22-30	25-21

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCG	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	53	46	.535	—	—	6-4	W-2	33-14	20-32
Pittsburgh	51	45	.531	½	5	6-4	L-1	25-23	26-22
St. Louis	50	47	.515	2	6½	3-7	L-3	25-21	25-26
Cincinnati	48	50	.490	4½	9	4-6	W-1	25-22	23-28
Chicago	39	60	.394	14	18½	3-7	L-2	22-31	17-29
Houston	33	65	.337	19½	24	3-7	W-2	17-36	16-29

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCG	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Fran	57	42	.576	—	—	7-3	L-1	30-17	27-25
Arizona	52	46	.531	4½	5	5-5	L-2	26-22	26-24
Colorado	47	51	.480	9½	10	6-4	W-2	26-25	21-26
Los Angeles	43	55	.439	13½	14	6-4	W-1	23-27	20-28
San Diego	43	55	.439	13½	14	3-7	W-2	20-30	23-25

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Thursday.

Remaining issues are believed to include how to set aside three pending court cases: The players' antitrust lawsuit against the NFL in federal court in Minnesota; the TV networks case, in which players accused owners of setting up \$4 billion in "lockout insurance," money that the league would receive even if there were

no games played in 2011; and a collusion case, in which players said owners conspired to restrict salaries last offseason.

"I think that's the healthy outcome: to have a complete, comprehensive, global agreement that settles all the disputes and puts us on a path where we are going forward together as business partners, the way it should be, rather than going forward with one hand and fighting over something that should be in the past,"

Pash said.

Asked whether owners would consider approving an agreement Thursday, Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson smiled and said: "I'm always ready for a vote."

New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who is on the labor committee, wasn't expected to participate because his wife, Myra, died Wednesday, at age 68, after a battle with cancer.

Earlier Wednesday,

NFLPA president Kevin Mawae cautioned not to assume the lockout will be over by the weekend, saying his group was "not tied" to a deadline for getting a deal done in the next 24 hours.

"We want to go back to work, but we will not agree to a deal unless it's the best deal for the players," Mawae said in the morning.

"Our goal today is to see what is on the table and discuss outlying issues," he said. "The players are not tied to

a July 21 timeline. Our timeline is that which gives us the best deal for the players — today, tomorrow or whatever it might be."

If the four-month lockout — the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987 — is going to end in time to keep the preseason completely intact, the players and owners almost certainly must ratify the deal by Thursday. The St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears are scheduled to open the preseason Aug. 7 in

the Hall of Fame game.

Asked whether that exhibition game will be played, Pash replied: "We'll see. It's getting tight. It would be pretty challenging. That's one of the things we'll have to focus on."

If owners, as expected, do vote Thursday, at least 24 would need to OK the deal. If it's passed by both sides, team executives would be schooled later that day and Friday in Atlanta in the guidelines and how to apply them.

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inning and got out of it."

Werth had three hits and drove in Washington's only runs with a two-run homer that tied it 2-all in the sixth inning. It was his first homer since June 16.

"It's kind of like all year — we aren't matching up," he said. "If we pitch, we don't hit. You hope that we will match up. That's how you win games

... the pitching has been good all year, and we've been picking up the hitting. We are going to have to pitch, and we are going to have to hit if we are going to play in the postseason."

Henry Rodriguez walked Pence and Lee with no outs in the eighth inning and was replaced by Clippard. Brett Wallace put down a sacrifice bunt and Clippard intentionally walked Chris Johnson to load the bases.

Clippard got out of the jam when Clint Barmes popped out and Quintero struck out.

Myers yielded eight hits and two runs in seven innings but did not factor into the decision, remaining winless since June 17.

"I didn't feel like I had my best stuff, but I was able to make pitches when I needed to," he said.

Livan Hernandez, who started for the Nationals, allowed seven hits and two runs with three strikeouts in six innings. He has allowed seven or more hits in five of his last six starts.

"He made quality pitches. He kept us in the ball game," Johnson said. "I hate that we couldn't win it for him, but unfortunately, we couldn't punch one across."

Hernandez retired six of the last seven he faced

and was replaced by Rodriguez, who threw a 1-2-3 seventh.

Michael Morse singled in the sixth inning and Werth followed with his tying homer. The home run to the Crawford Boxes in left field was the 24th Myers has allowed this season — second-most in the majors. Rick Ankiel singled after the homer, but Myers retired the next two Nationals to end the inning.

Quintero pushed Houston's lead to 2-0 on an RBI double in the second inning.

