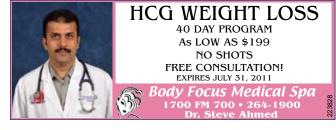


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# Valuations on the rise

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# Minerals, refinery appraisal account for most of increase

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

An upward trend in minerals — along with a higher appraisal of the Big Spring Refinery — has most area taxing entities enjoying an increase in certified taxable values. The Howard County Ap-

praisal District released its 2011 certified values this week and the county saw a \$418,379,799 increase in its



McKibben HCAD chief, said

increases in mineral values and higher valuations for the refinery.

Those

previous

\$2,521,294,261 for

2011, compared to

\$2,102,914,462 the

the jump is due to

year.

"With minerals up, you this year, which makes for a know you're going to see some figures are certified at form of an upward bump across the board," McKibben two elements are the reason said. "However, the values set by the (Appraisal Review Board) for the refinery makes a huge difference, as well. Alon USA wasn't able to get the board to go along with an \$80 million valuation like they got last year. Their value has been set at \$215 million

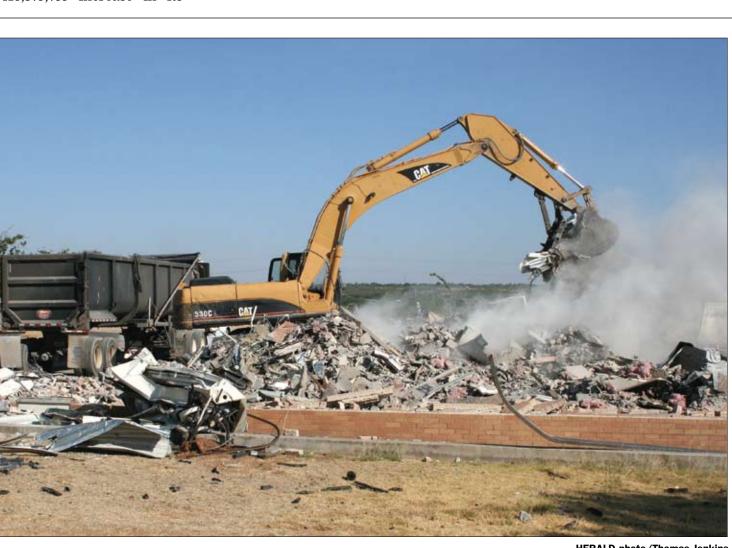
\$135 million boost for values for several entities. Those this year's valuations are so much higher than last year."

Howard College also shared in the upward trend, seeing a \$418,217,029 increase in taxable values from the 2011 certified value of \$2,513,189,601, compared to the \$2,094,972,572 posted in 2010.

The increase in valuations at the Big Spring Refinery also helped to elevate certified values for the Big Spring Independent School District, which came out ahead by \$200,645,787 with a 2011 certified value of \$1,211,328,363, compared to 2010's \$1,010,682,576.

Area cities saw nominal

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**HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins** 

Work crews remove what remains of Moss Elementary this morning. The school building was recently demolished to make way for a new campus, which will be built on the site.

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# **Forsan ISD to name** new technology head

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees will discuss personnel issues when they hold a short meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the administration wing board room. Administrators will recommend a new

district technology director and fifth grade math teacher to trustees during the meeting. Shawn McVicars, who has been tech-

nology director at Buena Vista Independent School District the past six years, is on tap to replace Bob Fishback, who recently died after a three-year battle with cancer.

Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson said McVicars will have some big

"First of all, we've had to remind our-

selves that we're not trying to replace Bob. There's simply no way to replace him," Johnson said. Fishback served FISD for

29 years, first as high school band director, then for the past 15 years as technology

director. Under his direction, the school district experienced a technology revolution, Johnson said. "He took us from the point where we only had a few

computers to today, where we have 450 computers and seven computer labs," Johnson said. "I could go through a long list of his accomplishments, but really, he was the creator of our current technology system.

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# Council nixes **Atmos** request

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to deny a proposed rate increase from natural gas provider Atmos Energy, saying

not only is the rate hike unwarranted, a rate decrease is in order.

The council approved first reading of the resolution, denying Atmos **Energy Corporation West** Texas Division's fourth annual rate review mechanism filing; permitting



the company to establish a regulatory asset for new depreciation rates which may be considered in a system-wide rate filing; requiring the company to reimburse cities' reasonable ratemaking expenses; adopting a saving clause; determining that this resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of the resolution to the company and the steering committee's legal coun-

"On April 1 they filed with the city for an annual increase of \$2.9 million. This is their fourth filing under this particular type of rate review mechanism," City Finance Director Peggy Walker said. "It does give the city some leeway in negotiating, so we hired someone and they went in and reviewed all of the operating expenses, as well as the revenue classes Atmos currently has. Based on the consultant's recommendation, she said they are actually over-earning at this point and should have a rate

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### **Obituaries**

### Ronald Wilcher

Ronald Wilcher, 52, of Lubbock died Saturday, July 23, 2011, at University Medical Center. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2011, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Courtney Ballard, pastor of Cowboy Church, offici-

Patricia and Jack Wilcher. He lived most of his life

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Pat and Harlen Walser of Pacola, Okla.; three brothers, Cliff Walser of Granbury, Chris Waler of Pacola, Okla., and Lloyd Walser of Amarillo; two sisters, Cindy Watson of Lubbock and Brenda Sharp of Arkoma, Okla.,; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Donald Wayne Wilcher, on Jan. 19, 2008; and his father, Jack Wilcher.

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

### Santiago Valencia

Santiago Valencia, 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral

### **Take Note**

- Moss Elementary will hold two "parent transition meetings" to answer questions about the impending move of students to the Goliad campus. The meetings will be held at noon and at 6 p.m. in SMMC Goliad Intermediate School library. Refreshments will be provided.
- A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident who is suffering from cystic fibrosis. For more Piper Road. One person was transported to SMMC. information, call 432-213-0795
- 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.
- 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. Free free foreclosure help, call the
- 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-
- 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.

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### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7

- OTIS JAMES PORTER, 28, of 2510 Hunter, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous convic-
- CLAYTON WILLIAM WIGINGTON, 25, of 602 He was born Oct. 9, 1958, in Brownfield, Texas, to Highland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
  - THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

### **Sheriff**

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this

No arrests were reported during the corresponding period.

### Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of N. Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of Longshore Road. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of
- Alamesa. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near mile marker 166 of Interstate Highway 20. Service
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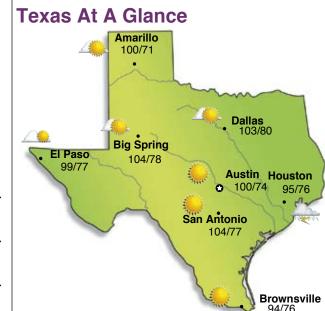
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### **MONDAY**

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- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of top-
- · Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

### **TUESDAY**

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles. noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at

### WEDNESDAY

 RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

### **THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Nonsmoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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ally good friend to everyone in this district," Johnson added. "He was not only our technology director, but he was part of the special climate we've been blessed with here. He was a great, caring guy, and he will be sorely missed."

"But, most of all, he was a re-

In the only other action slated for Thursday's meeting, trustees will approve the hiring of a fifth grade math teacher at Elbow Elementary to replace Amanda Olson, who recently resigned.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

### COUNCIL

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reduction."

city cannot force Atmos to complete a systemwide rate evaluation in hopes of lowering the company's Big Spring rates, Walker said.

"The city would like to see Atmos go through a full system-wide rate evaluation. We believe our rates in this area are too high, while some of the prices in the metropolitan areas, Amarillo and Lubbock, are considerably lower than ours," Walker told the

council. "So, we would like the full-fledged system-wide rate review, but we can't force that.

"However, by allowing this additional depreciation rate, it is something they will be able to take advantage of and it could push it a little bit in the direction of that rate review so we could get it a little sooner than we normally would."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, City Manager Gary Fuqua announced the annual budget workshop schedule. The council will meet beginning at 5:30 p.m. Monday to kick off the workshop, and continue nightly following that day until the process is complete.

"Our hope is to be done Tuesday, but if we need to we have also set aside Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the same time," Fuqua told the council.

For more information on the meetings, contact

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### Ronald Wilcher, 52, Saturday. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial

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gained \$572,371 in val-

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Forsan — which posted

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\$5,813,087 compared to

2010's \$5,298,757 — may

not seem like much at

first blush, McKibben

said it's still a big jump

when you look at the

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Several area school

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which saw a \$24,374,881

increase in its valua-

tions from 2010's figure

of \$381,869,036.

"We go through each territory to look for new structures and property every three years, and this year was Coahoma's year," McKibben said. "It's a situation where new property, additions and other things may have been there for the past two years and we're just now getting them added into the process. That and mineral values are the reason for the sharp increase in Coahoma ISD's valuations."

slight increases, with its maintenance and operation valuation up \$41,292,357 with a 2011 valuation of \$614,247,562 compared to last year's value of \$572,955,205. The district's debt service valuations also

Forsan ISD saw some

valuation of \$815,100,772, up from 2010's valuation of \$762,094,292. The Permian Basin

saw a slight increase of

\$53,006,480 with a 2011

Underground Water Districtalsosawanupswing in values, posting an increase of \$385,702,663 with its 2011 value of \$1,745,838,952 compared to last year's certified value of \$1,360,136,289.

Certainly one of the biggest jumps — percentage-wise — in valuations this year comes from Sands ISD, which saw an increase of \$112,091,623, posting a

2011 value of \$209,752,909 compared to last year's \$97,661,286. "We saw such a pro-

nounced increase in valuations in Sands because of the mineral values," McKibben said. "That is where we are seeing the majority of the new oil production coming from. So, when they go out and find a new oil well, the valuations go up quite a bit."

