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Maintaining ball fields concern for HC

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Like practically everyone else in Big Spring, Howard College officials are struggling to find ways to get by with less water.

The college is looking at ways to abide by a recent 20 percent cut in water deliveries from

Colorado River Municipal Water District and the city's mandate to limit outside watering to only one day, trustees learned during their Monday meeting.

Executive Vice President Terry Hansen said one of the problems the college is facing is that recent construction projects have skewed

"Without grass on those fields, we couldn't play softball or baseball on them ... We have a tremendous investment in those fields."

—Terry Hansen, Howard College executive vice president

water usage figures.

"We've used a lot less water than normal the past couple of years (be-

cause of the construction projects)," he said. "So to get figures from a 'typical' year, we had

to go back to 2008 or before."

Hansen said the college wants to use those 2008 figures as a baseline to determine what a 20 percent cut in water usage would represent.

In 2008, the college used 15.5 million gallons of water, the vast majority of which was used for outside water-

ing of lawns and athletic fields.

"We've been in discussion ... with the city, working to establish what is considered typical water usage for us," he said.

The majority of the college's usage comes from outside watering,

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Joyce Baumann teaches 12 youngsters at the Heritage Museum summer classes program how to crochet before teaching them how to embroider. The program began Wednesday and will continue through Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Museum workshop teaching local youngsters some skills

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Just because school's out doesn't mean the time for learning is over.

The Heritage Museum is taking a week of summer to teach youth something a little different than what they would normally learn in a classroom.

For three days, 12 youngsters will learn how to cro-

chet, embroider, simple sew, cook, decorate a cake and other types of artful skills. Janet Abner, summer education projects coordinator for the museum, brought the idea to the table.

"This is the first year we are doing this, but so far we have had tremendous response," Abner said. "We have had to put kids on a waiting list."

The program was started as a trial run, according to Mu-

seum Director Nancy Raney, but it is something that has really taken off. The classes are \$10 a day or three days for \$25.

Due to the response received this year, Abner said there is the possibility of expanding the program next year.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Former BSISD teacher arrested for exposure

Herald Staff Report

A former Big Spring Independent School District teacher was arrested late last week for allegedly exposing himself in public.

Jospeph Heath Griffin, 28, of 2609 Wasson Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct – exposing genitals/anus in public. The offense is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

BSISD officials said Griffith resigned his position as a high school science teacher at the end of the last school year.

Meeting set Friday for Moss, Goliad parents

Moss Elementary School officials 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. Friday in the Goliad Intermediate School library. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact the school district central office at 264-3600.

Webb Reunion preparations are ongoing at the air park

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Hangar 25 will soon be full of familiar faces.

Webb Air Force Base Reunion is scheduled for Oct. 7-9 and all former student pilots, officers and enlisted and civilian employees are invited.

"This is a great event in that it is bringing people back to



Little

Big Spring," said Jim Little, co-chair of the Webb AFB Reunion Committee.

The three-day reunion will start with a welcome reception Friday,

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Bees abuzz about lack of water, too

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Local lawns aren't the only things feeling the squeeze from the ongoing drought, as the honey bee population in the Crossroads area continues to dwindle.

However, even though the helpful insects aren't producing — or reproducing — anywhere close to their normal

levels for this time of the year, it hasn't stopped them from being a problem for some local residents.

According to Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, his office has received just a handful of calls this year from area residents looking for ways to deal with the bees.

"We've only had

a few calls from people looking for help with a bee problem," Condray said. "The drought has really taken a toll on the bee population in Big Spring and the surrounding areas. Luckily, we



haven't had any EMS calls for bee stings or attacks so far this year."

According to local bee aficionado Brad Tatum, although the drought has cut down on the number of bees, it could also be driving the insects into areas they might not normally go in search of water.

"Bees are just like us, they need water to live," Tatum

said. "So, if there is a water source near your home,

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Obituaries

Santiago 'Chago' Valencia



Santiago "Chago" Valencia, 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 29, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of Lighthouse Restoration Center, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 27, 1929, in Knott, Texas, to Cruz and Eluterio Valencia. He married Erlinda Olivas in 1956 and she preceded him in death in 2000. He later married Lilia Hoffman. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He worked for the Big Spring Independent School District as a painter. He was a member of the Lighthouse Restoration Center.

He is survived by his wife, Lily Valencia of Big Spring; one daughter, Olga Gamboa of Big Spring; one son, Juan Valencia of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Katie Olivas of Big Spring; one sister, Eva Gonzales of Big Spring; two grandsons; two granddaughters; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by one sister, Manuela Sarmiento.

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

Juanita Richter

Juanita Richter, 90, of Midland passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2011. She was born April 2, 1921.

The family will receive friends for visitation Thursday, July 28, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 29, 2011, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Condolences can be made online at www.ellisfunerals.com.

Belia Diaz Landin

Belia Diaz Landin, 80, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 28, 2011, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

report.

• RANDY JOE HURRINGTON, 50, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of aggravated robbery.

• MYRELL SIMPSON JR., 37, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and an Austin warrant for revocation of parole.

• RICHARD JAMES CARSON, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public lewdness.

• ROBERT WAYNE VAUGHN NIZNIK, 31, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public lewdness and public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of W. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking 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.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY

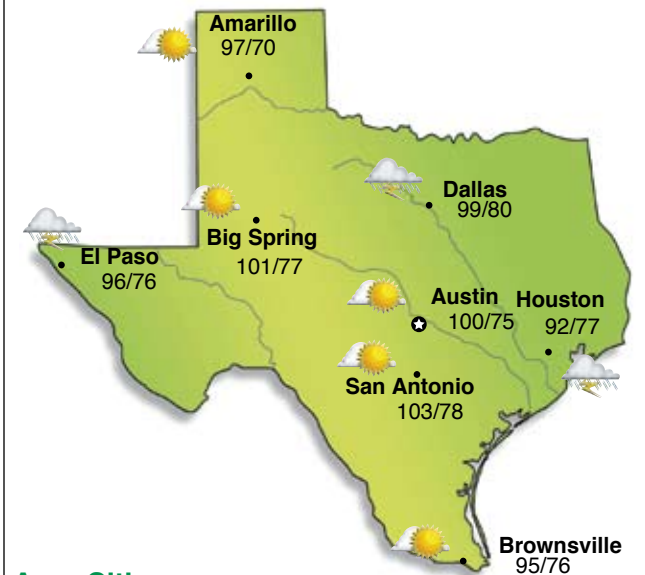
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 7/29	Sat 7/30	Sun 7/31	Mon 8/1	Tue 8/2
101/77 Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. Hot. High 101F.	101/78 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the upper 70s.	100/78 Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the upper 70s.	103/78 Sunshine. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the upper 70s.	105/78 Sunny. Highs 103 to 107F and lows in the upper 70s.
Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	101	78	mst sunny	Kingsville	99	75	t-storm
Amarillo	97	70	mst sunny	Livingston	93	74	t-storm
Austin	100	75	mst sunny	Longview	94	77	t-storm
Beaumont	88	76	t-storm	Lubbock	99	74	sunny
Brownsville	95	76	mst sunny	Lufkin	92	76	t-storm
Brownwood	103	77	t-storm	Midland	101	78	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	96	77	t-storm	Raymondville	98	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	98	78	t-storm	Rosenberg	94	77	t-storm
Dallas	99	80	t-storm	San Antonio	103	78	mst sunny
Del Rio	102	81	sunny	San Marcos	100	76	mst sunny
El Paso	96	76	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	97	78	t-storm
Fort Stockton	98	74	sunny	Sweetwater	100	77	mst sunny
Gainesville	98	78	t-storm	Tyler	95	76	t-storm
Greenville	98	77	t-storm	Weatherford	100	78	t-storm
Houston	92	77	t-storm	Wichita Falls	105	80	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	92	73	mst sunny	Minneapolis	89	70	sunny
Boston	80	70	t-storm	New York	88	76	t-storm
Chicago	87	71	t-storm	Phoenix	105	84	pt sunny
Dallas	99	80	t-storm	San Francisco	69	58	mst sunny
Denver	84	62	t-storm	Seattle	74	55	pt sunny
Houston	92	77	t-storm	St. Louis	96	78	t-storm
Los Angeles	78	64	pt sunny	Washington, DC	100	81	pt sunny
Miami	92	81	pt sunny				

Police blotter

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

- MYRELL SIMPSON JR., 37, of 3210 Auburn, was arrested Wednesday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and a warrant from another agency.
- THEFT was reported: In the 3600 block of N. Highway 87.
- In the 400 block of S. Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of E. 14th Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this

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FIELDS

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particularly its baseball and softball fields. Maintaining those fields, Hansen said, is a major concern. "The bottom line is, for us to maintain the baseball and softball fields, one day of watering is not sufficient," Hansen said. "Without grass on those fields, we couldn't play softball or baseball on them ... We have a tremendous investment in those fields."

The baseball and softball teams are both high-profile programs for the college — the baseball squad won a national title in 2009, while the softball

team qualified for the national junior college tournament earlier this year — and are excellent recruiting tools for Howard, said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, HC president.

Hansen is hopeful that cutbacks in outside watering in other areas on campus will divert sufficient water to keep the athletic fields in proper condition. However, if the water situation worsens and the city curtails all outside watering, then officials will face some tough decisions.

"If that happens, I don't know what we will do," he admitted.

One possibility officials are eyeing is installing artificial turf at both fields, but that is an expensive option, costing the

college about \$1.5 million, Hansen estimated.

However, the advantages to artificial turf would be obvious, he added.

"In a lot of ways, it would be desirable to go with artificial turf, not just with the savings in water, but in other costs associated with maintaining the field," he said. "It's something we've considered the past couple of years, but it is just difficult to find money to fund that project."

Hansen said the college should have a water usage plan formulated by the end of this week.

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

Take Note

• A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

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

• 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.

• A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 594503339) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

REUNION

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Oct. 7, and give the community an opportunity to meet with those flying in for the event. According to Little, there will be food and refreshments and a fun time for all.

Reunion attendees will also be treated to a hamburger luncheon at noon at Hangar 25 Air Museum with an aerobic show by Jan Collmer, starting at 1 p.m. A Mexican fiesta dinner will be served

at the Senior Center with a mariachi band as entertainment.

