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# HC hoping to tap underground water

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By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard College officials believe they've found a way to deal with the severe drought, and the answer is literally below their feet.

Trustees will consider a pro-

posal to drill up to six water wells on the Big Spring campus when they hold a special meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Student Union Building Tumbleweed Room.

Like residents and commercial entities around town, the college is finding ways to reduce its consumption of city water by 20 percent as area water supplies continue to dry up in the lingering drought. And they believe water wells may just be the answer.

College President Dr. Cher-

yl Sparks said this possible action was not the college's way of thumbing its nose at the water restrictions.

"We're not doing this just so the college can water its lawns and turn the campus into some kind of lush oasis,"

Sparks said. "This is just to help us comply with the water restrictions."

In fact, Sparks added, little if any of the water derived from wells will end up on the

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**HERALD PHOTO/Amanda Moreno** 

Construction at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club is moving along and is expected to be completed sometime in October.

## Boys & Girls Club progresses; donations sought for interior

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

The building has gone up and the final stages of the project are in sight. The Salvation Army Boys &

Girls Club was able to start construction on a new facility in February and is expecting the building to be completed sometime in October. "We will be very excited to see it once it is finished and

we are even more excited to move in," Salvation Army Maj. Orville Chambless said. Lee George Construction contractor — has been working on the project to this

point, according to Patsy Heckler, office manager at the Salvation Army. The construction is behind schedule due to the delivery of the materials being late.

"It was nothing the contractor could control. The material just happened to get here late, which put the project behind schedule," Heckler said. "To this point though, we are very pleased with the work Lee George has been doing for us." The contractor has the ma-

jority of the exterior walls up and is in the process of insulating them. The next

step, which should begin in a week, will be the drainage and the grating, followed by roof decking, wall framing and dry wall.

"Since we arrived (June 22) the construction of the building has been going straight and moving right along," Chambless said. "The beams they had been waiting 90 days for just so happened to arrive the day we got here."

Even though the building is almost complete, there is still more needed in order to ensure the building is used

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# **Patient walks** away from BSSH

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Big Spring State Hospital officials have confirmed that a patient who walked off the property Wednesday night had not been located as of mid-morning today.

According to Valerie Avery, public information coordinator for the Big Spring State Hospital, a patient was noticed missing at 8:05 p.m. Wednesday and authorities were contacted at 8:06 p.m.

"We have not located him yet, but we are hoping for his safe return," Avery said.

She said information has been turned over to local authorities, allowing them to continue the search. Avery said the hospital was unable to release any further details. Law enforcement officials could not be reached for comment.

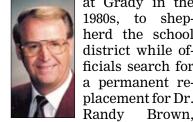
## Harrell accepts reins as CISD interim super

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Longtime educator Gary Harrell has been named interim superintendent at Coahoma Independent School District.

CISD trustees hired Harrell, whose 32-year education career included an eightyear stint as superintendent



Harrell

effective Aug. 22

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1980s, to shep-

district while of-

placement for Dr.

who is resigning

**Moonlight Rave Run** set midnight Friday

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Want to make a night run? The second of three Scenic Mountain Moonlight Rave Runs is scheduled Friday. The race begins at 11:55 p.m.

with registration taking place between 10:15 p.m. and 11:50 p.m. at the top of the mountain.

"Even though the event says its a run, it's really just

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# Horse succumbs to malnutrition

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Office say one of the horses recently seized for alleged animal cruelty has died.

In a press release issued Sheriff Stan Wednesday, Parker said one of the animals six horses and two donkeys were seized July 13 after law enforcement received a complaint — has died, but the re-



Estrella

is improving. "Since taking

possession the animals they have been under the care of a veterinarian," Parker

said. "I have been notified one of the horses, a 1 ½-year-old, has died as a result of malnutrition complications. As of this date the remaining five horses and two donkeys are recovering and their health

maining livestock is improving." Joel Venegas Estrella, 51,

was booked into the Howard County jail on a charge of cruelty to livestock animals iust before midnight Tuesday Office, according to Parker.

following an investigation by the Howard County Sheriff's "We received a complaint from a citizen regarding some horses they believed

weren't being properly cared

for," Parker said. "We went

out to look at the animals and

found several horses which appeared to be malnourished. We began the process to get a warrant to seize the animals, which was completed the following day."