Stanton ISD is also enjoying the fruits of higher mineral values, up \$4,533,741 with a 2011 valuation of \$25,167,743 compared to

every County Appraisal Dis-

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served by the Howard trict got good news, however, as Borden ISD posted a \$19,994 loss with a 2011 certified value of \$13,850,598 and a 2010 value of \$13,870,592.

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### OTHER VIEWS

### Chamber deadlines fast approaching

ig Spring's Area Chamber of Commerce is wrapping up registration for its Leadership Big Spring 2011-12 class. Leadership Big Spring provides busi-

nesses and individuals an opportunity to get better acquainted with the inner workings of the city and all its departments. The 10-month course is designed to show new

and old residents a part of the community they may not have known about and better aquaint them with the importance of each department.

For businesses, it is a great way to get their employees involved in the community and build more leaders in their company and for the city of Classes meet once a month to tour and get an in-

side look at different entities, including the City of Big Spring departments, CRMWD, different businesses throughout town. Class members are required to attend a city council meeting. For those wanting to take part in this year's

Leadership Big Spring, there is still time. Applications must be submitted along with the registration fee - \$400 for members and \$600 for nonmembers — no later than July 29.

Also, if Leadership Big Spring isn't something for you, but you still want to get up to date with the industrial side of the community, there is still time to purchase tickets for Part 3 of the State of the Community Series.

The program will start at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 10 in Howard College's Cactus Room, and updates will be given by representatives of Alon USA, Federal Bureau of Prisons, WETTS and The GEO Group, Inc. An update will also be given by Larry Rodgers, CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Tickets are \$12 and help cover the expenses incurred putting on the series and can be purchased and on newspaper at the chamber office, located at 215 W. Third St. No tickets will be sold at the door and the deadline to purchase is Aug. 5.

To find out more information about chamber events, or how to become a chamber member, call 263-7641.

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### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can break free of constraints, Lord, when we give our problems to You through prayer.

Amen

# Getting and giving headaches

ve been plagued with migraines for years. So when The Daily Caller reported that GOP presidential hopeful Michele Bachmann has had severe migraines, it took my colleagues but minutes to propose that I write on the controversy.

I resisted, but this story is a big talker. I've got

a personal angle. I'm a columnist. What else could I Some people get

migraines. Some people give them. We, the chosen few, do both.

According to The Daily Caller's anonymous sources, the Republican



Do they have a point? I suppose. I've had days when I was in so much pain that I could not write. I wouldn't trust myself to pilot a plane. Then again, with or without a

migraine, I would have trouble

keeping up with Bachmann's nonstop schedule.

This controversy takes care of itself. Bachmann faces months under the pressure cooker of high-stakes hardball presidential politics — the mother of all migraine triggers. She's at a disadvantage. When you're running for president, you can't ask town hall sponsors to turn down the bright lights and ask participants to speak really softly.

If she can tough out the campaign despite the headaches, then she can tough out a lot. If she can't, then she loses.

Me? I am more concerned about Bachmann's promise to vote against any bill that would raise the debt ceiling.

Congress bought the car years ago and put some miles on it; now Bachmann argues that it is moral to avoid the car payments. That's what scares me. Meanwhile, this brouhaha

could win Bachmann, if not support, at least sympathy. Women are likelier to get migraines than men. Many women develop migraines as they approach perimenopause. (Bachmann's doctor son said that his 55-yearold mother started getting migraines 15 years ago.) Do not think that women will read the anonymous leakers' fears about Bachmann buckling under the stress and not smell a rat — and not just because rogue smells can be another migraine symp-

Remember that old argu-

ment that a woman could not be president because she would have trouble keeping her cool during "that time of the month"? Brace yourself. In this election cycle, that mothballed idea has morphed into migraines and menopause.

The old menstrual cycle argument was based on the notion that women are too emotional for high office but that men do not lose their cool. (It helps if you don't know any men.) Now comes the migraine argument, used by former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, also a GOP White House hopeful. He told reporters, "There's no real time off in that job."

Apparently, Western civilization would crumble if a female president spent an afternoon on a couch with a cold washcloth on her forehead, because then she wouldn't be able to play golf. pose for a photo opportunity or campaign for re-election like your usual president.

Oh, and, Gov. Pawlenty, if you're worried about a candidate's not being able to govern 24/7, don't play hockey.

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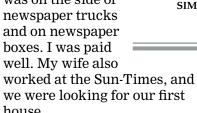
# The evil of Rupert Murdoch

first and last talked to Rupert Murdoch in late 1983 or early 1984, when he bought my newspaper in Chicago. I say it was "my" newspaper not

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because I owned it — far greedier people than even me owned it — but because it was my first extended job, and I had come to love it. I was writing four columns a week, my picture was on the side of newspaper trucks boxes. I was paid well. My wife also



And then we heard that Murdoch might buy our paper. Murdoch was well known in the newspaper industry. He had the same formula for almost all of his newspapers: Stories were to stress sex, violence, crime and racial discord.

Murdoch came to see what would soon be "his" paper — it may have been his first trip to Chicago — and about two dozen employees were summoned to a dinner with him. He was relaxed and easygoing and promised as he always did when he bought a paper — to retain its quality and integrity.

It was a lie, and we knew it was a lie — but we tried to persuade ourselves of its truth for as long as possible. For me, that wasn't long.

I had a conversation with him about various sections of the paper. "I don't understand anything about American sport," he told me breezily, "but I know the coloreds like it.'

I told him that in America we no longer used the word "coloreds," that it was considered insulting.

He looked at me the way Queen Victoria might have looked at a footman who had told her she was using the wrong fork to eat her pheasant. The evening went downhill

from there. I told others about my conversation with Murdoch. Some were outraged, and others said that maybe Australians just talked that way. (Murdoch later cynically became a U.S. citizen

so he could own U.S. television

Last Thursday, I got an e-mail from a well-know American journalist, who was not at the dinner, but still remembers the stories about it. "Murdoch's current spot of bother in London has me thinking of that tumultuous dinner you enjoyed with him." the e-mail read. "My recollection is that you (and two other journalists) launched an alcoholfueled attack on Murdoch. Ah. those were the good old days.'

Maybe I was alcohol-fueled later on in the evening, but I clearly remember telling the top Sun-Times editors at the dinner that if Murdoch didn't destroy the paper immediately, it would be the slow "death of a thousand cuts," and the result would be the same.

I was told to calm down. The editors had talked to Murdoch at length, and he had given them his personal assurance that the paper's quality would be maintained.

Within a few months, all those editors were gone. They had quit in disgust or had been shown the door. Murdoch imported his own thugs and stooges from Britain to run the place.

"Quality" was just another word for snobbism, they said. It was not what the masses wanted. And those who disagreed were elite and effete.

"Rupert likes a man who (urinates) standing up," one told me. I never knew precisely what

that meant, but the drift was clear enough. (Though where did that leave women? I always wondered.)

My wife quit the paper immediately, and I hung on until my contract expired. We left the city of our birth and came east. My wife went to The Washington Post, and I went to the Baltimore

Murdoch later sold the Sun-Times. It was never a big deal to him. It was just a plaything he bought and grew bored with.

And he had other papers. The News of the World, the paper Murdoch was forced to close recently because of a telephonehacking scandal, claimed to be the largest-selling English language newspaper in the world, with a circulation of 2.7 million in nation of 50 million.

Murdoch was a huge force in British politics, ruling by fear, intimidation and inducement. Sarah Lyall of The New York

Times wrote last week about Clare Short, a Labor member of Parliament, who once mentioned "in passing that she did not care for the photographs of saucy topless women that appear every day on Page 3 of the populist tabloid The Sun." owned by Murdoch.

The Sun attacked swiftly with the headline, " 'Fat, Jealous' Clare Brands Page 3 Porn." The paper also sent a busload of "semi-dressed" models to Short's home to jeer at her and stuck a picture of Short's head on the body of a topless woman in the paper.

While powerful politicians often privately deplored the behavior of the British tabloids, they were "afraid to say so publicly, for fear of losing the papers' support or finding themselves the target of their wrath," the Times article said.

The editor of The Sun at the time of the attack on that "fat, jealous" member of Parliament was Rebekah Wade, now Rebekah Brooks, who has been arrested in the phone-hacking scandal and who testified Tuesday before a parliamentary committee right after Murdoch finished.

Brooks was very, very sorry about the criminal stuff that happened, but she really knew nothing about it. It was the same defense Murdoch had used.

"I was clearly misled," Murdoch said. "They kept me in the dark."

Sure they did. Nobody knew nothin' about nothin'. Nothing about phone-hacking in Britain or of the 9/11 survivors in America, nothing about the bribery of the police or of cozy and lucrative relationships with top government officials.

Their eyes and ears had been closed and now their mouths were, too.

It was a day of see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil ... and evil.

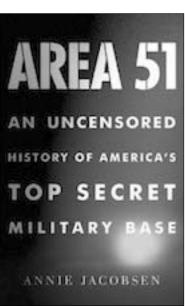
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# Why not check this out at the library?

nnie Jacobsen is an investigative re-**\_**porter whose work has appeared in several national newspapers. Her newest book is "Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base" (001.942 JAC A).

Area 51 is one of the most famous military installations in the world and yet it doesn't officially exist. Located only 75 miles from Las Vegas, the base has never been acknowledged by the U.S. government. Annie Jacobsen had

access to 19 men who served on the base



proudly and secretly for decades. In addition, she had access to many more persons who were based there or worked there in the years of the nuclear program and other classified

archives. Much of the reports have now been declassified and are available for examina-



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tion. Read Jacobsen's book to see the real story of Area 51. Jeff Greenfield is a distinguished

political, media and culture reporter for vari-

ous outlets - CBS, ABC and CNN. He has written "Then Everything Changed: Stunning Alternate Histories of

> American Politics" (973.92 GRE J). Greenfield has chosen critical moments in time that could have changed history in extraordinary ways. While I have not read all of it, the portions I have read are fascinating.