"We don't have final numbers, but we are hoping for around 200 people at this year's reunion," Little said.

Saturday, Oct. 8 will give attendees a chance to make their way around Big Spring and revisit some of the familiar places or take a trip to Midland for the Commemorative Air Force Museum Air-Sho 2011. Both groups will begin their daily activities at 9 a.m. and wrap up around

4:30 p.m. Those staying in Big Spring will have a chance to visit Heritage Museum, Alon Refinery, the historic Settles Hotel and travel around the city and the former Webb Air Force Base.

"We are proud of our community and the people coming in will be able to go back through the places they use to frequent and revisit those memories," Little said.

Both groups will meet for Saturday night's dinner with special guest speaker Brig. Gen. USAF Steve Ritchie. He

is the only fighter to achieve ACE status in the Vietnam War, according to the reunion website.

"Ritchie will be in Midland receiving an award from the Commemorative Museum and he will be stopping in Big Spring to take part in this program," Little said. "We are very excited to have him as part of our reunion weekend."

The weekend will conclude with a continental send off breakfast at Hangar 25. Reservations are needed for

those planning to attend in order for the itineraries to be filled out and to allow for accommodations to be made. To print a registration form or to find out more information about the reunion, visit the Hangar 25 website at <http://www.hangar25airmuseum.com/main/reunion.asp>. or call, 432-264-1999.

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BEES

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you might find them there. Things that pro-

duce water, such as window air conditioning units, will attract the bees, which are trying to survive."

While the sight of a dozen or more bees near

a water source may seem frightening, Tatum said they aren't likely to attack unless provoked.

"When bees are searching for food and water, they are not in an aggressive mode," he said. "However, if you reach down and squash one of them with your thumb, the rest of them will certainly become aggressive. For the most part, when you see a number of bees gathering water from an air conditioning unit or a leaky faucet, if you simply walk around them they will leave you alone. It's when you start messing with their hive or start trying to kill them you can find yourself in danger."

Condray said prevention is the key to safety when bees, whether they are of the more territorial Africanized variety or your everyday honey bees, are nearby.

"If they are resting in your yard, try to remove your pets and keep children out of the area until they move," said Condray. "Use caution when entering sheds or outbuildings where bees might be nesting. The same holds precautions hold true for wasp nests. Examine your yard and

work areas before using lawn mowers and other power tools.

"Prevention is the key to bee safety," he added. "Start by educating yourself and children about how bees behave. Remove possible nesting sites from your property. Seal all openings that are an inch or larger in walls, chimneys and vents. Fine screening material 1/8 inch and smaller will prevent bees from entering an area.

"Most bees will not attack unless the hive is threatened. Therefore it is always the best course of practice to simply leave them alone. Usually, the swarm will move on in just a few days."

Both Condray and Tatum agree the best rule to follow if a swarm or hive is encountered is also the simplest — stay away.

"As a general rule stay away from all honey-bee swarms and colonies," said Condray. "If encountered, get away quickly and try to protect your face and eyes as much as possible. Take shelter in a car or building. Most importantly, don't stand and swat at the bees, as the

rapid motions will cause them to sting.

"If stung, go to a safe area. Scrape the stinger out with your fingernail or something like a credit card or knife — don't squeeze it with tweezers, as this will release more venom. Wash the site with soap and water then apply ice to reduce swelling and discomfort. Seek medical treatment if you begin to experience difficulty breathing or have known allergies to insect stings."

For more information on the removal of a hive of bees, contact Big Spring Animal Control at 264-2550 or Tatum at 432-213-0031.

"You should remember bees are good for the environment. We need them," Tatum said. "However, if you're not trained to handle them,

they can be very dangerous."

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By Steve Becker

The Art of Slam Bidding

South dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ A Q J 7 6
 ♥ 8 4 3
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ A Q 9
WEST
 ♠ 10 9
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ J 10 8 7 4
 ♣ 10 7 3
EAST
 ♠ 8 4 3 2
 ♥ K Q 10 9 2
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 5 2
SOUTH
 ♠ K 5
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ A Q 9 6
 ♣ K J 8 6 4

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 3 ♦ Pass 4 ♣ Pass
 4 ♥ Pass 5 ♦ Pass
 5 ♠ Pass 7 ♣

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.
 The real test of a partnership lies in its slam bidding. Most slams require an extensive series of bids, and it is vital for both players to make as descriptive a bid as possible at each and every turn.
 Examine this sequence that enabled the world-famous Sharples twins of England, Robert and James, to reach an excellent grand slam. Their bidding was natural throughout. They used no artificial bids, except to show first- or second-round

controls when deemed necessary.
 The one-club bid was normal, and so was the two-spade response, which indicated 17 or more points and interest in a slam. At this very early stage, South could already assume a small slam, since he had 17 points opposite the jump-shift.
 However, South did not know where the slam would play best or whether a grand slam might be possible. So he bid three diamonds, showing his second suit while at the same time identifying clubs as his longer suit, since he had bid them first. North then showed club support by bidding four clubs, which established clubs as trumps.
 From this point on, first- and second-round controls were shown. South indicated the ace of hearts by bidding four hearts, and North responded five diamonds to show the king in the suit his partner had bid earlier. South replied in kind with five spades, identifying possession of the king, and North, delighted as the last piece fell into place, jumped to seven clubs, which was easily made.
 It is interesting to note that neither player resorted to Blackwood at any stage. The four aces were located by inference, and the absence of one king — an unimportant one — did not stop the Sharples from reaching the grand slam with only 33 high-card points.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

 By Eddy Pitchford

A lot of attention has been given to our national debt. How much debt should we have? Should we raise the debt ceiling? What will happen if we do or do not raise our debt ceiling?
 I believe the situation in Washington can help us appreciate the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our sins have separated us from God and despite our best efforts, we cannot afford the price of reconciliation. We are unable to pay off our greed, selfishness and ungodliness.
 The good news of the gospel is not that sin is ignored or that the debt ceiling is lowered. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus Christ has paid the debt in its entirety. Rather than ignoring or haggling about your debt of sin, why not simply believe and accept the price paid at the cross? "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...." (Mark 16:16).

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Home Country Needing some advice

They started coming by early in the evening. Annette George was first. After seating herself in the fairly-new green overstuffed chair in the fly-tying love consulting room, she confessed to Marvin Pincus that she needed some advice on fixing her hair to attract men.

And while Marvin was tying up a March Hare dry for her (and trying to think of a hair-do that would look good) the doorbell rang again. This time it was Mrs. Doc, and she was given coffee by Marjorie in the living room as she waited her turn.

In a few minutes, Annette emerged from the consulting room with her fly and the recommendation to try a "flip thing" on her hair. The doorbell rang before Mrs. Doc even got to tell Marvin about the problem she was having getting Doc to listen to how her day went.

When Mrs. Doc came out with a smile and a hug for Marvin, she was carrying a wire-wrapped Woolly Worm and his suggestion that she dangle a cup of coffee in front of Doc while asking him if he'd like to hear how her day went.

And in the living room, being served coffee and cookies, were Anita Campbell, Mickey Baker, Florencio Ortiz and Steve the cowboy.

Marvin stood there, smiling, and asked who was next. The next day, four more people came by for advice and flies.

"You know it's funny, Marge," said Marvin, helping himself to seconds of her flank steak dinner, "I never figured Len Beasley for a Baetis Parachute Emerger. Goes to show, you just never know, do you."

"What makes Len a whatchamacallit, Dear?"
"Oh, I couldn't tell you that, Marge. Patient confidentiality and all that stuff, you know."

"You sure have had a lot of advice business lately. It's good to see that."

Marvin put his fork down and smiled. "It's been great. Kinda all of a sudden, too, wasn't it?"

"I believe the word got out about your problem with the county, Hon. The town wants you to know they support you."

"I couldn't be happier if I were an Egg-Sucking Leech on a number six."

"I'm glad to hear that."

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, open significant heavenly doors for us. May we recognize them and walk right through.

Amen

Finding a meaning in a movie

I'm not a movie critic and my idea of a good movie is different than most. For me it's not necessarily about the lighting, camera direction or color schemes. What makes a good movie in my opinion is the message within the movie. I have learned even the most action packed, thriller movie usually has some kind of moral or lesson to be learned at the end.

Recently, I watched The Adjustment Bureau and I have to say I was very impressed. It was worth the wait, in my opinion. It's a movie about two people who are meant to be together according to their own hearts, but destined to not be together according to "the plan." The entire movie centers around the two going through a roller-coaster of a journey, over the time frame of almost five years, of finding each other, losing each other and finding their way back.

Along the way, Matt Damon sees into a world that is supposed to remain unseen. A world supposedly in control of each and every one of our lives, but one we are never meant to be exposed to. An invisible world of guardians, protectors, or whatever they wish to be called, who are in charge of directing our lives in order to keep us on the right path in the plan that has been designed for us. Sometimes, it's by a simple thought adjustment or maybe a freak accident timed differently, but either way, it's all about making us believe we have free will when in actuality we don't.

The journey of Damon's character, David Norris, trying to beat a system determined to keep him from the woman he knows is his other half, his soulmate, his destiny brings him to raise the question of why he's not supposed to be with Elise, played by Emily Blunt. Unable to receive any answers, he continues his journey despite numerous obstacles and is determined to find a way to be with the woman he just can't stop thinking about.

Anthony Mackie plays the role of the one in charge of keeping David on plan. Through fate, destiny or pure luck Mackie's character falls asleep at a crucial moment and Damon finds his way off the written plan. Throughout the movie, the two characters form a crucial partnership and only through that is Damon able to make steps of achieving his destiny.

I don't want to go into great detail because I really don't want to ruin the movie for those

who haven't seen it, but I admit somewhere in this I will probably give the ending away. I am sorry in advance, but the message I received from this is just a little too good not to share.

The movie raised numerous questions, questions each of us should be asking in our own lives when it comes to finding happiness and achieving success. The first question — what is love worth?