Pence tripled in the first inning on a ball that bounced off the wall in left field and scored on a single by Lee to give Houston a 1-0 lead.

Altuve started at second base on Wednesday in his major league debut.

He was called up from Double-A Corpus Christi on Tuesday after the team traded second baseman Jeff Keppinger to the San Francisco Giants.

"I was a little nervous in the beginning of the game," Altuve said. "And then just went out to play and it was pretty good."

NOTES: The Astros optioned LHP Wesley Wright to Triple-A Oklahoma City to make room for INF Matt Downs.

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strung something together and we just couldn't stop it."

Angels starter Dan Haren lasted only 4 1-3 innings and gave up a season-worst seven runs along with nine hits. Hisanori Takahashi (3-2) pitched 1 2-3 innings for the victory, Scott Downs worked

two perfect innings and All-Star rookie Jordan Walden got three outs for his 22nd save in 28 chances, striking out Nelson Cruz with the potential tying run at third.

"These are the type of games that can turn things around," Wells said. "Obviously, tomorrow is a big game for us. We've got our work cut out for us with C.J. (Wilson) on the mound, but I like the guy we've got going, too. So it'll be a fun series finale. Hopefully we can end this thing the right way."

The Rangers broke a 3-all tie with a five-run fifth. Josh Hamilton hit a go-ahead RBI single and Young drove in two with a double that chased Haren. David Murphy greeted Takahashi with a bloop single, and two more runs scored when Yorvit Torrealba hit a line drive to left field that Wells lost

in the lights and had to chase back to the fence.

"The last 20 feet I couldn't see it, but it happens sometimes," Wells said. "When you're going to your left, that ball gets in the lights. And that one stayed in the lights. I had no idea where it was, so you just hope it lands in your glove. Unfortunately, it didn't."

Hamilton singled with two outs in the Rangers' first and scored on Adrian Beltre's double off the wall in right-center. The Angels responded in the bottom half with a bases-loaded two-run single by Kendrick. Those two runs matched the total number of runs the Rangers' pitching staff had allowed over their previous six games combined, a stretch that included four shutouts.

"It's good that we put runs up early, but the game's not won or lost in the first two innings,

and you just have to play the whole game. And that was definitely evident tonight," Kendrick said.

Hunter increased the Angels' lead to 3-1 in the third with his 12th homer, ending an 0-for-18 drought that began with his first at-bat following the All-Star break. But the Rangers pulled even in the fourth when Murphy hit a two-run homer after a single by Young.

"A lot of good things happened in that game. Number one, we got Haren out of there. And that's not an easy feat," Washington said. "The thing we could do is shut down that sixth inning. And that's where it happened, right there. We could have gotten out of that inning with the lead even if they scored three. But they put six up."

Notes: The only pitcher in Rangers history to throw three consecutive shutouts was knuckleballer Charlie Hough in 1983. His catcher in all three of those games was Jim Sundberg. ... This was the 10th time in Holland's last 11 starts that the Rangers scored in the first inning. By contrast, it was only the second time in Haren's last 17 starts that the Angels scored in the first.

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OIL AND GAS DOCKET  
NO. 7C-0271139  
IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS  
Austin, Texas  
July 8, 2011

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF BROAD OAK ENERGY, INC. TO CONSIDER A NEW FIELD DESIGNATION FOR THE SUGG A LEASE, WELL NO. 158H, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ROBLE GRANDE (STRAWN/WOODFORD) FIELD TO CONSIDER SPECIAL FIELD RULES FOR THE PROPOSED NEW FIELD AND TO CONSIDER BLANKET RULE 10 COMMINGLING AUTHORITY IN THE SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD AND THE PROPOSED NEW FIELD FOR WELLS IN REAGAN AND GLASSCOCK COUNTIES, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2011), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on AUGUST 12, 2011, at 9:00a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2011). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Broad Oak Energy, Inc. to consider a new field designation for the Sugg A Lease, Well No. 158H, to be known as the Roble Grande (Strawn/Woodford) Field, to consider special field rules for the proposed new field and to consider blanket Rule 10 commingling authority in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field and the proposed new field for wells in Reagan and Glasscock Counties, Texas.