Some fun fiction: Fern Michaels' "The Marriage Game" (F NUC F). The new wife of Douglas Cosmo Rainford III re-

turns from her honeymoon to find divorce papers waiting for her. Shocked and heartbroken, she soon discovers she is maybe the fourth (or is it fifth) wife to be treated in such a way.

She decides not to

get mad but get even. Garnering the support of all the ex-wives, the revenge train starts moving. While this was published in 2007, it is still an amusing, lighthearted book perfect for the pool side (that is, if you have water in your pool).

Here is an older book that a patron brought to my attention: "This, Too, Is Ours" (917.89 SMI D), by Doris Sawyer Smith was first published in 1965. It is an introduction to a state that is unique in its culture, New Mexico.

American, Spanish, Indian and Mexican are blended together into the "Land of Enchantment." Smith's travels will take you far and wide across the state and back into history.

There are interesting facts about Indian dances, beliefs and customs; the Basket-maker Indians who once lived near Carlsbad and the significance of the Folsom diggings are discussed in a simple, understandable way. The book is not a treatise on the anthropology of the state, it is merely an explanation of New Mexico's attraction to visitors and natives alike.

Last week, Big Spring and the Library lost two great ladies.

Nancy Jones was the heart of the Senior Center and RSVP. I was not in my job (way back in 2001) a month before Nancy called and asked if I would be interested in being on the Advisory Council.

Have you ever tried to say no to Nancy? Well, then you know what happened; I was on it.

Before she and Becky moved out to the Senior

Center, they were located in the Polly Mays Annex. I would walk on over from the Library to see them, and the first thing Nancy would say is, "Hollis, how are you doing?" with a big smile. You could not help but answer, "Just fine."

Although, if you were troubled and down, Nancy would either cheer you up or help you work out your problem by listening and offering advice or both.

Nancy was always up

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The most not talked about subject in our community. Sexual Assault of a child.

Maybe we don't want to believe it happens in our back yard?

Or Is it that we just don't understand what sexual assault of a child really is.

### What is child sexual abuse exactly?

If you are not exactly sure what sexual abuse is, you're not alone. All sexual touching between an adult and a child is sexual abuse. Sexual touching between children can also be sexual abuse when there is a significant age difference (often defined as 3 or more years) between the children or if the children are very different developmentally or size-wise. Sexual abuse does not have to involve penetration, force, pain, or even touching. If an adult engages in any sexual behavior (looking, showing, or touching) with a child to meet the adult's sexual needs or interest, it is

Most often child sexual abuse is a gradual process and not a single event. By learning the early warning signs and how to effectively step in and speak up, sexual abuse can be stopped before a child is harmed. Adults must take the primary responsibility for preventing child sexual abuse by addressing any concerning or questionable behavior which may pose a risk to a child's safety.

### **WARNING SIGNS:**

### Behavior you may see in a child

- Has nightmares or other sleep problems without an explanation
- Seems distracted or distant at odd times
- Has a sudden change in eating habits
- Refuses to eat
- Loses or drastically increases appetite
- Has trouble swallowing.
- Sudden mood swings: rage, fear, insecurity or withdrawal
- Leaves "clues" that seem likely to provoke a discussion about sexual issues
- Writes, draws, plays or dreams of sexual or frightening images
- Develops new or unusual fear of certain people or places Refuses to talk about a secret shared with an adult or older child
- Talks about a new older friend
- Suddenly has money, toys or other gifts without reason
- Thinks of self or body as repulsive, dirty or bad Exhibits adult-like sexual behaviors, language and knowledge

### Signs more typical of younger children An older child behaving like a younger child (such as bed-wetting or thumb

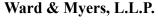
- Has new words for private body parts
- Resists removing clothes when appropriate times (bath, bed, toileting, diapering) Asks other children to behave sexually or play sexual games
- Mimics adult-like sexual behaviors with toys or stuffed animal
- Wetting and soiling accidents unrelated to toilet training

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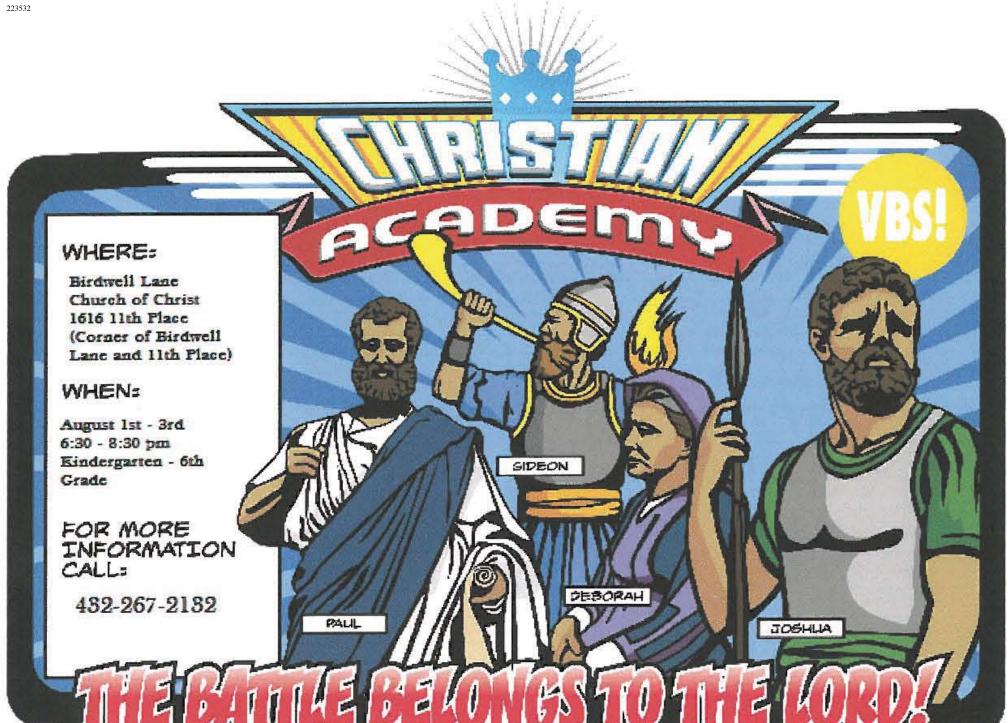
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# Lessons learned from a mother's hands

was reading a story recently that made me realize this is the kind of story

change the fate of an individual. It's a story of learning from experience and gaining wisdom.

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The director asked, "Did you obtain any scholarships in school?" the youth answered "None." The director asked,

"Was it your father

who paid for your school fees?" The youth answered, "My father passed away when I was a year old — it was my mother who paid for my school fees.' The director asked,

"Where did your mother work?" The youth answered, "My mother worked as a clothes cleaner."

The director requested the youth to show his hands. The youth showed a pair of hands that were smooth and perfect.

The director asked, "Have you ever helped your mother wash the clothes before?" The youth answered, "Never, my mother always wanted me to study and read more books. Furthermore, my mother can wash clothes faster than me.'

The director said, "I have a request. When you go back today, go and clean your mother's hands, and then see me tomorrow morning."

The youth felt that his chance of landing the job was high. When he went back, he happily asked his mother to let him clean her hands. His mother felt strange, but with mixed feelings, she showed her hands to the young

As the youth cleaned his mother's hands, tears slowly fell from his eyes. It was the first time he noticed his mother's hands were wrinkled and had many bruises. Some of those bruises were so painful his mother shivered when they were cleaned with water.

This was the first time he realized it was this pair of hands that washed the clothes every day to enable him to pay the school fee. The bruises in the mother's hands were the price the mother had to pay for his graduation, academic excellence and his future.

After finishing the cleaning of his mother hands, the youth quietly washed all the remaining clothes for his mother. That night, mother and son talked for a very long time.

The next morning, the youth went to the director's office. The director noticed the tears in the youth's eyes and asked, "Can you tell me what have you done and learned yesterday in your house?" The youth answered, "As you suggested, I cleaned my mother's hand and also finished cleaning all the remaining clothes."

The director said, "Please tell me your feelings." The youth said, "I learned to appreciate that without my mother I would not have had the opportunity I have gained, and by working together and helping my mother, I now realize how difficult and tough it is to get something done."

The director said, "This is what I am looking for in my manager. I want to recruit a per-

son who can appreciate the help of others, a person who knows the sufferings of others to get things done, and a person who would not put money as his only goal in life."

As time went by, the young man worked very hard and received the respect of his subordinates. Every employee worked diligently and as a team. The company's performance improved tremendously. This story is an

example to show us a child who has been protected and habitually given whatever he wanted, would develop "entitlement mentality" and would always put himself first. He would be ignorant of his parents' efforts; he would assume every person must listen to him, and therefore he would never know the suffer-

This kind of person, who may be good academically, may be

ings of other people.

successful for a while, but would eventually not feel a true sense of achievement. If we are this kind of protective parents, are we really showing love or are we destroying our children instead?

We can let our kids live in a big house, eat a good meal, and watch a big screen TV. But when we are cutting grass, we should let our kids also experience it. After a meal, let our children wash their plates and bowls

together. We want them to understand that one day their hair will grow gray, the same as the mother in our story and they must learn how to appreciate effort, experience difficulty and learn the ability to work with others to get things done.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.

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and we will miss her very much. One more observation: You could always hear Nancy

coming — her heart was so big, she just had to have a big voice too.

Another sweet lady has passed on to her reward: Lily Howard. While I knew Lily as an avid reader and user of the library, I will let Martha Vierra tell

of her friendship with

Martha met Lily in June 1981 — 30 yrs. ago. Lily worked many Friends of the Library books sales at the **Scurry Street location** until her friend "Arthur" (arthritis) made

it too hard. She loved to read and would either call Martha with a list of books or Martha would call her with some books she knew Lily would like.