Is it worth going through whatever obstacles are placed in your path in order to achieve the happiness of the two lives finally being able to become one. Is it worth fighting for even when everything around you tells you it's not meant to be? David finds that a chance meeting wasn't just by chance and held so much more than just that moment. He was determined from the very first moment and even after three years didn't forget about the woman who gave him a feeling of completeness. Despite the odds and numerous obstacles and intervention and adjustments being made, he wasn't going to give up. He knew he had found something special, something worth it.

Question two: What is success and is it worth giving up love?

Success means something different to everyone. For some it's obtaining a high position of power, for others it includes having a large disposable income and for others it's finding happiness. When David finally received an answer of why Elise and him were not meant to be together, he took into consideration his wants, their love for each other and their dreams and made a choice. He knew deep within himself the two were meant to be together, but he also saw the love, passion and desire she had for her dreams. The choice he made was by no means an easy one, but one of humbleness and love. He chose the path of allowing her dreams to come true, but never let go of the love.

As I watched the story line unfold, I found myself wondering what would I do. It comes down to wanting happiness for the other person, but the question remains; who's to say they will be happier without you even if they have their dreams. Who's to say they will be living their dream if it means letting go of you?

Everyone has a dream, a goal they want to achieve, but throughout life, things happen and our plans get adjusted. There comes a point where we find additions or deletions into our dreams. Our dreams and definition of success changes. Life changes and it usually happens through the smallest things, but nonetheless it changes for the way it is supposed to be. The movie nailed that one on the head for sure.

There is a path we are each destined to be on. Some of us probably mess it up and get off that path numerous times throughout our lives, but is it necessarily a bad thing? Maybe there is a reason we are getting off that path and maybe that is the true path meant for us. The movie focuses so much on ensuring David and Elise stay on their written paths, but in the end (okay here comes the spoiler but I can't get my point across without it. Sorry.) It turns out sometimes even the written path is changed. There are times when two hearts know the path, something happens to change it and yet somehow two hearts who are truly meant to be together find a way to get back on that path.

Maybe there is a path for each of us already written somewhere and it could be a path of greatness, but then again maybe that path leading to greatness could be altered just a bit and lead to even more happiness. It's really all about perception.

Two people can have all their dreams come true and lead amazing lives, but never obtain true love and happiness. It's a tough question: do you take all your dreams coming true and give up love or do you settle for mediocrity and have love in your life?

If there is a written path for each of us, we still have a choice; we can stay on that path and end up where our lives have been determined for us and never know what might be if we took a detour and a chance or we can follow the path until we have that moment which tugs at our hearts and take a leap. We can take a leap, not knowing what the outcome will be and write our own plan.

In the end, it's about choosing to live a life with certainty and possibly a void or choosing to live a life of uncertainty and have the opportunity to find something even greater. As David found out in his journey, sometimes even achieving the goals we set for ourselves doesn't fill the void we are trying to fill. Sometimes the only thing that fills the void is taking the chance and discovering something your plan says you aren't meant to have.

It's not an easy choice, but I have to say if it comes down to choosing to live a life without love, without the one who completes me by my side, then no dream achieved will ever be enough.

Is it worth it to have all your dreams come true if you are empty and alone when they do?

My answer: No...it will never be enough!

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Summer scouting activities

Summer has been a busy time for the Scouting program in Big Spring with troops going to summer camp and the district holding its Cub Scout day camp in June. The Lone Star district held its day camp at Camp Thomas in Big Spring and a total of twenty-five cub scouts attended for a fun filled day of activities, which included learning to shoot bb guns, bows and arrows, and the Big Spring Volunteer Fire Department coming out with their fire truck. It was a very hot day, but we kept the boys hydrated and cool by including a bunch of water activities.

Over the last several months I have been working hard to put together the Juvenile Diversion Program through the Boy Scouts of America working with the City of Big Spring and as of this week we are in the final stages of planning. The JDP provides first-time juvenile offenders

with a positive alternative to the court system is the purpose of this innovative council program. Teens are referred by local law enforcement officials to this three-month course which teaches proper decision-making skills, communication techniques and requires community service.

Those who successfully complete the program and do not re-offend will maintain a clean record. Juvenile Diversion gives young people a second chance as it teaches them to take responsibility for their actions and to give back to a community that they have harmed or offended. Meetings are held on a once a week basis for a three-month period. Program consists of: Introduction to the Justice System; Surviving High School; Goal Setting; Drugs and Alcohol Awareness; Self Esteem; Conflict Resolution; Careers and Planning.

The youth must not re-offend within that three-month period or original offense may be prosecuted. Parental support and attendance are required at specific activities and the youth must

complete 25 hours of community service.

Upon successfully completing the program requirement, the alleged offense will be dismissed by the County Attorney. However, should a youth not meet such requirements, they will be redirected to the County Attorney for the purpose of prosecution.

We are planning to have the program kicked off within the next two months.

Starting next week the district will start its new program to collect soda can tabs to donate them to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. You can bring any collected soda can tabs to the drop box located just as you walk inside the door to the Big Spring Herald. We are looking forward to working with the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Big Spring to make this a successful project.

In September we will be going around schools to recruit new Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

For more information about joining Scouting or to volunteer please contact: Brian Sweeney @ (432) 212-3577



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After 9/11, Fla. 'Homeland' changed, too

By TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press
HOMELAND, Fla. (AP) — Homeland: It hasn't changed since 9/11, but its people have.

This town, population hovering around 335, has only about a dozen streets — several unpaved — a gas station, a post office and a meat market that sells hominy in giant tin cans.

It's famous for its phosphate mines — an ingredient in the fertilizer used in some homemade explosives — and for its name, which two months after Sept. 11, 2001, became a catchword in a nation struggling to stay secure from more terrorism.

And Homeland — four hours north of Miami and 50 miles from Disney World — is protected.

In fact, the village hasn't changed in decades. Spanish moss drapes listlessly from the oak trees in the sum-

mer heat, and people sit on the front porches of their old wooden bungalows. There are no shiny strip malls or manicured subdivisions like much of the rest of Florida.

It's just that people don't feel safe anymore.

"Homeland is pretty much out in the middle of nowhere, and you'd think that everything would be safe," says Gary Hacking, who works at Homeland's only public park. But, he says, "There's an uneasy feeling, even here."

It's not that the people of Homeland think terrorists will target them. They just describe, as people across America do, a loss of innocence and trust since Sept. 11. A realization that if Americans' homeland can be attacked, then attacks could happen again.

"We were all kind of naïve before," says Alexa Hamm, a 43-year-

old mother of 11 who lives in one of the oldest houses in town.

Homeland was a farming community for decades — cattle and oranges. To this day, giant orange trees bear fruit, though strawberries and blueberries are common, too. The town was called Bethel in the 1800s but in 1887, a traveling salesman who peddled wares from a covered wagon said the area reminded him of his homeland in Ireland. The name stuck.

It used to be a bigger place, with a hotel and a hat shop and a handful of other businesses. That was before the phosphate mines encroached on the town and swallowed much of it.

Known as "bone valley," that part of Central Florida contains the largest known phosphate deposit in the country. Giant mines nearby extract the phosphate for use as agricul-

tural fertilizer — an ingredient in homemade explosives, including the kind used in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

Homeland's residents don't talk about their connection to that potential threat. Many in town have worked at the mines.

Like Lesse Tucker. The 49-year-old was working at a phosphate mine on Sept. 11. He was making a cup of coffee when he heard the news. Tucker, who now works for the county's public works department, still has a lot of questions.

"Why weren't we on our toes to begin with?" he says. "Our security was so slack. Our security let them come over and do this to our people."

"Them," Tucker says, is the terrorists.

Steve Tregear, a 55-year-old construction company owner who is a relative newcomer — only a resident for 12

years — is pessimistic about the country's future, especially after a very bad decade that he says began on Sept. 11, 2001.

Even though everything's the same in Homeland, "Every single thing has changed since then," he says.

"Economically, socially, politically."

EDITOR'S NOTE — AP writer Tamara Lush is traveling about the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Follow her on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/tamaralush>.

Odds and Ends

Pool's staff includes 4 sets of twins

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio (AP) — Families are doing double duty this summer at an Ohio pool with four sets of twins on staff.

The crew at the Bexley Park Pool near Cleveland includes two sets of identical twins: 17-year-olds Anna and Maia Wachter and 18-year-olds Ariana and Amara Jester.

Pool manager Lauren Meek tells The Plain Dealer newspaper of Cleveland she has no trouble telling the Jesters apart, but can get confused by the Wachter girls, both lifeguards.

The pool's two other pairs are fraternal twins.

Hot air balloon lands off turnpike

AUBURN, Mass. (AP) — It was unusual sight for rush hour motorists on the Massachusetts Turn-

pike: an emergency landing by a hot air balloon.

State police say the balloon carrying seven people touched down at about 7:30 a.m. Thursday on a ramp leading to a highway maintenance area in Auburn.

No one is injured.

Police say the pilot told officials he was having trouble controlling the balloon and wanted to bring it down before it reached a crowded urban area.

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Census data: Rural America disappearing

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Rural America now accounts for just 16 percent of the nation's population, the lowest ever.

The latest 2010 census numbers hint at an emerging America where, by mid-century, city boundaries become indistinct and rural areas grow ever less relevant. Many communities could shrink to virtual ghost towns as they shutter businesses and close down schools, demographers say.

More metro areas are booming into sprawling megalopolises. Barring fresh investment that could bring jobs, however, large swaths of the Great Plains and Appalachia, along with parts of Arkansas, Mississippi and North Texas, could face significant population declines.

These places posted some of the biggest losses

over the past decade as young adults left and the people who stayed got older, moving past childbearing years.

For instance in West Virginia, now with a median age of 41.3, the share of Americans 65 and older is now nearly double that of young adults 18-24 — 16 percent compared to 9 percent, according to census figures released Thursday. In 1970, the shares of the two groups were roughly equal at 12 percent.

"This place ain't dead yet, but it's got about half a foot in the grave," said Bob Frees, 61, of Moundsville, W. Va., which now has a population of just over 9,000. "The big-money jobs are all gone. We used to have the big mills and the rolling plants and stuff like that, and you could walk out of high school when you were 16 or 17 and get a \$15-an-hour job."

Demographers put it a bit more formally.