The animals were removed from the Sand Springs area, according to law enforcement Estrella's bond has been

set at \$1,500, according to officials with the Howard Coun-



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- Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallasarea hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.
- 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-
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is

The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-
- A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.
- Big Spring High School Class of 1981 will have its 30-year reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact Mark Warren at 903-283-3326 or 903-843-5927, or e-mail mwarren@etex.net
- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnei now serving or nas served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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#### Elsie Pearl Nobles

Elsie Pearl Nobles, 90, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park, with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating.

She was born Feb. 11, 1921, in Navarro County, Texas, to Hattie and Robert Franks. She married J.D. Nobles, July 30, 1949, in McAllen, Texas. They

came to Big Spring in 1961 from Colorado City. He preceded her in death June 1, 1995. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters and several nieces and nephews.

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

#### Police/Sheriff/EMS • KELLY MARIE PHILLIPS, 50, was transferred to

**Obituaries** 

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

- ADAN CHAVERA, 41, of 600 Holbert, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- MELINDA ERIN WALKER, 29, of San Diego, Calif., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- LINDA DIANE HERNANDEZ, 36, of Lubbock, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from anoth-
- GREGORY TURNBOW, 51, of 4100 S. Highway 87 Apt. 91, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication. • TYRE COLE WATTS, 26, of 5101 Fisher, was ar-
- rested Thursday on charges of criminal mischief and criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter. • KELLY PHILLIPS, 50, of 1904 E. 25th St. Apt. 208,
- was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct – language. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 4100 block of S. Highway 87.
- In the 1600 block of Virginia. • THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup>
- Place. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 400 block of S. Gregg Street. In the 1500 block of Lincoln.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- MELINDA ERIN WALKER, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering the official duties of a police of-
- TERESA LORENE LANG, 28, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- HOLLY DENISE JENNINGS, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of theft and possession of a controlled
- JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY, 32, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. LINDA VILLA HERNANDEZ, 36, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a Midland warrant for violation of probation. WILLIAM MACK RICHARDSON, 22, was arrest-
- ed Wednesday by DPS on charges of violation of a promise to appear and running a stop sign.
- GREGORY TURNBOW, 51, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TYRE COLE WATTS, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter.

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#### the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.

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- SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the area of Highway 176. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Ala-
- bama. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of E 15<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.



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to it's full capabilities.

According to Heckler,

pledges are still needed

to purchase the equip-

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come out, experience

the mountain trail at

night and just have

fun," Ron Alton, state

Alton said this is not

a race, it is simply a fun

event and opportunity

to go out and experience

the mountain and it's terrain at night. This

will be a good chance for

area residents to take a

run or a walk in a neat

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"It's amazing how

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took place July 16, had

a turnout of 30 people,

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Gang member executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Martin Robles was executed Wednesday evening for the shooting deaths of two young men nearly nine years ago who belonged to a rival street gang in Corpus Christi.

Robles, 33, had little to say from the gurney.

He took several deep breaths as the lethal drugs

began flowing into his arms, then began snoring.

He was pronounced dead at 6:21 p.m., nine min-

utes after the drugs started. He had exhausted his

appeals and no late court actions to try to spare him

Within a minute, his breathing stopped.

were made as his lethal injection neared.

Asked by the warden if he had a final statement, he

There were no relatives or friends to watch him die. No representatives of his victims were present in the death chamber.

#### More than 3,000 pot plants seized in Wood County

QUITMAN (AP) — Investigators say more than 3,000 marijuana plants have been located at a plot in East Texas. The Wood County Sheriff's Office in Quitman on

Thursday announced the plants were found in a wooded area at the end of County Road 3824. Lt. Jerry Blaylock says deputies have not made

any arrests since Wednesday's discovery of the plants. Further details on the location were not immediately released.

## **COLLEGE**

replied: "I love Israel."

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college's lawns.