Lily always had a smile on her face, even if she was not feeling

100 percent. She lived life to the fullest while dancing (either square or line dancing) and was a member of the Line Dancers at the Senior Center, until Arthur made it too painful to participate. Lily loved her "kids"

all her "kids" too. Lily was such a dear friend to Martha, sending her flowers on her birthday or at Christmas. The last time Martha saw her was Monday, July 18 (day before her

very much and we were

There won't be a call

death) and as they said

goodbye, Lily said "I'll give you a call next

next week, but just think, Lily, now you have a huge library to read from. And, best of all, no fines to pay!

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Recently, the U.S.Army Corps of Engineers completed a Site Inspection at the former Big Springs Precision Bombing Range (PBR) Number S-II. This site was used as a daytime practice bombing target for bombardiers stationed at the Big Spring Army Airfield between 1943 and 1945.

The former Big Springs PBR Number S-II is one of many former military installations throughout the United States that are being reviewed under the Department of Defense's Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol. This protocol is used to assess sites that may have unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions and/ or munitions constituents, and to assign priorities for any additional investigation or munitions removal that may be required.

The evaluation criteria, including types of munitions that may be present, ease of access to the site and number of people living near the site, are available for public review in the Site Inspection Report located at the Mitchell County Public Library, 340 Oak Street, Colorado City, TX 79512 and Sterling County Public Library 301 Main Street, Sterling City, TX 76951.

For more information or if you have additional information about past activities related to the former Big Springs PBR Number S-II,

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# Odds and Ends

wins 2011 bad writing contest

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A sentence in which tiny birds and the English language are both slaughtered took top honors Monday in an annual bad writing

Sue Fondrie of Oshkosh, Wis., won the 2011 Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest for her sentence comparing forgotten memories to dead sparrows, said San Jose State University Prof. Scott Rice. The contestant asks writers to submit the worst possible opening sentences to imaginary novels.

Fondrie wrote: "Cheryl's mind turned like the vanes of a wind-powered turbine, chopping her sparrow-like thoughts into bloody pieces that fell

onto a growing pile of forgotten memories." The University of Wisconsin professor's 26-word sentence is the shortest grand prize winner in the

contest's 29-year history, Rice said. Contest judges liked that Fondrie's entry reminded them of the 1960s hit song "The Windmills of Your Mind," which Rice described as an image that

"made no more sense then than it does now." The contest is named after British author Edward George Bulwer-Lytton, whose 1830 novel "Paul Clifford" begins with the oft-quoted opening line "It

was a dark and stormy night." The contest solicits entries in a variety of categories. John Doble of New York won in the historical

fiction category: "Napoleon's ship tossed and turned as the emperor, listening while his generals squabbled as they always did, splashed the tepid waters in his bath-

### **Buttery space shuttle** featured in Ohio State Fair

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Cows aren't jumping over the moon in this year's Ohio State Fair butter sculptures, but the refrigerated exhibit does have a space travel theme.

Fair officials said Tuesday the usual cow and calf ter space shuttle and astronaut.

made of butter are accompanied this year by a but-The American Dairy Association says the display pays tribute to the shuttle program's 30-year legacy.

The last space shuttle flight ended Thursday with

the landing of the Atlantis. The trade group says in a news release that the butter sculptors "had a blast" creating the exhibit...

Last year's fair featured two NFL players and a

giant football made of butter.

The 158th Ohio State Fair opens Wednesday.

### News in brief

### Experts watch for red tide during Texas drought

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) -Volunteers are being trained to watch for signs of red tide during the Texas drought and extreme summer heat. The Valley Morning Star reports

about 20 volunteers Tuesday took part in a red tide monitoring course for the South Padre Island area.

Experts say the algae bloom, which can cause respiratory problems for human, has not been found near tourist-popular South Padre Island since

Tony Reisinger, Cameron County extension agent for coastal and marine resources, says a 2005 bloom lasted more than two months, killed at least 500,000 fish and affected tour-

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says common signs of the algae bloom are discolored water and dead fish. Red tide blooms usually happen in late summer or early fall.

### Ex-jailer convicted of hacksaw blades in tacos

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Jurors have convicted a former South Texas jailer of bribery over tacos stuffed with hacksaw blades smuggled to a murder suspect awaiting trial.

Alfred Casas was convicted Tuesday of two counts of accepting bribes and one count of providing an implement for escape in the failed December 2009

The penalty phase begins Wednesday. Casas faces up to 20 years in

Prosecutors say Casas, who has back trouble, received prescription drugs in exchange for smuggling the blades to Jacob Keller. The blades were found during a random search

Keller in January pleaded guilty to an April 2009 double slaying. He's been sentenced to 21 years in prison.

### **Bodies of 2 recovered** from Texas lake

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — Police have recovered the bodies of a boy and a man who were not wearing life jackets while riding a personal watercraft at a Dallas-area lake.

Grand Prairie police say 13-year-old Erick Lara from Mexico and 32-yearold Juan Castro of Grand Prairie apparently drowned. Sgt. Chris Chopin says the deaths appear to have been accidental.

Chopin says the personal watercraft was found floating in the middle of the Joe Pool Lake on Sunday, with no sign of the riders. Searchers located the bodies Tuesday.

### Perry signs tort reform bill into law

AUSTIN (AP) — Some Houston-area Republicans are set to join Gov. Rick Perry for the ceremonial signing of a new law intended to limit frivolous lawsuits. Perry will tout the so-called "loser

pays" bill Wednesday in Houston. The measure, which goes into effect Sept. 1, will levy fees on unsuccessful plaintiffs and allowing meritless suits to be dismissed early in the process. Perry made the measure a top prior-

ity for the Legislature, saying Texas needs to crack down on junk law-Some plaintiffs who sue and lose

will be required to pay the court costs and attorney fees of those they are su-

Trial lawyer groups and the AFL-CIO opposed the measure, arguing it would give corporations the upper hand in lawsuits and prevent individuals with legitimate claims from filing suit.

### Crews battle Big **Country wildfire**

BRECKENRIDGE (AP) — Crews from Texas Forest Service and nine fire departments are fighting heat and tricky terrain as they struggle to contain a wildfire that threatened dozens

The Texas Forest Service says the fire 16 miles south of Breckenridge broke out about 2:20 p.m. Tuesday and had blackened 1,500 acres by late Tuesday night. Fire spokeswoman Jeanne Eastham says C-130 and helicopter tankers were helping the firefighters until dark but that no containment had been reported.

Eastham had no information on

evacuations but said two deer camp shelters and an outbuilding had been lost to the flames and about 32 homes were threatened.

The fire was 90 miles west of Fort Worth in hilly southern Stephens County terrain. No cause had been determined, but temperatures reached 106 degrees there Tuesday.

### Mexico federal police to leave violent border city

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The mayor of Ciudad Juarez says thousands of federal police officers sent to help patrol the violent border city will start leaving in September. Hector Murguia says the decision

to withdraw 5,000 federal agents was made by federal officials who say the city is under control. Federal police took over the city in April 2010 after soldiers were withdrawn amid abuse of power accusations. Murguia told Milenio Television on

Tuesday that security will be turned over to local police officers. The city has gone through extensive efforts to get rid of officers working for drug The Sinaloa and Juarez drug car-

tels have been fighting for control of the city. More than 6,000 people have been killed since 2008 but homicides began declining this year.

### Judge closes alleged Dallas swingers' club

DALLAS (AP) — A judge has closed down a Dallas establishment run by a man who calls it a religious mission but has allegedly been found by Dallas police to be a sex club.

In a statement issued Tuesday, the Dallas city attorney's office said it had obtained a temporary restraining order against Glenn Hudson to close his establishment, The Playground.

In its court petition, the city said Dallas police vice officers had determined in an undercover operation that the business was a "swingers' club" operating in a space that had a certificate of occupancy for a church, mosque or synagogue.

A court hearing is scheduled for

### Perry signs ceremonial budget bill in Panhandle AMARILLO (AP) — Gov. Rick Per-

for a ceremonial signing of a budget bill that slashes funding for public schools and other services. Perry, who grew up about 250 miles southeast of Amarillo, said Tuesday the tough choices to balance the bud-

ry has visited his native West Texas

get will position Texas for continued economic growth and job creation. The longest-serving governor in Texas history is touting his creden-

tials as a fiscal conservative as he considers a run for president. Lawmakers scrambled to balance

the deficit-ridden state budget without raising taxes or spending the so-called rainy day fund, and did so mostly by slashing education by \$4 billion. Perry was vocal about protecting the state's reserve fund.

### 17 killed in prison fight in northern Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) – At least 17 inmates were killed in a prison fight in the border city of Ciudad Juarez, authorities said Tues-

A deadly clash between two rival gangs erupted Monday night at the state prison when a group of inmates entered the preventive detention area and opened fire on inmates there, said Chihuahua state prosecutors spokesman Carlos Gonzalez.

Gonzalez said the inmates had firearms and that police are investigating who smuggled the weapons into the prison.

Manuel del Castillo, a Ciudad Juarez spokesman, initially said the inmates had taken the firearms from prison guards.



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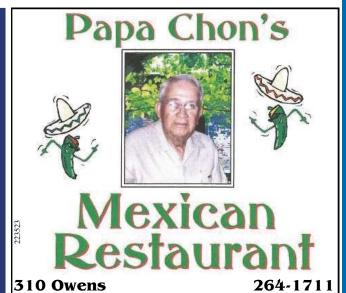
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### News in brief

### Lawmakers seem at a loss on how to agree on raising U.S. debt limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Neither the House nor the Senate has a clear path forward for must-pass legislation to allow the government to continue to borrow to pay its bills, putting lawmakers and financial markets alike on edge less than a week before the deadline for heading off the nation's first-

House Speaker John Boehner was forced late Tuesday to postpone a floor vote on his plan, which originally had been scheduled for Wednesday, after nonpartisan congressional scorekeepers said the proposal would cut spending less than advertised. He promised to rewrite the measure, but the move means the House can't vote on it until Thursday at

Boehner, R-Ohio, needs to do more than pump up the legislation. He needs to shore up his standing with tea party-backed conservatives demanding deeper spending cuts to accompany an almost \$1 trillion increase in the government's borrowing cap. Many conservatives already had promised to oppose it.