"Some of the most isolated rural areas face a major uphill battle, with a broad area of the country emptying out," said Mark Mather, associate vice president of the Population Reference Bureau, a research group in Washington, D.C. "Many rural areas can't attract workers because there aren't any jobs, and businesses won't relocate there because there aren't enough qualified workers. So they are caught in a downward spiral."

Rural towns are scrambling to attract new residents and stave off heavy funding cuts from financially strapped federal and state governments.

Delta Air Lines recently announced it would end flight service to 24 small airports, several of them in the Great Plains, and the U.S. Postal Service is mulling plans to close thousands of branches in mostly rural areas of the country. The Uni-

versity of Kansas this month opened a new medical school with a class of eight in Salina, a regional hub of nearly 50,000 people, in hopes of supporting nearby rural communities that have no doctors at all.

In North Dakota, colleges are seeking to draw in young adults by charging low tuition and fees. It's part of a broader trend in which many slow-growing rural states are touting recreational scenic landscapes or extending tuition breaks to out-of-state residents who typically are charged more.

Many rural areas, the Great Plains in particular, have been steadily losing population since the 1930s with few signs of the trend slowing in coming decades, according to census figures.

The share of people in rural areas over the past decade fell to 16 percent, passing the previous low of 20 percent in 2000. The rural share is expected to drop further as the U.S. population bal-

loons from 309 million to 400 million by mid-century, leading people to crowd cities and suburbs and fill in the open spaces around them.

In 1910, the population share of rural America was 72 percent. Such areas remained home to a majority of Americans until 1950, amid post-World War II economic expansion.

Among the struggling rural areas are vast stretches of West Virginia in Appalachia. Several of the state's counties over the past decade have lost large chunks of their population following the collapse of logging and coal-mining industries.

In Moundsville, Frees describes his town, which sits in the northern panhandle along the edge of Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh, as appealing in some regards because of its low cost of living and friendly atmosphere in which "people talk to each other." But opportunities are few for the area's

young adults other than perhaps the \$7 or \$8-an-hour jobs at the nearby Wal-Mart store.

"The young kids today are fleeing the area," Frees said. "They get the education and then they leave because there's nothing here for them."

Other rural U.S. counties suffering big declines include Issaquena, Jefferson and Sharkey in Mississippi; Sheridan and Towner in North Dakota; Kiowa in Kansas; Cimarron in Oklahoma; Tensas Parish in Louisiana; Monroe in Arkansas and Cottle, King and Culberson in Texas. All had percentage losses of 20 percent or more over the past decade.

The numbers are based partly on an analysis by the Population Reference Bureau. The data were supplemented with calculations by Robert Lang, a sociology professor at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.



Big Spring QB Club Meeting to be held on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 6pm at the ATC. All parents of Football Players from 7th Grade to 12th Grade are encouraged to attend.

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On July 13, 2011, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland"), a regulated electric utility company, filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") entitled *Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Approve Retail Plan Pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. 37990 for Customers in the Stanton, Colorado City, Brady and Celeste Divisions* ("Application").

The Application describes an obligation from a stipulation in Docket No. 37990 that requires Sharyland to file on or before July 13, 2011, a proposal regarding whether to move Sharyland's former Cap Rock Energy Corporation's customers to retail competition and includes a proposed Retail Plan. The Retail Plan analyzes whether Sharyland's Brady, Celeste, Stanton and Colorado City divisions should move to retail competition and proposes that they should do so on or before January 1, 2014. The Retail Plan provides the necessary provisions and steps to achieve retail competition for the affected divisions, and outlines the activities that must be accomplished before commencement of competition. The Application asks that the Commission (1) determine that Sharyland has complied with its Docket No. 37990 obligation to submit a Retail Plan and (2) approve the transition to retail competition of Sharyland's Stanton, Colorado City, Brady and Celeste divisions in accordance with the Retail Plan.

This Application has been assigned Docket No. 39592. Interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to participate in this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is **August 29, 2011**, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date.

A complete copy of Sharyland's Application is available for inspection at Sharyland's offices located at 511 West Ohio, Suite 600, Midland, Texas 79701 and 1900 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, and at the office of Sharyland's legal representative, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, at 701 Brazos Street, Suite 970, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326 with reference to Docket No. 39592. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. All communications should refer to Docket No. 39592.

News in brief

Perry calls fears of default overblown

HOUSTON (AP) — Predictions of gloom and doom gripping the economy if the federal debt ceiling is not extended are overblown, Texas Gov. Rick Perry said Wednesday, even as stocks plunged on fears that gridlocked congressional leaders would allow the U.S. to default on its debts.

"They're not going to shut down the collection of fees and taxes, I'm thinking," Perry said, responding to a question after a ceremonial bill signing. "There is still going to be revenues flowing in. I think this threat that somehow or another the world's going to come to an end and the threat of we're not going to be able to pay our bills is a bit of a stretch."

Political gridlock has so far halted legislation to stave off Tuesday's deadline to raise the nation's debt ceiling. Investors anxious about the stalemate swept across Wall Street on Wednesday and drove the Dow Jones industrial average down almost 200 points.

On Wednesday Perry called the gridlock political theater; a day earlier he called President Barack Obama's speech addressing the situation condescending.

The Texas governor is moving closer to jumping in the race for the White House.

While he said he supports the so-called cut, cap and balance approach, Perry did not say if he supported the plan proposed by House Speaker John Boehner. "I'm frustrated along with the rest of Americans, but the fact of the matter is ... we've spent too much money, we've gotten our house in bad shape and we need to stop spending."

Opening statements set in trial for Warren Jeffs

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs' much-anticipated Texas trial begins in earnest Thursday, with prosecutors

claiming he sexually assaulted girls he manipulated into "spiritual marriage," and defense attorneys countering that their client's religious freedoms were trampled.

Opening arguments are scheduled for Thursday, immediately following a hearing on whether evidence recovered when Jeffs was arrested after a 2006 traffic stop along a Nevada highway can be presented to jurors during the trial.

The 55-year-old Jeffs, head of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is charged with sexually assaulting two girls, one under 17, one age 12. If convicted, he could go to prison for life. The charges stem from a 2008 police raid on a remote church compound.

Jeffs is also scheduled to go to trial for bigamy in October. His sect is a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism that believes polygamy brings exaltation in heaven. It has more than 10,000 members nationwide, and his high-powered defense team is being financed by an FLDS land trust believed to be worth more than \$110 million.

Jeffs has had seven attorneys appear on his behalf in recent months, leading to a six-month delay to the start of his trial. All of Jeffs' lawyers have been tight-lipped about their approach to the case.

However, as jury selection began this week, Jeffs' latest attorney, Deric Walpole, gave the first public hint of Jeffs' planned defense, saying "my client's right to practice religion as he sees fit is in jeopardy."

Dozens displaced after Irving apartments burn

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A four-alarm apartment complex fire in suburban Dallas has left one person hurt and more than 80 residents displaced during extreme hot weather.

American Red Cross spokeswoman Anita Foster says volunteers worked Thursday to provide housing after 24

units at The Heights in Irving were damaged or destroyed.

Paramedics removed one woman on a stretcher during Wednesday night's fire. Further details on her condition were not immediately available.

Dozens of additional residents had to evacuate because electricity at their undamaged units was lost, during the fire at a time when forecasters say temperatures were at about 90 degrees. Foster says Red Cross teams will also monitor that housing situation due to the extreme heat.

The cause of the blaze is sought.

Firefighters water historic South Texas oak

ROCKPORT (AP) — Volunteers firefighters concerned about the drought have hosed down a massive South Texas live oak known simply as the "Big Tree."

Firetrucks were used Wednesday to water the more than 1,000 year-old tree at Goose Island State Park near Rockport, about 25 miles northeast of Corpus Christi.

Texas Parks and Wildlife officials say watering of the tree will continue every couple of weeks if Tropical Storm Don, which churned toward Texas on Thursday, does not provide significant rainfall.

Crews drenched the base of the 44-foot-tall live oak with about 13,000 gallons of water, enough to simulate half an inch of rain. The trunk is more than 11 feet in diameter. The crown spreads at least 89 feet.

Ranger Bill Wilson says the tree is a Texas icon.

Worker dies in San Marcos industrial accident

SAN MARCOS (AP) — One worker has been killed and another seriously hurt in an industrial accident in Central Texas.

San Marcos police say a pre-engineered metal building frame under

construction collapsed Wednesday at Thermon Manufacturing Company.

Police did not immediately provide further details on the surviving worker, except that the person has non-life threatening injuries and has been transported to a hospital. Police did not release names of either worker.

The building under construction is a new manufacturing facility for Thermon, which makes heat tracing products for the energy industry. The contractor is Bailey-Elliott Construction Inc. of Austin.

Officials with both companies did not immediately return messages Thursday from The Associated Press.

Town puts financially troubled jail up for auction

LITTLEFIELD (AP) — A prison that a High Plains town hoped would provide a bonanza but instead went broke is going on the auction block.

Littlefield is putting the Bill Clayton Detention Center up for auction Thursday with a \$5 million minimum opening bid. Tulsa, Okla.-based Williams & Williams Worldwide Real Estate Auction is handling the bidding. Its throwing in the furniture, linen, computers, kitchen supplies and other equipment contained in the 30-acre complex 36 miles northwest of Lubbock.

Littlefield built the 373-bed, medium-security prison with proceeds from an \$11 million bond issue and signed The GEO Group to run it. The hope was for states experiencing prison overcrowding to pay to house its inmates there.

Instead, escapes, corruption and living conditions prompted states to withdraw their inmates, leaving an empty prison.

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donates fire truck to Texas department

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — A South Carolina company is donating a used fire truck to a Texas volunteer fire department whose station was destroyed by fire earlier this month.

The Island Packet of Hilton Head reports Palmetto Fire Apparatus is donating the truck to the 356 Volunteer Fire Department in Trinity, Texas.

The Trinity station and equipment worth about \$400,000 burned July 17. There was no insurance and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Fire department volunteer Regina Baker says the department serves an area with retirees on fixed incomes. The department's 20 volunteers have been working for days to fight wildfires.