Applicant is proposing the following:

- 1. A new field designation and discovery allowable for its Sugg A, Well No. 158H (API No. 42-383-37033) in the Roble Grande (Strawn/Woodford) Field (Proposed), Reagan County, Texas;
- 2. Special field rules for this new field as follows:

- a.) That the field be defined as that certain stratigraphic interval and correlative equivalent from 9477 feet to 9941 feet as seen in the Gamma Ray/High Resolution Laterolog Array log of the Broad Oak Energy, Inc. Sugg A Well No. 158H (API No. 42-383-37033), Section 158, Block 2, T&P RR Co. Survey, Abstract 708, Reagan County, Texas;
- b.) Spacing of 467/0' for both vertical and horizontal wells and subject to the Take Point Spacing Rule for horizontal wells as set forth below;

c.) Prescribed drilling and proration units for vertical and horizontal oil wells of 80 acres with a maximum diagonal of 3000 feet and subject to Statewide Rule 86 as to acreage assignment and maximum diagonal limitations for horizontal wells;

d.) Option of operator to assign a tolerance of not more than 80 acres to any vertical well on a 80 acre unit to receive allowable credit for not more than 160 acres;

e.) Option of operator to assign a tolerance of not more than 80 acres to any horizontal well, plus any additional acreage authorized to be assigned to such well by Statewide Rule 86 to receive allowable credit for up to the maximum acreage so authorized for assignment;

f.) Special Density Exception Rule for all wells allowing an operator the option of obtaining exceptions to Statewide Rule 38 on units of less than 80 acres but not less than 20 acres as set forth on the attached Exhibit A that is attached to the Notice of Hearing that is on file at the Commission's Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Austin, Texas;

g.) Take Point Spacing Rule for horizontal wells in accordance with the attached Exhibit B that is attached to the Notice of Hearing that is on file at the Commission's Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Austin, Texas;

h.) Off Lease Penetration Point Rule for horizontal wells in accordance with the attached Exhibit C that is attached to the Notice of Hearing that is on file at the Commission's Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Austin, Texas;

i.) Deviation Box Rule defining compliance with the spacing rules for horizontal wells as set forth on the attached Exhibit D that is attached to the Notice of Hearing that is on file at the Commission's Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Austin, Texas;

j.) Stacked Lateral Rule for horizontal wells in accordance with the attached Exhibit E that is attached to the Notice of Hearing that is on file at the Commission's Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Austin, Texas;

k.) Top Allowable of 440 BOPD as the discovery allowable for the depths in question for wells on 80 acres until that allowable expires pursuant to Commission rules. At that time, the top allowable would become 250 BOPD based on the 1965 yardstick for wells on 80 acres;

l.) Allocation formula based on 75% acreage and 25% per well;

m.) A determination that any operators and unleased interests in tracts more than 2 1/2 miles from the discovery well for the proposed new field are unaffected by this application for a new field designation and special field rules for the new field.

3. Blanket Rule 10 downhole commingling authority for wells located in Reagan and Glasscock Counties that are completed in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field and the proposed new field with commingled production to be assigned to the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field.

4. Cancellation of any overproduction that may have accrued to wells in the proposed new field

If you have questions regarding this application,

please contact the Applicant's representative, Philip Whitworth, at (512)495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512)463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512)463-7327 or TDD No. (512)463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

A LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES of those persons receiving notice of this hearing is contained in the Commission's file on this proceeding and is available for inspection at the Railroad Commission's offices in the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Maybe you know of the mystical "third eye" — an optical tool that humans possess to see ethereal levels of reality not readily available to their other two eyeballs. Have you ever heard of a "third ear"? If you listen through yours on this, the last day of Cancer's solar journey, you might hear Diana Ross singing "Reach Out and Touch (Somebody's Hand)."



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You may wake up in a lazy, unfocused mood, but you can prevent this from occurring two days in a row. Write a concrete plan for tomorrow, and you'll wake up in the right frame of mind for major productivity.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Unchecked speech causes problems. Thoughtlessness is dangerous, and so is a distracted mind. Do what you have to do to get centered before you express yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When you are truly a newcomer to a scene, you need things broken down to the most basic elements. Ask questions. Anyone who makes you feel silly for doing so is the wrong teacher for you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). As any good dancer knows, opposing sides can still cooperate with each other. When they do, the result can be more interesting than what comes from people cooperating with others who are already on the same side.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Even when something is completely unfamiliar to you, you are still able to open your mind to the possibility that it exists somewhere in the universe. You'll thrive creatively because this is how you are.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're interested in a bigger income because it will allow you more choices. Instead of

desiring money, shift your focus. It will make you wealthier when you desire to provide a great value to others.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't have to make drastic changes to improve the quality of your life in a big way. You'll de-clutter some small part of your world — like a drawer or closet — and it will be the gesture that brings good fortune to you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). All the things you should do seem even more boring, tedious and ordinary than the things you have to do. So you'll likely rebel and do only what you really want to do. Let the chips fall where they may!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes familiarity makes it harder for you to see someone how he or she really is. You compensate for this by actively looking for something positive about a loved one.