"We need more drastic cuts," said Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah. "I can't support it in its current

"I'm searching for a path toward yes but having a difficult time finding it," said Rep Bill Huizenga,

### Speaker's Ohio neighbor leads fight against compromise debt plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Barack Obama complains about House Republicans unwilling to compromise on a deficit reduction package, he's talking about Rep. Jim Jordan, a former wrestling champion from Ohio who is becoming a driving force in the debt debate on Capitol Hill.

Jordan's district is right next to Speaker John Boehner's in the western part of Ohio, but ideologically, he is miles apart from the Republican lead-

As Boehner and his lieutenants scrambled Tuesday for votes for the speaker's latest debt bill, Jordan announced at a news conference that he opposed the package, and he boldly predicted the speaker didn't have enough Republican votes to pass it. Tuesday night, GOP leaders postponed a vote planned for Wednesday as they worked to rewrite the package.

"If you look at this, it's about a \$7 billion reduction in spending from what we're currently at," Jordan said. "We advocated something much more than that."

Boehner's plan promised spending cuts in ex-

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cess of \$1 trillion over the next decade in exchange for raising the debt ceiling by a slightly smaller amount. It also would establish a committee of lawmakers to recommend additional budget savings next year in exchange for extending the government's borrowing authority through 2012.

### U.S. contends with higher health costs as baby boomers retire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wealthy countries all over the world are dealing with debts and strained budgets as they mop up after the Great Recession and brace for the budget-busting retirement of the baby boomer generation.

But the United States is in a bigger fix than almost anyone else.

The U.S. federal debt was equal to 95 percent of the overall economy in the first three months of 2011, the fifth-highest on the Associated Press Global Economy Tracker, an analysis of economic and financial data from 30 of the biggest economies.

Every year that the U.S. government spends more than it collects in taxes, it records an annual budget deficit. The \$14.3 trillion debt is the sum of all annual deficits and surpluses.

As U.S. policymakers argue over raising the federal borrowing limit and slashing debts, America is hobbled in ways the others are not. Tax collections are low by historical and international standards. Health care costs are astronomical — and still rising. The political system is gridlocked.

### South Korean landslides leave 19 dead, 1 missing

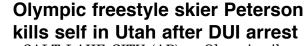
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A blast of heavy rain sent landslides barreling through South Korea's capital and a northern town Wednesday, killing 19 people, including 10 college students doing volun-

The students were killed in an early morning landslide in Chuncheon, about 68 miles (110 kilometers) northeast of the capital, Seoul, said Byun In-soo of the town's fire station. They were staying in a resort cabin when the mud and debris engulfed them. Also killed in Chuncheon were a married couple and a convenience store owner.

About 500 officials and residents worked to rescue people trapped in the mud and wreckage. Twentyfour people were injured and several buildings destroyed, officials said.

In southern Seoul, six people were killed when a wave of mud crashed through residential areas at the foot of a mountain, said Lee Sun-myeong, a city official. The dead were not yet identified. Officials earlier said that one child was missing, but fire official Kim Kyu-tae later said it wasn't clear who the missing person was.

South Korea has been pummeled with strong rain



SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Olympic silver medalist Jeret "Speedy" Peterson was found dead in a remote canyon in Utah in what police are calling a

One of the world's most risk-taking and innovative freestyle skiers, the creator of the one-of-akind "Hurricane" called 911 before shooting himself, police said. The 29-year-old had been cited for drunken driving Friday in Hailey, Idaho and had pleaded not guilty.

Officers found Peterson late Monday night between Salt Lake City and Park City in Lambs Canyon. Police said a suicide note was found near Peterson's car; they declined to reveal what it said.

"Regardless of the amazing stuff he did skiing, it was the stuff he did for other people that was incredible to me," said Peterson's longtime coach and friend, Matt Christensen. "A lot of people saw his story and said he must be a wild jackass and a cowboy. He was just the opposite."

### Taliban claim responsibility for killing mayor of Kandahar

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban say they sent the suicide bomber who killed the mayor of Kandahar in southern Afghanistan.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Mayor Ghulam Haider Hamidi had ordered the destruction of homes that city officials claimed had been illegally constructed

Ahmadi says the Taliban killed the mayor to avenge the deaths of two children who they allege were killed during the demolition work.

Hamidi was the third major powerbroker from the south to be slain this month.

### For thyroid surgery and other procedures, doctors say hypnosis eases recovery, pain for some

LONDON (AP) — As the surgeons cut into her neck, Marianne Marquis was thinking of the beach.

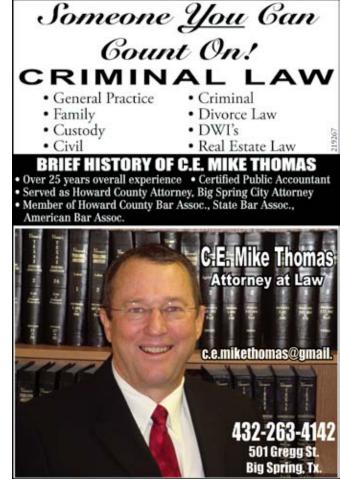
As she heard the doctors' voices, she was imagining her toes in the sand, the water lapping.

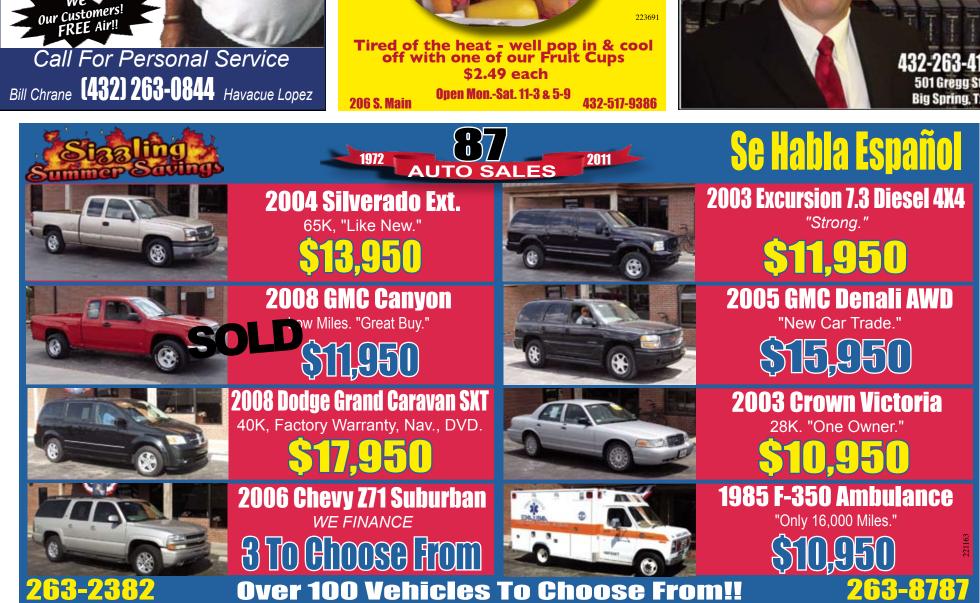
Marquis had been hypnotized before surgery to have her thyroid removed. She's among a growing number of surgical patients at the Belgian hospital, Cliniques Universitaires St. Luc in Brussels, who choose hypnosis and a local anesthetic to avoid the groggy knockout effect of general anesthesia.

These patients are sedated but aware, and doctors say their recovery time is faster and their need for painkillers reduced.

This method is feasible for only certain types of







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The Birdwell Lane Baptist bowling team recently won first place in league play at Bowl-A-Rama. Team members are (from left) Cheree and Brian Reagan, Pastor Rob Dalsing, **Brent and Tammy Newton.** 

# **Birdwell Baptist** bests all bowlers

By GREG CLARKE

Special to the Herald

John and Diana Dodd, proprietors' of Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama, presented a \$500.00 check to Pastor Rob Dalsing and the members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Team for capturing the crown as League Champions at the bowling alley

During the entire 10 week event, despite being in 5th place at the end of week three, with only seven weeks remaining, they never became discouraged or lost their positive attitude of "We can do it". As it turned out, they were right.

By week six, they had climbed to the number one position and held the top spot from that point forward, fighting off a strong upset effort by the 14th & Main Church of Christ team on the final night of league

The 14th and Main Church of Christ team, which consists of Patsy and Claud Fryar, Jimmie Wood and James Riley, was forced to settle for a second place finish.

Betty Gibson, Jane Reed, Vaughn Martin and Paul Johnson, members of the First Baptist Church team, also competed strong and ended their season in the third place.

Throughout the league, members of various ages from Gateway Baptist, Trinity Baptist, Church of Christ, First Baptist, Holy Trinity Catholic, Baptist Temple, Life Church and Birdwell Lane Baptist said they enjoyed lots of fun and laughter, along with a little friendly competition, all for a very worthwhile cause.

# Rangers, Feliz can't hold lead

ARLINGTON (AP) -This time, the Texas Rangers couldn't get enough runs against the Minnesota Twins.

Closer Neftali Feliz squandered the lead in the ninth inning Tuesday, when the Twins scored twice to pull out a 9-8 victory a night after the Rangers' run-scoring barrage when they had the most runs and hits in the major leagues this "It should have been

enough. We certainly were in position to win it," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We had the ball in the hands of the person we wanted to have it in. We just didn't get it done."