Tropical Storm Don moving toward southern Texas

MIAMI (AP) — A day after forming, Tropical Storm Don is moving across the Gulf of Mexico toward southeastern Texas, where it's expected to make landfall Friday.

A tropical storm watch is in effect from the mouth of the Rio Grande northward to west of San Luis Pass.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami says Don's maximum sustained winds Thursday are near 40 mph

(65 kph) with some strengthening possible.

The storm is centered about 545 miles (875 kilometers) east-southeast of Corpus Christi, Texas, and is moving west-northwest near 10 mph (17 kph).

Archives of director Ray for UT's Ransom Center

AUSTIN (AP) — The Harry Ransom Center in Austin has acquired the works of late film director Nicholas Ray, known for "Rebel Without a Cause."

Storyboards from the Oscar-nominated 1955 movie, starring James Dean, Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo, went on display Thursday on the first floor of the center, which is part of the University of Texas.

The center announced Wednesday that the items, covering more than 35 years of Ray's career, include scripts with notations, photographs, journals, audio reels, video recordings and film. His works also include "Flying Leathernecks," "Bitter Victory" and "55 Days at Peking."

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Man gets probation in livestock cruelty case

DIMMITT (AP) — A Texas Panhandle beef processor was given a year of probation Wednesday after a judge agreed to suspend the animal cruelty case against him and five workers at his plant.

Authorities started investigating Kirt Espenson's E6 Cattle Co. after an animal welfare group gave authorities undercover video footage shot at the plant near Hart, about 65 miles north of Lubbock. It showed pickaxes and hammers being used to bludgeon

calves to death. The felony charge of cruelty to livestock against Espenson will be dismissed if he completes the probationary period and pays the \$4,000 fine. Conviction could mean up to two years in a state jail.

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News in brief

House GOP sets vote on revamped debt-limit bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are pressing ahead with a vote on a newly modified plan to stave off an unprecedented government default next week even though the legislation faces a White House veto threat and unanimous opposition among Senate Democrats.

As the House prepared to vote Thursday, investor worries that a dysfunctional Congress might remain gridlocked sent stocks plunging. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped almost 200 points Wednesday, on top of a 92-point drop the day before.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, made headway with balking conservatives unhappy that the measure contains smaller spending cuts than a more stringent debt measure that passed the House last week. The new measure depends on caps on agency budgets to cut more than \$900 billion from the deficit over the coming decade while permitting a commensurate increase in the nation's borrowing to allow the government to pay its bills.

Boehner acknowledged that the measure was hardly perfect but represented "the best opportunity we have to hold the president's feet to the fire. He wants a \$2.4 trillion blank check that lets him continue his spending binge through the next election. This is the time to say no." Boehner made the comments Wednesday to conservative radio host Laura Ingraham.

Dow posts declines as fear about deadline extends to Wall Street

A fast-approaching deadline is bound to heighten anxiety. That's what happening on Wall Street as investors grow increasingly uneasy about the political stalemate over raising the nation's debt ceiling.

The Dow Jones industrial average has closed down for four sessions in a row. And the declines have been steeper each day, reaching almost 200 points Wednesday.

Lawmakers face an Aug. 2 deadline or risk triggering an unprecedented federal default and unpredictable fallout in the economy. As the contentious debate in Washington heated up, initially the stock market didn't show much reaction. But recent days have reflected signs of greater concern.

While no one was panicking, financial professionals who handle the investment accounts of everyday Americans — college funds, retirement accounts and other nest-eggs — said their customers were growing more worried by the day. One said he had not seen this level of anxiety since the 2008 financial crisis.

Gov't report: U.S. health care tab to hit \$4.6 trillion in 2020

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's health care tab is on track to hit \$4.6 trillion in 2020, accounting for about \$1 of every \$5 in the economy, government number crunchers estimate in a report out Thursday.

How much is that? Including government and private money, health care spending in 2020 will average \$13,710 for every man, woman and child,

says Medicare's Office of the Actuary.

By comparison, U.S. health care spending this year is projected to top \$2.7 trillion, or about \$8,650 per capita, roughly \$1 of \$6 in the economy. Most of that spending is for care for the sickest people.

The report from Medicare economists and statisticians is an annual barometer of a trend that many experts say is unsustainable but doesn't seem to be slowing down. A political compromise over the nation's debt and deficits might succeed in tapping the brakes on health care, but polarized lawmakers have been unable to deliver a deal.

The analysis found that President Barack Obama's health care overhaul would only be a modest contributor to growing costs, even though an additional 30 million people who would be otherwise uninsured stand to gain coverage.

Spec ops chief says Bin Laden's al-Qaida on ropes

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — The top commander of U.S. special operations forces said Wednesday that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida is bloodied and "nearing its end," but he warned the next generation of militants could keep special operations fighting for a decade to come.

Navy SEAL Adm. Eric T. Olson described the killing of bin Laden by a special operations raid on May 2 as a near-killing blow for what he called "al-Qaida 1.0," as created by bin Laden and led from his hideout in Pakistan.

Olson said the group had already lost steam because of the revolts of the Arab Spring, which proved the Muslim world did not need al-Qaida to bring down governments, from Tunisia to Egypt.

"I think the death of bin Laden was an uppercut to the jaw," Olson told a packed crowd, opening the Aspen Security Forum. "It just knocked them on their heels."

Premier calls on Norway to embrace values that attacker detested

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Five days after an attacker incensed by Norway's culture of tolerance horrified the world, Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg on Wednesday issued a quiet call of defiance to his countrymen: Make Norway even more open and accepting.

"The Norwegian response to violence is more democracy, more openness and greater political participation," Stoltenberg insisted at a news conference.

His promise in the face of twin attacks that killed 76 people signaled a contrast to the U.S. response after the 9/11 attacks, when Washington gave more leeway to perform wiretaps and to search records.

It reflects the difference between the two countries' approaches to terrorism: The U.S. has been frustrated by what it considers Scandinavia's lack of aggressive investigation and arrests.

11-year-old girl's disappearance rattles nerves in small N.H. town

STEWARTSTOWN, N.H. (AP) — Shy and sweet, with a gap-toothed smile and a reputation as reliable, 11-year-old Celina Cass is the last person anyone in her New Hampshire community would expect to run away. At this point, they only wish that were the case. The other explanations are too scary.

Last seen at a home computer Monday night, the fifth grader vanished overnight from her home a mile from the U.S.-Canada border, leaving family members and friends incredulous.

Police and conservation officers are searching fields, woods and the Connecticut River while FBI child abduction specialists have joined the hunt.

Police have said that there's no indication she ran away or that someone took her, and there are no signs of a struggle.

But tight-lipped police investigators revealed little about the probe beyond that Wednesday, despite a flurry of activity in and around the three-story house where Celina lives with her mother and stepfather.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Jane Young said it is still being treated as a missing persons case.

Colo., other states reviewing post-Columbine school discipline

DENVER (AP) — Young students in Colorado schools can face ticketing or charges for scrawling doodles on a desk, accidentally hitting a teacher with a beanbag chair, or swiping a stick of gum from a teacher's purse.

That's what a group of high schools students told a state legislative panel Wednesday examining Colorado's strict disciplinary policies, many of which were implemented in the wake of the 1999 Columbine High School shootings and other high-profile cases of youth violence.

"We are here because we believe schools can be safe without criminalizing students for minor misbehaviors," said Brandon Wagoner, 17, who was among the group of students who stood in a semi-circle in front of the panelists as each read them details of the cases.

Republican Rep. B.J. Nikkel, a member of the panel, said zero-tolerance policies have led to the "over-criminalization" of students and that law enforcement sometimes feels shackled because they're left with little discretion on how to deal with problem students.

Unruly crowd swarms Hollywood Blvd outside film premiere

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An overcrowded theater and an invitation to a block party ended with an out-of-control crowd swarming Hollywood Boulevard outside a film premiere, leading to a clash with police in riot gear and closure of the famous street.

Some people threw bottles, vandalized cars and several hundred refused orders to disperse after they were forced to leave Grauman's Chinese Theatre for a screening of a documentary about an electronic music festival Wednesday night, authorities said.

The turmoil erupted after a Los Angeles Fire Department inspector determined the theater was overcrowded, department spokesman Brian Humphrey said.

Police estimated about 2,000 people were inside the theater to catch the premiere of a documentary about the Electric Daisy Carnival rave. An unknown number of people were pushed out into the streets, joining a growing crowd that may have been drawn to the event from a Twitter message by a popular DJ known as Kaskade who said there'd be an accompanying block party.

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McNabb out of NFC East

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Donovan McNabb's time in Washington is over after only a year.

The Minnesota Vikings acquired the veteran quarterback from the Redskins on Wednesday night in exchange for a sixth-round draft pick.

The deal gives the Vikings a six-time Pro Bowler who

will play until first-round draft choice Christian Ponder is ready to take over. The deal also includes a conditional sixth-round pick in 2013.

Ponder tweeted that he welcomes McNabb to the team and looks forward to learning from him. But he

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AP file photo

Donovan McNabb is out of the NFC East for the time being. After playing for the Eagles and Redskins, McNabb was traded to Minnesota Wednesday.

Big Spring football and volleyball two-a-days start Monday, Aug. 1

Rookie Altuve helps Astros snap losing streak

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Jose Altuve tied a Houston Astros record by hitting safely in his first seven games. It took a little while to get his first RBI, but it was huge.

The 21-year-old rookie drove in the go-ahead run in the ninth inning with his third hit as the Astros snapped a five-game losing streak with a 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday night.

"I feel really good, not just at home plate," Altuve said. "Like I've said before, I want to prove I can play here and play hard."

Jason Bourgeois also had three hits and perhaps unintentionally helped the Astros score an insurance run on

Altuve's hit when center fielder Jon Jay's off-line throw to the plate glanced off his leg. Bourgeois jumped at the last instant before the ball struck his leg and changed course en route to the backstop.

"I honestly could not see the ball coming. I was so busy trying to tell (the runner) to get down, by the time I lifted my foot up it hit one of my toes," Bourgeois said. "It's one of those things where I'm just going to kind of be quiet and hope it goes our way and it did."

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa made an unsuccessful protest that Bourgeois didn't try hard enough.