The biggest outdoor watering concern for the college is maintaining the baseball and softball fields on campus. Those programs have been vital recruiting tools in the past and their continued success is vital to the college, officials said. It is hoped water derived from

the wells will help augment city deliveries enough so the athletic

while allowing the college to adhere to current restrictions. "Having the water wells can

fields can be properly maintained

help us reduce our overall water consumption," Sparks said. "We're just trying to pull down our water usage." Seven potential well sites were identified at various spots on

campus and all but one are believed to be good drilling sites, Sparks said. Sparks estimated the project

could cost as much as \$125,000, but would pay for itself within five or six years because of reduced city water consumption. "We're looking at the short term

— how do we do our part to conserve water in the community," Sparks said. "At the same time, we're looking at a long-term plan ... it will still be appropriate for

the college to find ways to consume less water." Contact Staff Writer Steve Rea-

gan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by email at reporter@bigspringher-

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to be superintendent at Snyder ISD. Harrell, a native of

Canadian, began his education career as a teacher at Claude ISD in 1971. The next year, he accepted a teaching/ coaching post at Grady, where he eventually became a principal. He subsequently served as superintendent of Grady schools from 1980 to

more," Chambless said.

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1988 before accepting a similar position with Jayton-Girard ISD. Since retiring in 2003,

Harrell has made a second career of sorts as an interim superintendent, holding those posts at Crosbyton, Jayton, Spur, Guthrie and Tahoka. In addition, he serves as a public school finance consultant.

While Harrell's position with Coahoma is temporary, he said he will be more than just a caretaker.

"I won't approach the tended period of time. In

recognition of the larger

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building.

work any differently," he said. "My approach will be the same just as if I would be there permanently." The major challenge

he'll face, Harrell said, will be in the area of finances. "My focus at Coahoma

will be the same as every superintendent in Texas is facing — dealing with a lack of money," Harrell said. Harrell said it is un-

known how long he will be at Coahoma. The search for a new su-

sure we give recogni-

tion to those who are do-

nating to us," Heckler

said. "Every donation

will help, whether it be

\$5 or \$5,000."

perintendent is in the preliminary planning stages and could take "They haven't even se-

lected a search firm yet, although I think that decision will be made shortly," he said. "In all probability, (the search) will last until autumn, I think."

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

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#### Our Views

## **United Way** kickin' it off

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is slippin' on its boots and dressing up with some bling for the 67th annual campaign kick-off.

This year the kick-off will take place at the Big Spring Country Club at 7 p.m. Aug. 20. There will be a silent auction, live music from FREERIDE, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets can be purchased for \$25.

The United Way raises funds throughout the year, through fundraisers and other donations, in order to provide assistance to their 14 agencies.

This year American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, CASA of West Texas, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest, Howard County Council on Aging Mobile Meals, Howard County Humane Society, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services of Big Spring, The Salvation Army, Westside Community Day Care Center, YMCA of Big Spring, Big Spring Chaplains Association and Spring of Siloam are the benefitting agencies for this year's campaign.

The United Way has been providing support to local agencies for numerous years. The board is comprised of 22 members who are all striving towards bettering the community and ensuring the residents have access to programs which are able to assist them for numer-

Each of the 14 agencies focuses on a different need in the community and even though their goals and area of expertise may be different, the end result is the same — to provide the community with a helping hand.

Many of the agencies focus on ensuring children have fun, educational activities; families have access to food even in tough times and other services for disastorous times.

The United Way is an organization dependent upon community involvement and support.

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#### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

It pays to look on the bright side, Lord, when we look on the bright side through Your word.

Amen

# Work ethics in today's society

n today's society, it seems the work ethic of the working class has dropped drastically. More and more teenagers are obtaining jobs in the work field, but they are not leaving the attitude at the door of the employer.

The older generation is also showing the same attitude problem the younger generation has. Employers are striving to find quality employ-

ees, but could the problem possibly be the employer? If there is not a good employer, it is going to be that much harder to find an employee with a good work ethic. I'm not saying all



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workers or owners are horrible, but there is that handful (maybe more) who have damaged the perception of the working class. Restaurants, fast food places and drive-thrus are a big pet peeve of mine because of the attitude that seems to show up, without fail, at almost every one of these establishments I

It is a rarity to come across decent service and even more miraculous when I come across great service. It doesn't matter where you are working, pride should be taken in your job and your best should always be displayed, especially when dealing with the public.

I have experience working in the restaurant area, and I admit it's not the most glamourous job, but someone has to do it. Nobody forces anyone to work at a job they don't want to be at. To obtain a job, you have to make the effort, go and apply for that position. If you don't want to work there and know you are going to have a bad attitude while you are there, why bother filling out the application?