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's hard to say why exactly, but your self-improvement efforts may annoy other people. You're better off keeping it on the down low for now, except with your most supportive loved ones.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a situation that is just getting old to you. You won't have to make a move to change the game, though. This will happen naturally. The problem will simply disappear.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 21). A free and easygoing feeling permeates your personal atmosphere. Obstacles are lifted in August. November kicks off a series of accomplishments. Share your good fortune with others in September, and teach what you know, too. An investment pays off in May. Physical

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5:PM	News ABC	Alma Notic.	Lopez News	News	Noticias Noticiero	News	King	Israel Alan Lee	News Business	70s Show	Cash Cab	Movie: Rambo: First Blood Part II	Jail	Bones	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Phineas Good	SportsNation	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Cuando Me	Two Men	News	Caso Cer-rado	News	King	Dr. Denis CCM	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Deadliest Catch	Jail	Bones	The BET Awards 2011	Phineas Good	Football		
7:PM	Wipeout	Teresa (SS)	So You Think	Ent	Mi Corazón Insiste	Commun Parks	Movie: Journey to the Center of the Earth	Upd Brad	Daytrip Parks	The Vampire Diaries	Deadliest Catch	Movie: Conan the Barbarian, Sandahl Bergman	Jail	Bones	Good	2011 Home Run Derby	Softball	
8:PM	Expedition Imp.	Triunfo del Amor	Glee	Big Brother	Decisiones Extr	Office 30 Rock	Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Pioneers, Television	Payne Browns	Sons of Guns	Jail	Bones	iMPACT Wrestling	Movie: WALL-E, Jeff Garlin	Softball	Baseball Tonight	
9:PM	Rookie Blue	El Equipo (SS)	Simpsons How I Met	The Mentalist	La Casa de al Lado	Love Bites	Fam. Guy	Charlie Rose	Roseanne	Alaskan Hunt	Movie: Conan the Barbarian, Sandahl Bergman	Deadliest Warrior	CSI: NY	The Mo'Nique	ANT Farm Good	SportsNation	SportsCenter	
10:PM	News Nightline	Impacto Noticiero	How I Met Raymond	News	Noticias Titulares	News	Conan	Cortes Van Impe	Roseanne	South Pk	Sons of Guns	MAN	Franklin & Bash	Wendy Williams	Wizards	SportsNation	Baseball	
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Para Volver a Amar	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones (SS)	Late Night	Lopez Tonight	Dr. Denis Scrivner	World (Off Air)	South Pk	Deadliest Catch	Trailers	CSI: NY	Movie: I Do... I Did!, April Scott	Hannah Deck	Softball	SportsCenter	
12:AM	Extra	Destinando Amor	Raymond	Insider	Pagado	News	Lopez Tonight	Light of the Southwest	Days of Harvest	Double Life	Movie: History of the World Part I	MAN	Southland	Hannah Deck	Softball	SportsCenter		
1:AM	Paid	Mujer	TMZ	Ent	Pagado	Poker After Dark	Lopez Tonight	Light of the Southwest										

### DENNIS THE MENACE

"SURE, I KNOW THE FACTS OF LIFE."  
"EAT YOUR VEGGIES, AN' NEVER LEAVE THE TOILET SEAT UP."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Stay on the red line, PJ! If you fall off you hafta go back to 'start.'"

### HAGAR

HOW WAS YOUR DAY?  
SO-SO...  
WHAT DID YOU DO?  
I SEWED!

### BLONDIE

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT COMBINATION OF FOOD AND FUN? HI... DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD HERE FOR 'CLOWNBURGER!'  
SEE HOW THIS SOUNDS, DAISY... "TAKE 3"  
BECAUSE AT 'CLOWNBURGER' EVERY MEAL IS SERVED WITH A SIDE DISH OF LAUGHTER!!  
HONEY, DID YOU SEE THAT 'CLOWNBURGER' IS ADDITIONING CUSTOMER SPOKESPEOPLE FOR THEIR COMMERCIALS?!

### BC

ENJOY THE NEW WHEEL!  
THOR WHEELS  
WHAT ON EARTH WAS THAT?  
THE ORIGINAL DEPRECIATION DROP-OFF.