"I didn't see him do a

real good job of it. You just can't stand there and let the ball hit you, you've got to let the defense make its plays," La Russa said.

Chris Carpenter worked seven strong innings for the Cardinals, who fell a half-game behind the Brewers for the NL Central lead hours after acquiring pitcher Edwin Jackson in a three-team deal with the Blue Jays and White Sox that cost them outfielder Colby Rasmus.

Matt Holliday doubled twice one day after missing Tuesday's game with a stomach virus but the Cardinals were 2 for 15 with runners in scoring position.

The Astros loaded the bases with one out

in the eighth against Mitchell Boggs before Hunter Pence, making his first pinch-hit appearance of the season, grounded into a double play. Boggs (0-3) gave up five hits and two runs in 1 2-3 innings.

Altuve, a second baseman, is 11 for 26 (.423) since being called up from Double-A Corpus Christi and matched Russ Johnson's seven-game streak as a rookie in 1997. Altuve had been leading all minor leaguers with a .389 average.

"I don't know exactly how many hits it is but it's not seven hits, it's a lot more," Houston manager Brad Mills said. "He's getting them in bunches and he's doing a great job at second,

and that's just great to see."

Fernando Rodriguez (2-0) allowed a hit and two walks over two innings in relief of Bud Norris. Albert Pujols struck out with runners on second and third against Mark Melancon, who earned his ninth save in 12 chances.

Clint Barmes had been a career .111 hitter against St. Louis (3 for 27) before putting the Astros ahead with a two-run homer in the second. Carpenter said he was happy with the 0-2 pitch low and a bit inside.

"I don't second-guess that pitch at all," Carpenter said. "It was a good pitch."

Consecutive two-out

doubles by Holliday and Jay off Norris cut the gap to one in the fourth and Yadier Molina's two-out RBI single tied it in the sixth. Michael Bourn's throw from center field to the plate was in plenty of time to catch Pujols trying to score from second, but rookie catcher Carlos Corporan couldn't handle a high bounce and went to make the tag without the ball.

Third baseman Chris Johnson started the St. Louis rally with fielding and throwing errors on Pujols' one-out bouncer.

Norris gave up one earned run in six innings, another strong start against a team he's 6-2 against for his career.

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, cheer signings start Saturday

Sign-ups for CYFA's youth football and cheerleading signings 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.bigspring-bowlarama.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 432-816-1685.

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

Rangers losing steam

ARLINGTON (AP) — After all the runs the Texas Rangers scored in the first two games of their series against Minnesota, they struggled again when facing a left-handed starter.

Minnesota lefty Brian Duensing held Texas to one run over 6 2-3 innings and the Twins — after giving up 28 runs in two games started by right-handers — beat the Rangers 7-2 on Wednesday night.

Before their run-scoring barrage against Minnesota that included a 20-6 victory in the opener and then a 9-8 loss, the Rangers had managed only four singles against Toronto left-hander Brett Cecil in a 3-0 loss Sunday night.

"We just didn't get them, that's the only thing that I can say," manager Ron Washington said when asked if it was just a coincidence of having another bad night

against a left-hander.

Duensing (8-8) out-pitched Colby Lewis (10-8), who suffered his first loss since June 11. Lewis had a personal-best winning streak of five games over the right-hander's previous seven starts.

Lewis struck out five and walked two while allowing eight hits in 6 2-3 innings.

"It was one of those nights where I felt like

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Braves hand Pirates loss in 2nd extra innings game

ATLANTA (AP) — The Pirates have stayed close to first place in the NL Central by taking advantage of their scoring chances.

For the second straight extra-innings loss to Atlanta, the Pirates failed to deliver the key hit.

David Ross hit a bases-loaded single in the 10th inning and the Braves beat Pittsburgh 2-1 on Wednesday night for their second straight victory in extra innings.

This time, there was no controversy, no debate and a lot less innings.

Atlanta and Pittsburgh played 19 innings Tuesday night before Julio Lugo scored the winning run on a call at the plate that umpire Jerry Meals later acknowledged was incorrect.

Pirates manager Clint Hurdle noted his team left runners in scoring position in three of the first four innings. Pittsburgh's only run came on Garrett Jones' 10th homer in the sixth.

"We're not built to slug," Hurdle said. "You combine that and come in here and face the Braves' starting rotation, it's one of the best ones in the league. It's tough duty."

"We've got to find some bats to get in play. Hopefully that will start tomorrow."

Pittsburgh, seeking its first winning season in 19 years, fell 1½ games behind St. Louis and Milwaukee in the

NL Central.

The Pirates were held to seven hits by Jair Jurrjens and three relievers.

"We have an offense that's got to capitalize when we have opportunities," Hurdle said. "Three of the first four innings we had runners in scoring position."

"I don't see any over-swings. I see guys trying to square balls up. They're trying to be aggressive. They're trying to hit hard but I don't see guys just spinning on balls with no game plan."

Ross became Atlanta's starting catcher when the Braves placed McCann on the 15-day disabled list before the game with a left oblique injury. Ross came through with two hits, driving in both of the Braves' runs.

"You're not replacing B-Mac," Ross said. "I'm trying to get in there and hold down the fort until he comes back."

Ross is hitting .296. Most recently, he served as Tim Hudson's personal catcher in a routine that gave McCann a regular day off.

The Braves are 17-6 with Ross starting, and the veteran is hitting .316 with four homers and 18 RBIs in those starts.

"I can't think of very many teams in the major leagues that have the quality we do at the backup catcher position," Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said.

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I made mistakes and they didn't hit it. Then I would make a mistake with runners in scoring position, especially with two outs and runners in scoring position in the fifth, they just put the bat on the ball and got some key hits," Lewis said. "I just didn't get away with very many mistakes tonight."

Lewis has allowed an AL-high 26 homers after giving up solo shots by Joe Mauer and Michael Cuddyer.

Mauer's two-out homer in the first inning was his first in 54 games, dating to September. He spent two months on the disabled list this season. Cuddyer led off the fourth with his 15th homer.

"He got a breaking

ball up to Cuddyer and he left a fastball that he was trying to get in on Mauer up, and then Mauer popped one through the hole to get another RBI," Washington said.

In the fifth, Mauer and Cuddyer had consecutive RBI singles to put the Twins up 4-1.

"I felt like I had pretty good stuff. I felt like I commanded the fastball pretty good," Lewis said. "It was just one of those days."

Alexi Casilla had a two-out double, then scored on the single by Mauer, who advanced to second on left fielder Josh Hamilton's throw to the plate. Cuddyer then singled to center.

"Four runs, I'm not afraid of four runs. I figured we can get some runs on the board, it didn't happen," Washington said. "(Lewis)

had a good fastball, he had a good breaking ball, he had all of his pitches good. ... I mean he got us into the seventh inning and we were still in the ballgame."

Elvis Andrus had a leadoff double in the fourth for Texas and scored on a groundout by Michael Young. Yorvit Torrealba added an RBI single in the ninth.

After leading off the sixth with a single, Andrus moved to second on a deep flyball to center by Hamilton. But with Young at the plate, Andrus was thrown out trying to steal third base when catcher Mauer's throw beat him by several feet. Young then singled.

"Just a bad decision. ... He had already done a great thing getting to second base," Washington said. "Just trying to make something happen and just tried to make it happen at the wrong time."

Andrus, who has 30 stolen bases this season, knows he should stay at second, especially after Young's hit that would have certainly sent him home.

"That's not a really good feeling," Andrus said.

Notes: Minnesota has won five of seven against the Rangers this season.

They wrap up the season series Thursday night. ... The Twins and Yankees are the only AL teams Lewis hasn't beaten in the regular season. Lewis did win twice against New York in last year's AL championship series. ... Washington was still finishing up his duties as the AL All-Star manager. On a table in his office were 16 dozen baseballs MLB sent him to sign. The balls were already signed by the rest of the All-Stars in Arizona two weeks ago.

The Rangers went over 2 million in attendance in their 55th home game.

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also says he still plans on fighting for the starting job in Week 1.

McNabb will have to restructure the five-year, \$78 million deal he signed with the Redskins because the Vikings don't have enough room to fit him in their salary cap.

McNabb's departure closes the book on coach Mike Shanahan's first major Redskins gaffe. He gave up second- and fourth-round draft picks for McNabb last year but ended up benching him for the final three games of a 6-10 season.

"He was going to come in and really help us win more games, but it didn't work out," said linebacker Lorenzo Alexander. "Relationships broke down, and now he's not here, but you can't really focus on that. You've got to continue to move forward."

Two days after the lockout ended, NFL teams are making deals at a frantic pace, with some big names changing addresses, and others staying put.

Not going anywhere is New York Giants coach Tom Coughlin, who signed a one-year extension Wednesday that keeps him with the team through 2012.

"As we said after the season, we strongly believe in Tom," co-owner and team president John Mara said of the coach who led the Giants to the 2007 NFL championship. "We believe in the job he has done, and we believe in his ability to lead our team in the future. Everybody was on the same page in arriving at the extension."

Also remaining in the New York area will be Antonio Holmes, who will continue to be a big benefit to Jets QB Mark Sanchez.

The Jets made the 2009 Super Bowl MVP their top priority among their five key players who are not under contract, and will keep him for the next five years.

Holmes has had some off-field issues, which led to the Steelers trading him to New York. He performed very well for the Jets on the field, with 52 catches for 746 yards and six touchdowns after missing the first four games while suspended.

Free agents aren't allowed to sign contracts until Friday.

In other moves Wednesday:

—Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck is leaving Seattle for Tennessee. He spent the past 10 seasons with the Seahawks, leading them to the 2005 NFC title. The Titans

drafted quarterback Jake Locker eighth overall in April, but needed a veteran presence after Kerry Collins retired; they plan to trade or release Vince Young.

Given the lack of off-season opportunities for Locker to get up to speed, Hasselbeck figures to be the starter in Nashville.

—DeAngelo Williams, the Panthers' career rushing leader, agreed to remain in Carolina. Williams' 2010 season was cut short by a right foot injury. He rushed for 361 yards and one touchdown. He had his best pro season in 2008, rushing for a team-record 1,515 yards, 18 touchdowns and a 5.5-yard average.