If you make the choice to work somewhere and are given the chance to work there, then take that chance and make the most of it. This society will not function if there is not someone to do every job at every level. Even though I wasn't going to make a fortune working as a bus-girl in a little, small town Mexican restaurant, I knew I still had to do my best and treat the customers who walked through the door with the utmost respect. I am not only representing myself, but the company I am working for.

Nobody likes to be treated rudely and even though there were times when customers were rude to me, I would take the higher road and just continue with my job. Whatever happened to customer service and the customer is always right?

It seems the teenagers obtaining these jobs are thinking they are better than where they are working. Maybe so, but they are the ones who chose to work there. They should accept that responsibility and show they are better. The attitudes and basically, laziness, just goes to prove they should be where they are. Nothing in this world comes free and everything should be worked for. It makes it that much more rewarding when the goal is achieved or the money is earned.

As my friend said — "even though it's fast food it's still a job. You should still give your best. I know when I was working these kind of jobs back home, I would still do my best. It's as if teenagers and young adults these days don't have the same work ethic.' He's right. The work ethic has

been lost because too many teen-

agers get what they want when they want it. The value of the dollar is decreasing because of the attitudes being accepted. I was walking around the mall the other day and walked into a little shop with two young workers. My friend and I were in the store for at least five or 10 minutes and neither one of the workers ever acknowledged us. Both were too busy in a conversation concerning one of their friends. It seemed their conversation was more important than what they

waste my breath. I ended up saving money because I felt compelled not to spend money at that store.

were being paid for, helping the

say something, but I figured why

customer and making a sale. I

wanted nothing more than to

One final example can be found right here in this town ... of course I am not going to point fingers and draw negative attention ... but I am sure with the story told numerous people will be able to pinpoint where I am speaking of — which only proves the point. It seems every visit only intensifies the negative attitude towards this business; employees are rude, have bad attitudes and need to learn the use of thank you and have a good day. The employees always seem to have their attention focused

everywhere, but on the customer and if caught in a mistake tend to blame it on the customer instead of taking responsibility for their actions. The business may be small, the product may be good, but the feeling at the end of the visit is unacceptable. I know, most people would say just don't visit that particular business anymore ... true, but that only shows that they don't have to be held accountable for their conduct. It doesn't take a whole lot of energy to put on a smile, say thank you and make a customer feel appreciated. Maybe for these particular employees it does, but if the hot sun, small workspace and steady traffic flow of custom ers doesn't suit you, I say find a new job.

I have held two jobs in retail and both jobs reflected each other almost identically. In both places managers were always complaining about finding quality employees. It seemed everyone was always quitting and I never said anything because who was I to say something? I had no power, I was just an employee. The thing I noticed is those who tend to skate by and take their job as a "joke" are the ones who reap the rewards. They seem to know how to work their way in and be able to get by. The employees who give their best and try to go above and beyond get overlooked. Employees like that seem to stick around waiting and hoping the effort they put into their job will be noticed but after so many times of being let down and overlooked, the good employee is going to walk away and look for a job where they will be noticed and appreci ated. Employers can't complain about not finding quality employees because they are out there, it's just that more than half of the time they are over-

We always have a chance to change the way things are going As soon as society takes a stand and realizes we have a problem concerning our work ethic and attempts to change that our society and no doubt our economy will improve.

looked and forgotten about.

Take pride in whatever job you have. Smile and you just might be amazed how your day improves. Remember ... it's all about the impression you leave.

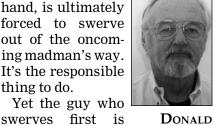
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## Playing chicken in the capitol

he problem with the game of chicken — two people racing toward each other, each daring the other to turn aside — is that the crazy one always wins. The one who doesn't care about head-on collisions has a stunted imagination and can't conceive of the consequences a crash would produce.

rational The player, on the other hand, is ultimately forced to swerve out of the oncoming madman's way. It's the responsible thing to do.

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way Presithe dent Obama's debt-ceiling game with the tea party Republicans has played out. Obama has been branded the loser and a wimp. House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) is beating his chest in triumph. It doesn't seem fair, but that's

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loser and a wimp.

That's pretty much

what we have in Washington these days. Adults are playing games that not even slow-witted teenagers play anymore.