The Rangers, who had 27 hits in a 20-7 victory in the series opener, overcame an early 3-0 defi- had given up a ninth-incit against Carl Pavano and took an 8-7 lead into the ninth with the hardthrowing Feliz going to

grounded out leading off the ninth, Delmon Young singled to center and pinch-hitter Jim Thome stuck on 596 career homers since July 17 doubled on a towering flyball just out of the reach of Josh Hamilton's glove near the left-field wall. Young stopped at third after having to hold up to see if the ball would be caught.

With the infield playing in, Tsuyoshi Nishioka hit a slow roller that shortstop Elvis Andrus bobbled for an error while the tying run scored. Joe Mauer then drove home the go-ahead run with a pinch-hit double off Feliz (0-2).

It was the fifth blown save this season for the hard-throwing Feliz, who ning run in the rout Monday when he was on the mound after not pitching for a week.

"We got some breaks go

After Danny Valencia for us last night and they had a couple of breaks go for them in the ninth and they came up with some big hits," Michael Young

> The Rangers tried to rally in the ninth against Twins closer Joe Nathan.

Hamilton had a leadoff single in the ninth off Nathan, but was then retired on Young's fielder's choice grounder. Nelson Cruz was then hit by a pitch that appeared to barely graze his jersey, before Mitch Moreland and pinch-hitter David Murphy both struck out.

It was Nathan's eighth save in 11 chances this season, and his 254th career save for Minnesota to match Rick Aguilera's team record.

has hit .600 (15 for 25) in a six-game hitting streak.

The Twins got three runs in the second off All-Star right-hander C.J. Wilson on RBI singles by Drew Butera, Ben Revere and Cuddyer.

After Wilson walked three consecutive batters to start the fifth, he was gone after Danny Valencia's two-run single extended his career-best hitting streak to 10 games.

"He just couldn't find the strike zone," Washington said. "Three walks and a base hit, and it didn't look like it was going to get any better."

Tsuyoshi Nishioka added an RBI single off reliever Tommy Hunter — the sixth run charged against Wilson in the lefthander's shortest outing of the season.

Five of the six runs were earned against Wilson, who walked four and struck out three.

"I was just 100 percent Cruz went 3 for 3, and unlucky, five infield hits or something like that, there were zero balls squared up, there were like bloopers and bleeders," Wilson said.

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# **Copy and paste: Houston loses another game**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Winning a game for the Houston Astros is not easy these days.

Just ask Houston starter Brett Myers.

Myers pitched his second straight quality start Tuesday in St. Louis, holding the Cardinals to three runs in eight innings of work. But his teammates only

managed to score once, and all Myers (3-11) had to show for his effort was another loss as the Astros fell by a 3-1 count.

"He did a great job," said Houston manager Brad Mills. "He made his pitches the whole game. He moved his pitches around the zone well and changed

In his last outing on July 20 against Washington, Myers allowed two runs on eight hits over seven innings. He did not get a decision in that contest.

Myers put himself behind the eight-ball Tuesday before he had retired his second batter. With one out and a

Puiols belted Myers first pitch to him on a line to deep left center. The ball appeared to hit the top of the fence, but was ruled a home run by third base umpire Mike DiMuro. The call was upheld after a replay review and gave the Cardinals a 2-0 lead.

"I heard it hit the

hit it good, there's no doubt about that. I don't know how they (would have) missed it unless they just looked at one angle." Crew chief Jim Reyn-

olds said the replay convinced the crew the right call was made.

"Once the replay that we looked at showed

runner on first, Albert wall," Myers said. "He that it hit the concrete behind it, then it's a home run," Reynolds

said. Undaunted, Myers settled down and pitched all eight innings for the Astros. He went on to allow 11 hits, but just the three runs, the other coming on a solo shot

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**Courtesy photo** 

Playmakers 12U fastpitch travel team took top honors at the Midnight Madness Tournament in San Angelo recently. Pictured standing from left: Kylee Davis, Ysabel Soliz, Destiny Mata, Tenea Love, Kendall Phillips, Chloee James. Kneeling from left: Karson Botts, Marisa Cruz, Rylee Morales. Not pictured is Alyssa Benitez.

# Phelps wins more gold

SHANGHAI (AP) — There was no stopping Michael Phelps this time. The same goes for Federica Pellegrini.

Having failed to win his opening two events at the world championships, Phelps finally got gold in the 200-meter butterfly on Wednesday. In the next event, Italy's Pellegrini won the 200 freestyle to become the first woman to sweep the 200 and 400 at consecutive worlds.

Australian great Ian Thorpe, who recorded the 200-400 double in 2001 and 2003, is the only other swimmer to achieve the

"You've just got to always believe in yourself. It's great to be a part of history," said Pellegrini, who is also the Olympic champion in the 200. "This was my race, and nobody was going to enter my house."

The loudest cheers of the night at the Oriental Sports Center were reserved for local favorite Sun Yang of China, who won the grueling 800 meters — a non-Olympic event. Ryan Cochrane of Canada took silver and Gergo Kis of Hungary got bronze.

In another non-Olympic race, Brazil's Felipe Silva beat Italy's Fabio Scozzoli in the 50 breaststroke, with defending champion Cameron van der Burgh of South Africa third.

Midway through the eightday meet, no world records have been set — a sharp contrast from the 43 marks that fell at the last worlds in Rome two years ago, before high-tech bodysuits were banned.

Phelps let his lead slip on the final turn but then overtook

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"Last night's game, everything went our way and tonight, things didn't go our way. It is really as simple as that."

The Rangers, who had won 16

of their last 19, scored twice in the bottom of the second to cut the gap to 3-2. They then took the lead with

a five-run fourth off of Carl Pavano when Yorvit Torrealba hit a three-run homer.

It was his first homer since

After the 3-0 deficit, Texas countered with a two-run second on consecutive RBI doubles by Cruz and Mitch Moreland, who was later thrown out at the plate on a close play.

Torrealba's RBI single in the fifth stretched Texas' advantage to 8-6.

However, Jason Kubel's runscoring single in the sixth got the Twins within one.

Pavano gave up a season-high

eight runs with nine hits in five innings.

Notes: Minor league OF Leonys Martin, the Cuban defector who signed a \$15 million contract with the Rangers this season, is spending two days with the big-league club working with coach Gary Pettis on baserunning and outfield play.

Martin will return to Triple-A Round Rock after the twoday tutorial, where sources say he will probably finish the season. Twins first baseman Jus-

tin Morneau experienced migraine headaches during a rehab workout in Minnesota on Tuesday and shut the session Manager Ron Gardenhire

taking medication and could resume workouts on Wednes-Gardenhire said he'd been

said Morneau felt better after

told by team medical personnel that the headaches were not related to Morneau's past neck and concussion issues.

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by David Freese with two out in the sixth. Myers did not walk a man and struck out Houston fell to 0-5 on its season-long, 10-

game road trip and 0-4 at Busch Stadium. Mills said the Pujols homer was an example of the team's luck these days. "You don't want excuses or to use those

things like slipping on the turf last night or the home-run call tonight," Mills said. "We want to be able to overcome those Carlos Lee had an RBI single in the third

for Houston's only run. He drove in Michael Bourn, who had doubled to extend his hitting streak to 11 games. Houston had plenty of chances against St. Louis starter Jake Westbrook (9-4), who allowed seven hits and a walk in his

six innings. But the Astros went 2-for-17

with runners on base and 1-for-11 with runners in scoring position. "I'm just trying to be as consistent as I can possibly be and that's something I haven't been all year," Westbrook said. "I just want to keep putting together good

start after good start and hopefully I can

keep it rolling."

Fernando Salas struck out the side in the ninth for his 19th save in 22 opportu-

Myers settled down after the Pujols' blast, allowing just Freese's solo shot with two-out in the sixth. He gave up 11 hits but just the three runs

with no walks and four strikeouts in eight innings of work while falling to 0-4 in the month of July. Notes: Cardinals second baseman Skip

Schumaker is batting .368 in July (21-for-Houston's Jose Altuve reached on an in-

field single in the first. Altuve has now hit safely in his first six Major League games, one shy of Russ

Johnson's team record of seven games to

start a career set in 1997. Cardinals outfielder Lance Berkman was back in the lineup after missing a game to rest a sore shoulder, but left before the start of the fifth inning after going 0-for-2 to snap an eight-game hitting

Bourn has been one bright spot on the

He stole his Major League leading 38th base Tuesday and is 10-for-23 in his last

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Japan's Takeshi Matsuda early in the last lap to clock 1 minute, 53.34 seconds. He hardly celebrated his win. Matsuda took the silver in 1:54.01, and Wu Peng of China got the bronze in 1:54.67.

Phelps led off the 400 relay when the United States took bronze on the opening night of the competition Sunday,

then settled for silver behind teammate Ryan Lochte in the 200 free on Tuesday.

Already 14-time a Olympic champion, Phelps now has a record 23 golds at worlds

"I wanted to do what I usually do when I'm in better shape," Phelps said. "I wanted to step on it from the get-go. I saw the other swimmers at the 150 and I put my hips into it. I know there's a lot more I can do in that race."

of 60 consecutive wins in this event covering nearly nine years until he lost consecutive races to Wu at two minor meets in the United States earlier this year. Pellegrini has also had a trying two years, following the death of coach Alberto Castagnetti after the 2009

Still, she dominated the 400 Sunday with a second-half burst of speed. This time, Pellegrini methodically Phelps had a streak reeled in her rivals,

worlds in Rome.

moving steadily up from seventh after 50 meters to fifth at the halfway mark and third heading into the final lap to touch in 1:55.58.

Kylie Palmer of Australia won the silver in 1:56.04. Camille Muffat of France took the bronze in 1:56.10.