In perhaps the wildest day of transactions in franchise history, linebackers James Anderson and Thomas Davis agreed to five-year contracts. Also agreeing to terms were seven free agents, including kicker Olindo Mare, defensive tackle Ron Edwards, tight end Ben Hartsock, fullback Rick Brockel, defensive backs Cletis Gordan, Devon Hall and Kevin Payne.

Bringing in Mare will end the career of the only original Panther, John Kasay.

—Placekicker Adam Vinatieri agreed to a three-year contract with Indianapolis. The 38-year-old Vinatieri is one of seven players in league history to score 500 or more points for two teams (Patriots, Colts). He is headed into his 15th NFL season.

Safety Melvin Bullitt also agreed to remain with the Colts. He was a backup to the oft-injured Bob Sanders since joining the Colts as an undrafted free agent in 2007, but is expected to become a full-time starter this season after Sanders' release earlier this year.

—Cleveland will release quarterback Jake Delhomme on Thursday. He was 2-2 as a starter in 2010, but Colt McCoy has that job this year. Delhomme was scheduled to make \$5.4 million in base salary.

—Cincinnati reached an agreement with Bruce Gradkowski, who knows the team's new offensive system and will help develop rookie Andy Dalton. The 28-year-old quarterback was in Tampa from 2008-09 with Jay Gruden, the Bengals' new offensive coordinator.

Incumbent Carson Palmer has told the team he would retire rather than play another season in Cincinnati, which has two winning records in the past 20 years.

—Minnesota and kick-

er Ryan Longwell agreed to terms on a four-year deal. The 36-year-old Longwell went 17 for 18 on field goals and 30 for 31 on extra points last season.

—Guard Robert Gallery agreed to a three-year contract with Seattle, where he rejoins Tom Cable, his former coach with the Raiders and now a Seahawks assistant.

Gallery was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2004 draft by the Raiders, but struggled when the Raiders tried him at tackle. He was moved to left guard before the 2007 season — coinciding with Cable's arrival in Oakland — and flourished.

But he's played just 18 games the past two seasons because of injuries.

—Safety Eric Weddle agreed on a five-year, \$40 million deal with San Diego with \$19 million guaranteed. He is due \$14 million this year, including a \$13 million signing bonus.

"It's exciting to think of Eric as being a Charger for his entire career," coach Norv Turner said.

—Receiver Brandon Stokley, 35, agreed to a one-year contract with Washington, which also traded with Denver for wideout Jabar Gaffney and agreed to terms with receiver Donte Stallworth.

—Atlanta agreed on a five-year deal with outside linebacker Stephen Nicholas.

—The Texans agreed to terms with backup quarterback Matt Leinart.

"I am excited to be a Texan," Leinart wrote on Twitter. "Ultimately, I had to do what was best for me at this point. People can question the decision, but it was the right one for me."

—Lance Moore, a favorite target of Drew Brees, agreed to terms on a five-year contract with New Orleans. Last season, Moore played in all 16 regular season games and had 66 receptions for 763 yards and eight touchdowns.

—The Jaguars hooked up with linebacker Paul Posluszny for a six-year contract worth \$45 million, including \$15 million guaranteed.

"Jacksonville was very aggressive from the start," Posluszny told The Associated Press. "They showed a lot of interest. They have a lot of confidence in me, and I don't want to let them down."

—Sidney Rice is headed west to join former Minnesota teammate Tarvaris Jackson with the Seahawks. Rice is coming off an injury-filled 2010 season.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 7C-0271139
IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS
Austin, Texas
July 8, 2011
NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF BROAD OAK ENERGY, INC. TO CONSIDER A NEW FIELD DESIGNATION FOR THE SUGG A LEASE, WELL NO. 158H, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ROBLE GRANDE (STRAWN/WOODFORD) FIELD TO CONSIDER SPECIAL FIELD RULES FOR THE PROPOSED NEW FIELD AND TO CONSIDER BLANKET RULE 10 COMMINGLING AUTHORITY IN THE SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD AND THE PROPOSED NEW FIELD FOR WELLS IN REAGAN AND GLASSCOCK COUNTIES, TEXAS

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

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

Applicant is proposing the following:

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

2. Special field rules for this new field as follows:

a.) That the field be defined as that certain stratigraphic interval and correlative equivalent from 9477 feet to 9941 feet as seen in the Gamma Ray/High Resolution Laterolog Array log of the Broad Oak Energy, Inc. Sugg A Well No. 158H (API No. 42-383-37033), Section 158, Block 2, T&P RR Co. Survey, Abstract 708, Reagan County, Texas;

b.) Spacing of 467/0' for both vertical and horizontal wells and subject to the Take Point Spacing Rule for horizontal wells as set forth below;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you have questions regarding this application,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7C-0271139 #7043 July 14, 21, 28 & August 4, 2011

Tomorrow's Horoscope

If you've ever felt like putting the love you feel into a poem, song or theatrical work, you've felt the very same impulse as did Shakespeare himself. Turning feeling into art is a specialty of Venus, and when she's transiting Leo — as she will be between now and August 21 — it is practically impossible to hold back the expression from an audience.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You intend to have more love in your life, and that intention is ringing across the universe now. You will soon be answered by love in many forms, including platonic, familial and romantic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Legals

Coahoma ISD offers Pre-Kindergarten classes for children who meet the following qualifications:

- 1. 4 years old by September 1
- 2. is unable to speak and comprehend the English language
- 3. is a homeless child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child
- 4. is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is injured or killed while serving on active duty
- 5. is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty
- 6. is or ever has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code.

If you know a child whom you feel meets these qualifications, please call (432)394-5000.

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- 2. califica para beneficios libres o reducido de comida
- 3. un dependiente de miembro de servicio militar del ejercito; o
- 4. califica es como sin hogar
- 5.....
- 6. Si usted tiene a un nino de cuatro anos de edad que puede calificar y ser interesados en asistir de el/su una clase del pre jardin de la infancia, notifica por favor a (432)394-5000.

#7065 July 28 & 29, 2011

20). There is someone who creates a meteor-like impact in your life. Having crashed to the surface of a planet, the meteor sits calmly in the middle of the storm it created.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will enter different circles of influence and be automatically accepted. This is true even if you're not quite dressed like everyone else, and even if you're not solid on the customs of the group.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't like it when people interrupt you, and so you will make a conscious effort not to interrupt anyone else. Because you let everyone have a say, you gain knowledge and insight into an exclusive world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are those who love you with an undeniable force. Once you realize just how loved you are, this force will heal you and help you to unify your fragmented parts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Seeking pleasure isn't always a selfish act. The thing you do for the sheer joy of it also happens to spread joy to others. And here's a bonus: You will be nurtured by the act that enralls you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone from your past feels that he or she had a chance with you once and blew it. Maybe this person won't reach out, but you can feel him or her thinking about you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This is a day for social and economic caution. By borrowing or lending from a friend, you could cause stress and ultimately a situation that will lead to the end of the relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The one who once had you jumping from task to task no longer has this kind of power over you. You are older and wiser, and you realize that you have a choice about whether or not to serve this person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some source of pain still has a minor but undeniable affect on you. You'll work to free yourself, bit by bit. And when you finally get free, you will be spontaneous and playful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are many aspects to your personality, and they will be expressed in myriad ways. The gentle you accepts and supports the you who has to be somewhat fearsome to make things happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Hidden in the deep maze of the unconscious are treasures and booby traps. Sometimes there is no logical way to tell the difference, and yet, without logic, you do a brilliant job of sensing your way through.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 28). Using your talents to better society will be foremost on your mind, and for this reason, you'll put great concentration into your efforts to professionally advance. In August, you'll benefit from new technology and invention. Your enjoyment of a sport or special interest connects you with new friends in September. Cancer and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 1, 25, 30 and 16.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Big-voiced ballads and huge hits have made Martina McBride a repeat receiver of the Academy of Country Music's "Top Female Vocalist" award. The show-stopping energy of the sun and Mercury in Leo runs strong in her natal chart. So does the nurturing Cancer energy of Venus, Mars and Jupiter in the sign of mothers. McBride has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to end domestic violence.

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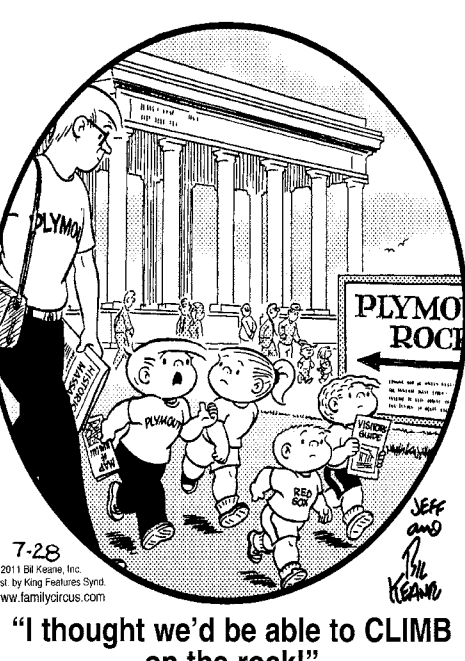
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8:PM ABC	Expedition Imp.	Triunfo del Amor	Glee	Big Brother	Decisiones Extr	Office 30 Rock		Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Plain Jane	Deadliest Catch		Jail	Bones		Movie: 16 Wishes		
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1:AM ABC	Paid	Mujer	TMZ	Ent	Pagado	Poker After Dark	Lopez Tonight	Light of the Southwest		Influence Born	Deadliest Catch	Movie: True Lies, Tom Arnold	The Shield	Southland		Deck	X Games	SportsCenter

DENNIS THE MENACE



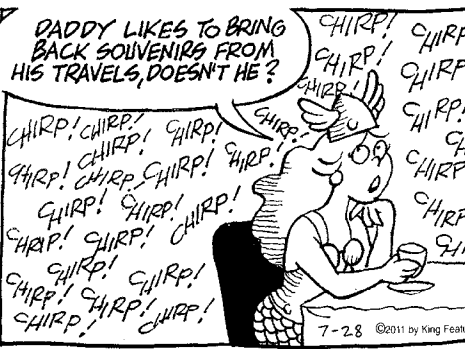
"HE DRAWS A FAMOUS COMIC STRIP, DENNIS." "BUT WHAT DOES HE DO FOR A LIVING?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I thought we'd be able to CLIMB on the rock!"