### WIZARD OF ID

WHEN CAN I EXPECT MY BODY TO START FALLING APART?  
UNFORTUNATELY ABOUT THE SAME TIME YOU FINALLY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO START HAVING FUN

## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 21, the 202nd day of 2011. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

On this date:

In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill.; poet Hart Crane was born in Garrettsville, Ohio.

In 1911, Canadian communications theorist Marshall McLuhan, who coined such expressions as "The medium is the message," was born in Edmonton.

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration (later the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1959, the NS Savannah, the first nuclear-powered merchant ship, was christened by first lady Mamie Eisenhower at Camden, N.J.

In 1961, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Kay Starr is 89. Movie director Norman Jewison is 85. Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 73. Actress Patricia Elliott is 69. Actor David Downing is 68.

Actor Edward Herrmann is 68. Actor Leigh Lawson is 66. Actor Wendell Burton is 64. Actor Art Hindle is 63. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 63. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 63. Comedian-actor Robin Williams is 60. Actor Jamey Sheridan is 60. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 58. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 54. Actor Lance Guest is 51. Actor Matt Mulhern is 51. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 48. Rock musician Koehn Lieckens (K's Choice) is 45. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 42. Country singer Paul Brandt is 39. Actress Ali Landry is 38. Actor Justin Bartha is 33. Actor Josh Hartnett is 33. Contemporary Christian singer Brandon Heath is 33. Actress Sprague Grayden is 33.

Answer to previous puzzle

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### AGNES

WHOA! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT! IS THAT SOMEONE'S HOUSE?  
YEP.  
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY DO IN THERE ALL DAY?  
THEY PROBABLY FUSS ABOUT WHERE TO PUT THEIR KNICKKNACKS.  
MY MOM HAD A KNICKKNACK, BUT SHE SOLD IT SO SHE WOULDN'T HAVE TO DUST IT.  
TIME IS MONEY.

### HI AND LOIS

CAN I MAKE DINNER TONIGHT?  
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE?  
WHAT'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT?  
NOT CHOCOLATE-CHIP LASAGNA.

### THE OTHER COAST

OH, NO. HERE COMES YAPPY YORKIE. I REALLY DO NOT WANT TO TALK TO HER.  
INSTINCTIVELY, I CROUCH DOWN LOW IN THE WEEDS. THEY'LL PASS BY, COMPLETELY UNAWARE I'M HERE.  
HI, KOKO.  
I FEEL LIKE A COMPLETE IDIOT, BUT I'M A PRISONER TO CANINE TRADITION.

### SNUFFY SMITH

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FEEL FOUR DAYS AN' L'L' PORKER DON'T ACT LIKE HE'S MISSED ME A TALL !!  
THAT'D BE MY FAULT, MAW...  
JUGHAD AIN'T TOO FOND OF MY COOKIN' !!  
ALL YORES--AG'IN !!

### BEEBLE BAILEY

WHAT'S WRONG, BEEBLE?  
I'M STUCK  
BESIDES DOING NOTHING, I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE NOT TO DO!

### NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Finish filming
- Tiff
- Frequent
- Hinge (on)
- Marcher's instrument
- Treats with milk
- Diabolical
- Internet surfer
- Sprinters' assignments
- One above the ground
- Sully
- Arranges at intervals
- Cut severely
- Military newbies
- Thing to avoid
- Senator Hatch
- Sister or cousin
- Shaving products
- New Testament trio
- Refuse to yield
- Coffee variety
- Does Louvre work
- Intolerant person
- Checking, e.g.
- Bartlett relative
- Racing-car device
- Stow cargo
- Former Marseilles money
- Raison d'

DOWN

- Quote-book abbr.
- Walk-on
- Snorkeling site
- Rhymester
- Takes by force
- Let slip
- Grammy winner
- Keys
- Air-race markers
- Cuff-link alternative
- Face, so to speak
- Helps in a heist
- Divination deck
- Multilingual
- Savings source for some
- Buddhist sect
- Monster Muppet
- Beast of burden
- Ultimate degree
- Criminal charge
- Halliwell of the Spice Girls
- River of Spain
- Cayuse control
- IRS ID
- Conclusion
- College accommodation
- Teachers' org.
- Gymnast Korburt
- Off-white shade
- Edinburgh miss
- Leave out
- Trattoria order
- Make public
- Needle holder
- Singing syllable
- Grey's Anatomy network
- High-school room
- Exotic pet
- Broad-winged bird
- Take care of
- Key in
- Do a figure eight
- Field measure
- White-hat wearer
- Chargers' and Chiefs' grp.
- Hunters' lobby
- Copier mishap
- Early afternoon

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