Pellegrini celebrated by propping herself up on a lane rope, then raised her arms and stuck out her tongue before revealing a wide smile.

> "We saw yesterday

that there were a few opponents capable of competing well, but we studied the race and Federica did everything we planned," said the Italian's new coach, the Frenchman Philippe Lucas.

Lucas previously coached Pellegrini's rival Laure Manaudou, who managed to win the 400 in 2005 and 2007, but won the 200 only once at worlds.

She is now attempting a comeback from retirement.

James Magnussen, who led off Australia's victorious 400 free relay four days ago, was fastest in the 100 free semifinals in 47.90.

American sprinter Nathan Adrian qualified second and William Meynard of France was third.

Defending champion Cesar Cielo, freshly cleared of doping by the Court of Arbitration for Sport, qualified fifth in 48.34.

Competing in his first world meet, the 20-yearold Magnussen created a buzz with his sizzling opening split of 47.49 against Phelps in the relay.

"I haven't gotten a lot of sleep over the last two days, my mind's just been ticking over, so to get that one out of the way and get another sub-48 is a big confidence booster going into tomorrow night," Magnussen said.

Phelps also had a semifinal, qualifying second behind Lochte in the 200 individual medley, setting up another duel between the Americans for Thursday.

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Recently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a Site Inspection at the former Big Springs Precision Bombing Range (PBR) Number S-5. This site was used as a daytime and nighttime practice bombing target for bombardiers stationed at the Big Spring Army Airfield between 1942 and 1946.

The former Big Springs PBR Number S-5 is one of many former military installations throughout the United States that are being reviewed under the Department of Defense's Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol. This protocol is used to assess sites that may have unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions and/ or munitions constituents, and to assign priorities for any additional investigation or munitions removal that may be required.

The evaluation criteria, including types of munitions that may be present, ease of access to the site and number of people living near the site, are available for public review in the Site Inspection Report located at the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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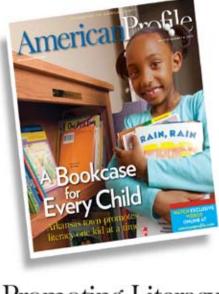
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# NFL gets down to business

NEW YORK (AP) -- A big green and white sign greeted Mark Sanchez as he drove up to the New York Jets' training facility for the first time in months.

And, boy, was it a pleasant sight.

"Welcome Back!" it blared in block letters, followed by "Here Come The Jets."

"It was wonderful," Sanchez said with a big smile Tuesday. "Now we're back and we can start playing, so it's good.'

The gates were up, facilities were open all around the league and NFL players finally went to work.

Now, they need to get ready for the season in a hurry.

"It's good to be back, get everything over with and just come back and feel welcome again," said Brett Swain of the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers. "Get back in the roll of things and get camp started."

After a lockout that lasted  $4\frac{1}{2}$  months ended Monday with an agreement between the NFL and its players, teams' facilities were buzzing with activity Tuesday.

the Tennessee Titans had a chain around their closed front gate to keep players out. That chain was gone and the front gate wide open as rookie quarterback Jake Locker, the No. 8 pick overall in April, and quarterbacks Rusty Smith and Brett Ratliff were among the first to arrive.

"It is nice to drive by and not have the lock on the gate and actually get a friendly smile when you come in here," left tackle Michael Roos

Players all around the league were allowed back in to meet with coaches, work out, take physicals and receive playbooks among other things.

"I came for the free lunch," quipped Washington Redskins receiver Anthony Armstrong.

Teams were already starting a feeding frenzy on their drafted players and undrafted free agents, and were allowed to start negotiating with free agents in what will likely be a flurry of activity the league has never seen.

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### **Briefs**

### **Steers football** equipment fitting

Equipment fitting for the Steers football players has been announced.

Juniors will be fitted Monday and Tuesday, July 25-26 at 9 a.m.

Sophomores will be fitted Wednesday and Thursday, July 27-28 at 9 a.m.

Freshmen will be fitted Thursday and Friday, July 28-29 at 9 a.m.

### Steer season tickets on sale

The athletic department of the Big Spring Steers has announced the dates for season ticket sales. Those previously holding season tickets can purchase tickets for the 2011-2012 season July 18-Aug. 4 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

New purchasers of season tickets can purchase their ticket books Aug. 8-Aug. 17 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The ticket books are \$25 and include all five home games. For more information, contact Kay Cook at 432-264-3662.

### Football, cheerleading signups start Saturday

Sign-ups for CYFA's youth football and cheerleading signups will be held Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost of the programs are \$125 for divisions one and two, \$75 for flag football and \$100 for cheerleading.

Signups will take place at Big Spring Mall every Saturday through Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Signups will also be taken Aug. 9, 11, 16 and 18 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 432-816-6871.

### Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament Aug.28

Bowl-A-Rama is hosting a bowling tournament with a \$600 guaranteed first place prize. The tournament, which will take place at 1 p.m. Aug. 28, is open to the first 24 bowlers with an average of 199 or less. Entry fee is \$60 and must be received by 6 p.m. Aug 25.

For additional information, contact Greg Clarke at 432-264-6480 or John and Diana Dodd at 432-267-7484. Further information can be obtained on Bowl-A-Rama's website. Simply go to www. bigspringbowlarama.com.

### Big Spring QB Club meeting Monday

Big Spring QB Club will hold their next meeting Monday, Aug. 1. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the ATC. All parents of football players (grades 7-12) are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call Denise Carrillo at 432-

The QB Club is also selling ads for their annual football program. The deadline for the ads is Monday, Aug. 8.

### Braves play Pirates to 19 innings Attention dicated McKenry made out there when it hap-

ATLANTA (AP) — Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said his team's 19-inning game against the Braves deserved a better ending.

After his review of his contested call which ended the game, home plate umpire Jerry Meals said he "might"

Julio Lugo scored from third base on a contested play at the plate, giving Atlanta a 4-3 win in 19 innings over Pittsburgh early Wednesday morn-

The game, which ended at 1:50 a.m., was the longest in Turner Field history and matched the longest in the major leagues this season. At 6 hours, 39 minutes, it was the longest by time for both teams.

Lugo took off from third on Scott Proctor's grounder to third baseman Pedro Alvarez, whose throw to catcher Michael McKenry easily beat Lugo to the plate.

Lugo tried to avoid McKenry's tag with a pop-up slide. Replays inthe tag, but home plate umpire Jerry called Lugo safe.

"I didn't feel the tag," Lugo said. "He made the right call. I got in there."

Hurdle argued the call vigorously. following Meals off the field as the Braves celebrated.

"The game tonight deserved way better than that," Hurdle said. "For it to end that way

is as disappointing as it gets in this game. Every player in the game laid it out there."

Meals said he thought McKenry missed Lugo the way a matador misses a charging bull.

"I saw the tag, but he looked like he ole'd him and I called him safe for that," Meals said.

Meals said a review of the play showed the tag "might" have been

"I looked at the replays and it appeared he might have got him on the shin area," Meals said. "I'm guessing he might have got him, but when I was

pened I didn't see a tag. "I just saw the glove

sweep up. I didn't see the glove hit his leg." With one out in the

19th, Daniel McCutchen walked Lugo. Jordan Schafer followed with a single to center, moving Lugo to third. With their bench and

bullpen depleted, the Braves had to let Proctor (2-3), their eighth pitcher of the game, hit. Schafer advanced to second without a throw before Proctor's grounder led to the final play.

Proctor tripped trying to leave the batter's box, and reliever Daniel McCutchen tried to encourage McKenry to throw to first for a possible double play.

Then McCutchen realized Lugo was called

"Can I say that he was out? Is that legal?" Mc-Cutchen asked, adding he saw the tag.

"I didn't know what everyone was screaming about," he said.

Despite the controver-

sial ending, McCutchen said it was a special game.

"It was awesome," he said. "It was fun. It was like backyard baseball, no rules."

McCutchen (3-2) gave

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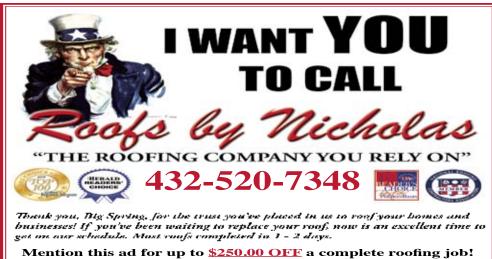
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Players such as Nnamdi Asomugha and Santonio Holmes will soon find out where they're going — or staying — as

free agency began. "With this whole free agency opening up, it's going to be crazy," Redskins quarterback John Beck said at the team's facility in Ashburn, Va. "Our team's going to look different."

Washington has several free agents to address this summer, in-

cluding Santana Moss, Rex Grossman, Carlos Rogers and Rocky McIntosh. Oh, and there's also the murky statuses of Donovan McNabb and Albert Haynesworth to deal with.

The Jets and general manager Mike Tannenbaum have 16 players who are unrestricted free agents, including Holmes, Braylon Edwards, Antonio Cromartie and Brad Smith.

"It would be interesting just to get a camera in (Tannenbaum's office) and see how crazy it could be," center Nick Mangold said.

Teams were greeting players by saying goodbye, at least for now.

The New York Giants have told center and player representative Shaun O'Hara and guard Rich Seubert that they will be released. A source close to each veteran told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the team told the players they would be cut on Thursday in what are salary-cap

moves. At Cowboys' camp in Irving, Texas, Dallas was set to release several high-priced play-

### **BRAVES**

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up one run in 5 1-3 innings.

The Phillies and Reds played 19 innings on May 25.

The Pirates' previous longest game was 6:12 at San Diego on Aug. 25, 1979. The Braves' previous longest game by time was 6:10 against the Mets on July 4, 1985, at Atlanta-Fulton Countv Stadium.