HAGAR



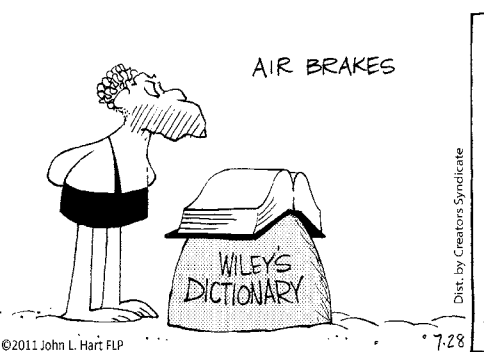
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BLONDIE

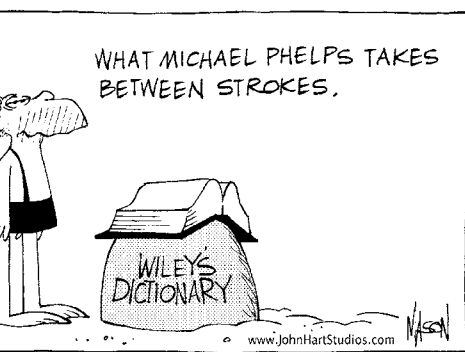


I'M GETTING MARRIED IN A MONTH AND I'D LIKE YOU TO CATER A HUGE BANQUET FOR MY WEDDING.

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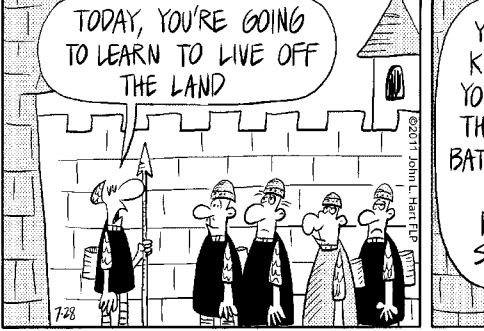


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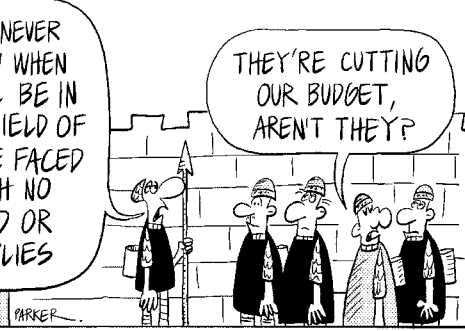


WHAT MICHAEL PHELPS TAKES BETWEEN STROKES.

WIZARD OF ID



TODAY, YOU'RE GOING TO LEARN TO LIVE OFF THE LAND.



YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'LL BE IN THE FIELD OF BATTLE FAGED WITH NO FOOD OR SUPPLIES.

AGNES



I CAN'T LET GO TROUT... IF YOU LOVED ME, YOU WOULD PULL ME TO SAFETY...

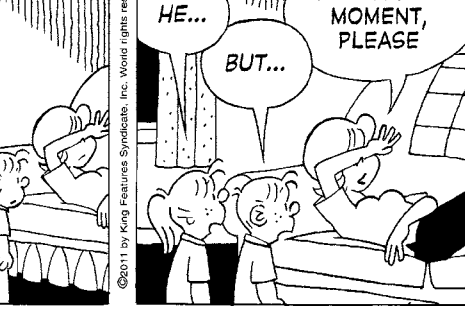


HA! YOU'RE WAY TOO HEAVY TO HAUL UP, BUT I WILL STOMP ON YOUR HANDS UNTIL YOU SCREAM LIKE A SCARED MONKEY AND LOSE YOUR GRIP.

HI AND LOIS

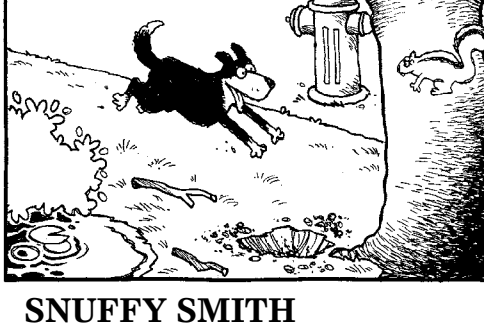


MOM, DITTO... WELL, SHE... PLEASE, KIDS, CAN I HAVE A MOMENT OF PEACE?

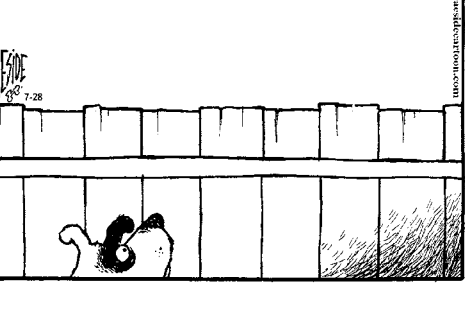


HE... BUT... A LONGER MOMENT, PLEASE

THE OTHER COAST



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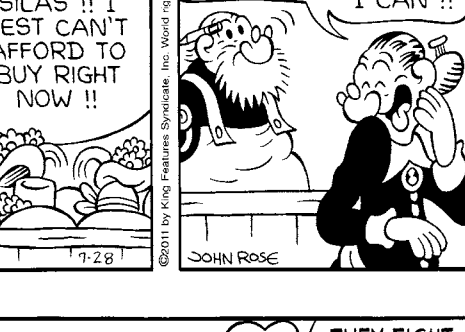


THE WORLD OF A DOG TIED UP IN THE YARD ALL ITS LIFE:

SNUFFY SMITH



THAT'S ALL TH' HATS I GOT, ELVINEY !! HARD TO B' LIEVE THAT YA DIDN'T LIKE NONE OF THEM ?!

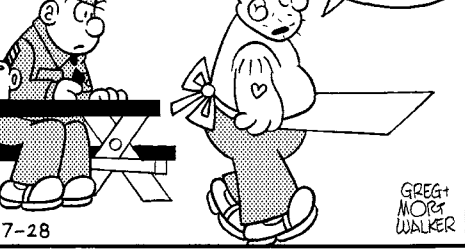


OH, I LIKED ALL OF 'EM, SILAS !! I JEST CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY RIGHT NOW !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



WELL, I'VE LEARNED ONE THING DON'T ARGUE WITH THE GUYS AT THE LAUNDRY. WHY NOT ?



THEY FIGHT BACK WITH STARCH

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 28, the 209th day of 2011. There are 156 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 28, 1914, World War I began as Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

On this date:

In 1540, King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, the same day Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

In 1609, the English ship Sea Venture, commanded by Adm. Sir George Somers, ran ashore on Bermuda, where the passengers and crew founded a colony.

In 1794, Maximilien Robespierre, a leading figure of the French Revolution, was sent to the guillotine.

In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain.

In 1932, federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-called "Bonus Army" of World War I veterans who had gathered in

Washington to demand money they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced the end of coffee rationing, which had limited people to one pound of coffee every five weeks since it began in Nov. 1942.

In 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14 people. The U.S. Senate ratified the United Nations Charter by a vote of 89-2.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced he was increasing the number of American troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000 "almost immediately."

In 1976, an earthquake devastated northern China, killing at least 242,000 people, according to an official estimate.

In 2002, nine coal miners trapped in the flooded Quecreek (KYOO'-kreek) Mine in Somerset, Pa., were rescued after 77 hours underground.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Andrew V. McLaglen is 91. Actor Darryl Hickman is 80. Ballet dancer-choreographer Jacques d'Amboise is 77. Art critic Robert Hughes is 73.

Answer to previous puzzle

SWAT	SCRAG	SMUG
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	RUTTY	SCREAM
MAJOR	CIA	
TEAAND	CRUMPETS	
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TOUT	TENSE	BOZO
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Desertlike
 - 5 Least trained
 - 11 San Francisco feature
 - 14 Corn concoction
 - 15 Blockbuster film of 2009
 - 16 Rocks in a bar
 - 17 Elvis tune of '72
 - 19 Welterweight stats
 - 20 Power source of a sort
 - 21 CSI evidence
 - 22 Office plant
 - 23 Tune heard in Saturday Night Fever
 - 27 Neighbor of Greece
 - 30 Shout, with "out"
 - 31 Part of RSVP
 - 32 Gaffer's concern
 - 34 Celebrity who's who
 - 38 Deep Purple tune of '72
 - 43 Add together
 - 44 Every other hurricane
 - 45 In the style of
 - 46 '80s Chinese leader
 - 49 "Destiny," to "density"
 - 52 Jon Bon Jovi tune of '90
 - 56 Prego competitor
 - 57 AL team, on scoreboards
 - 58 Prophetic signs
 - 62 Luau instrument
 - 63 James Taylor tune of '70
 - 66 Perfect score, perhaps
 - 67 Give consent (to)
- DOWN
- 68 Italian wine region
 - 69 Phila. clock setting
 - 70 Had to have
 - 71 Examination
 - 12 Part of some deer diets
 - 13 Like some questions
 - 18 Poker declaration
 - 22 Guy
 - 24 Grain storehouse
 - 25 Genesis villain
 - 26 Imperfection
 - 27 Helper, for short
 - 28 Airport rental
 - 29 Dab gently
 - 33 Ordinal ending
 - 35 _-TASS (Russian news agency)
 - 36 Actress Ward
 - 37 Disneyland shuttle
 - 39 Invasive vine
 - 40 Fencing blade
 - 41 Get better
 - 42 Cube inventor
 - 47 Bulletin-board posting
 - 48 Astronaut's concern
 - 50 Baseball star's nickname
 - 51 Perpetual exerciser
 - 52 Barbarian
 - 53 Boating areas
 - 54 Star's rep
 - 55 Avarice
 - 59 Free from anxiety
 - 60 Petty criticisms
 - 61 Tizzy
 - 63 Ceiling feature, perhaps
 - 64 Suffix for stock
 - 65 Homer Simpson neighbor

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