The Pirates scored two runs in the first and pushed their lead to 3-0 in the second on McKenry's homer. The Braves answered with three runs in the third, and the score remained 3-3 through the next 15 innings.

Several thousand fans from the announced crowd of 22,036 were still in the stands in the 19th inning, many standing and chanting.

The Braves lost catcher Brian McCann in the 10th inning when he strained his left oblique. He will be placed on the 15-day disabled list on Wednesday. Manager Fredi Gonzalez said he hopes McCann misses only 15 to 20 days. He plans to recall catcher J.C. Boscan from Triple-A Gwinnett.

The Pirates fell one game behind first-place St. Louis in the NL Cen-

The Pirates had a chance to avoid extra innings but wasted a scoring chance in the ninth. McKenry had an infield single off Craig Kimbrel and moved to third on pinch-hitter Brandon

Wood's single. The Braves called a pitchout as Xavier Paul was squaring to bunt and McKenry was running toward the plate. McKenry stopped too late and was thrown out at third. Kimbrel struck out Paul to end the in- replacement in center. ning.

Atlanta's Chipper Jones, who strained his right quadriceps in Monday night's game, hit a groundout as a pinch-

hitter in the eighth. Jones, 39, came off the 15-day disabled list on Monday following arthroscopic surgery on July 9 to repair torn car-

tilage in his right knee. Nate McLouth and Gonzalez were ejected by Meals in the ninth. McLouth struck out swinging and then remained at the plate, apparently to argue a called strike two by Meals. Gonzalez ran onto the field too late to intervene and keep

McLouth in the game. NOTES: It was the Pirates' longest game since May 27, 2006, when they beat Houston 8-7 in 18 innings. It was the Braves' longest since Oct. 5, 2006, when they won 7-6 at Houston in 18

innings. McKenry ended the Pirates' streak of 77 innings without a homer since a shot by Brandon Wood at Houston on

July 16. Schafer, still bothered by his jammed left middle finger he hurt Wednesday in Colorado, was scratched from the

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By Steve Becker

### Thirteen — the Magic Number

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. **↑** A 9 4 **∀** K 10 7 **♣**K Q 10 8 5 **EAST ♦** K Q J 10 8 6 5 **♥**964 **♣**92 SOUTH ♦ AJ1098432 **♣**J 6 3

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find the winning play. Take this deal from a team contest where at both tables, South wound up in five dia-

monds doubled. Both declarers won the spade lead, played a diamond to the ace and then led a club. At the first table, West feared that the club might be a singleton, so he put up the ace and tried to cash the

ace of hearts. But declarer ruffed, conceded a diamond and claimed,

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discarding his losing spade on one of dummy's winners. At the second table, West was not so quick to grab the ace of clubs at trick three. Instead, he reasoned as

South was known from the bidding and play to this point to have started with eight diamonds, two spades (assuming East had seven for his pre-empt) and the club he was now leading. If he had only one club, then he had to have two hearts. In that case, West would eventually score tricks with the ace of hearts and king of diamonds, and East would get a spade trick since dummy's clubs could never be established. Thus, no harm could come from holding up the ace of clubs initially. **After West ducked,** East dropped

the nine of clubs on the king, beginning a high-low to show that he held only two clubs. Declarer's hand now became an open book; eight diamonds, two spades, three clubs and, therefore, no hearts.

South did the best he could by conceding a diamond to West's king at trick four, but West found a brilliant reply. After taking the king, he exited with a low club! Declarer won and led his last club to West's ace, whereupon West returned the ace of hearts. South ruffed, but eventually

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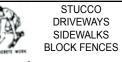
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you from trouble. The

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today to adults who act

TAURUS (April 20-May

20). You will witness

inspiring examples of

and

Indeed, you may be the

instigator of these acts, as

you will be moved to

express the deep affection

**GEMINI** (May 21-June

21). You will praise good

behavior in others. You'll

do this subtly, so as not

overbearing. You are

practiced in the art of

**CANCER** (June 22-July

22). You have poise,

presence and a clear

voice. You will ask for

what you want, and you

will get it. You have no

need of qualifiers, such

as, "I hate to bother you,

but..." You have the

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).

Someone is not who he

says he is. The situation

is a little like Dorothy

and her friends visiting

the Wizard of Oz. The one

in power has to posture

and pretend because that

is what he thinks the

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Your apprehensions

will keep you from taking

a risk that's not worth

taking. However, when

you see an opportunity

that is right for you but

scary because it's new,

citizens expect.

confidence of a leader.

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The Leo sun continues to put on a show — a human drama in which the characters in our lives are more vibrant and riveting than anything on prime time television.

Tomorrow, Venus will join in on the action, so expect a twist in the plot. Tonight's communicative Gemini



MATHIS

moon gives way to the touchy-feely influence of Cancer.

lunar

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do not try to parent other people's children,

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even if you're paid to you will courageously oversee them. Knowing seize the moment. the boundaries will save

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You believe it's rude to ramble on to a captive audience. And yet, you will listen patiently to the one who has trouble getting to the point. That's how kind you are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who believe that crying is a form of weakness and is to be avoided at all costs. They are forgetting that there is a healing balm inside every tear. Tolerate the tears of others, and of course, accept your own.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be on the lookout for new treasures. There is an item very near you that would fit in perfectly with a collection or special interest of yours. Ask specific questions, and you'll find your way

CAPRICORN (Dec.22-Jan. 19). You didn't sign up to be a role model, but that is what you have become. So embrace your position, and show everyone the way. It is one of your many purposes on the planet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel wronged by someone. This person meant you no harm, but his or her selfishness has caused you extra work. Consider that on some level you may have agreed to this inconvenience.

20). A ritual can help you release what is old and let in new light. This doesn't have to be a practice laid out for you her wonderful qualities. I by religion or tradition. You are free to create your own steps for releasing the past.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(July 27). Your easygoing way will attract good fortune to your personal life in August. Just don't brag, or loved ones will jealous. negotiate and strike a pretty deal in September. The improvements to your routine have you looking fantastic November. Expect family additions in January. Invest in May. Taurus and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 6, 36 and 39.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 56year-old Leo man who has never been married. I thought I would be a bachelor my whole life. My mother died last year. and I am still in grief every day over her passing. I am very lonely, and for the first time, I wonder if there might be another woman coming into my life. What sign would Ι be compatible with? My mother, by the way, was

a Gemini." I am so sorry for your loss. Gemini mothers are whimsical and intelligent, witty and ever-young. As a playful Leo, you undoubtedly had many good times with your mother — life with

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March her was often like a trip to the fair. I know you'll continue to cherish the happy memories of your mother and recall all of believe you could be compatible with any sign, really, as long as you take the time to get to know her. Just be careful not to expect her to take care of you as your mother did. Women of all signs prefer a man to be strong and self-sufficient. If she senses that what you are really looking for is a maid or a cook, she will likely run for the hills.

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YOU **PRINK** TOO MUCH, SON-IN-LAW!

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT



"When I GROW UP, I THINK I'LL BRING MY DIRTY CLOTHES FOR YOU TO DO.



"It's not lit 'cause it needs new batteries."

I PREFER WE KEEP

THAT A SECRET,





THREE NIGHTS IN A ROW YOU'VE FALLEN ASLEEP BEFORE YOU'VE

TURNED THE FIRST PAGE!



NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT ... NO.

This Date

Today is Wednesday, July 27, the 208th day of 2011. There are 157 days left in the year.

In History

Today's Highlight History:

On July 27, 1861, Union Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan took command of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. (McClellan later became general-in-chief of the Union Army as well, but ended up being relieved of his commands by President Abraham Lincoln, who was dissatisfied with his performance.)

On this date:

In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe (a previous cable in 1858 burned out after only a few

weeks' use). In 1909 during cial test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Va., for one hour and 12 minutes. In 1921, Canadian researcher

Frederick Banting and his

assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto. In 1940, Bugs Bunny made his "official" debut in the

Warner Bros. animated cartoon "A Wild Hare." In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three

years of fighting. In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of  $impeachment\, against\, President$ 

Richard Nixon, charging he had personally engaged in a course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1981, 6-year-old Adam Walsh was abducted from a department store in Hollywood, Fla., and was later murdered. (His father, John Walsh, became a well-known crime victims' advocate.) Movie director William Wyler ("Ben-Hur") died in Los Angeles at age 79.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 89. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 80. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 72. Actor John Pleshette is 69. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 67. Actress-director Betty Thomas

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# Answer to previous puzzle

### WIZARD OF ID

I SUPPOSE YOU TELL ALL

YOUR FRIENDS WHAT A

LOUSY HUSBAND I AM!

BC





### **AGNES**





I WOULD NEVER

SAY SUCH A THING!









### **SNUFFY SMITH**





### **BEETLE BAILEY**



### **Newsday Crossword**

### **ACROSS**

- 1 Smack hard 5 Scrawny one
- 10 Full of oneself
- 14 "You gotta be
- kidding!" 15 Morgan of
- 30 Rock
- 16 Maître d's
- offering 17 Mil. alliance
- since 1949 18 Soldier's break,
  - for short
- 19 Racetrack posting 20 Child's sweet
- break 23 Word of assent
- 24 Openly condemn
- **25** Good things 29 Teen idol
- Cyrus
- 32 Ladled entrée
- 33 Of sound mind 34 Used to be
- 37 Commuter's
- sweet break 41 Pre-K enrollee
- 42 Comrade in
- arms
- 43 Bulgaria's
- capital
- 44 Like a bad dirt road
- 46 Haunted house sound 47 Significant
- 50 Spy org. 51 Brit's sweet
- break 58 Takes the gold
- **59** Frighten 60 Fedora feature
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- **DOWN**
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- neck
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- 11 Battlefield

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- with "up"
  - 21 Newscaster Couric
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  - 29 Macho
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  - **40** Negative conjunction

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- 13 Get decked out, 44 Friars Club
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