I fear that in swerving to avoid the Tea Party Express, Obama has driven his administration into a ditch from which it won't soon climb out. Even his staunchest supporters are asking ques-

"If you cannot stand up against

tions like these:

the right wing on an issue like the debt ceiling — which is, after all, more a legal requirement than an option — what can you

stand up for?" "If you cannot explain to the American people the need to raise the debt ceiling without surrendering to political blackmail, what can you explain?"

I don't get it. If he can't be outraged at this spectacle, what can he be outraged by? Instead of "No Drama Obama," he's more like "No Pulse Obama."

When Senator Barack Obama popped onto the national scene just seven years ago — he dazzled millions of Americans. He was woefully short on experience, but he was obviously whip-smart and able to speak eloquently about the problems that vexed us. After eight years of being Bushwhacked, that seemed like sheer

Then he relocated to the White House. Obama the Eloquent disappeared, replaced by the Great Compromiser. Rather than using the Oval Office's bully pulpit to make the case for his positions, he started playing "Let's Make a Deal" with the Republicans. He sought a bipartisan solution to every problem and he always began by giving away half the store before negotiations started.

Someone should tell him that it takes two to tango and that the Republicans don't want to dance. He allowed the Republicans an open field to push the view that

the moment, rather than chronic unemployment. Thus, he was only able to get an anemic stimulus package passed which, while it helped avoid disaster, didn't do enough to put a real dent in job-

lessness. As a result he managed to alienate his political base — liberals while empowering his fiercest enemy, the tea party. And he keeps running around, looking for someone to hug. I realize that Obama has faced a very difficult situation — I've defended him on that basis for months now — but sooner or later he's going to have to do something or we'll decide he's not very good at politics.

That's not the worst thing you can say about a citizen, but it's one of the worst you can say about a U.S. president. Politics is his job.

That said, the deal that emerged from the debt ceiling crisis is an awful thing, a Frankenstein monster of a "compromise" that promises more than it can possibly deliver. Put into action it will do more harm than good. The deficit will continue to balloon, poor people will get poorer, and rich people and vast corporations will continue to avert paying their fair share of taxes.

Can we stop the world for a minute? This is where I want to get off.

OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. http://otherwords.org the deficit was the crucial issue of

## News in brief

#### Asian stocks fall after Wall Street tumble

BANGKOK (AP) — Asian stock markets continued their slump Thursday but European shares clawed back ground as traders awaited data that they hoped would show a brighter employment picture in the U.S.

Oil prices hovered below \$83 a barrel, while the dollar slipped against the yen and the euro.

Britain's FTSE 100 rose 1.9 percent to 5,104 in early trade while Germany's DAX was 2.3 percent higher at 5,745. The CAC-40 in Paris rose 2.4 percent to 3,077.

Wall Street, pummeled after Standard and Poor's ratings agency stripped the U.S. of its sterling AAA credit rating last week, appeared set to gain. Dow futures rose 1.1 percent to 10,842 while S&P 500 futures were up 1.2 percent up 1,137.20.

#### Police say they are raiding houses in London over riots

LONDON (AP) — Britain's cities were largely quiet Thursday after days of rioting and looting that drew thousands of extra police officers onto the streets and a stern warning from Prime Minister David Cameron that order would be restored by whatever means necessary.

Police vowed to round up rioters who have so far avoided the net, and began raiding houses across London. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Stephen Kavanagh said the raids began overnight, and more than 100 warrants would be executed.

Police have already arrested almost 900 people in London since trouble began on Saturday, and 371 have been charged.

Hugh Orde, head of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said there would be "hundreds more people in custody" by the end of the day.

#### GOP rivals look to use lowa debate for immediate boost before poll

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Seven Republican presidential contenders will try to use Thursday's debate in the leadoff caucus state of Iowa to cast themselves as the strongest alternative to one rival: front-runner Mitt Romney.

At least two — Rep. Michele Bachmann and former Gov. Tim Pawlenty, both of Minnesota — are hoping for a last-minute boost before an important weekend test vote that could make or break their campaigns. Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman is looking to make a strong impression in his first debate, while Texas Rep. Ron Paul is out to prove his

ideas are more mainstream than fringe.

Others struggling to gain traction — former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, ex-Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and businessman Herman Cain — are simply seeking to promote their issues and maybe even boost their profiles. All risk being overshadowed by one Republican

who won't be on the stage — Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who has signaled he's likely to join the field in the coming days and will visit the early nominating states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina this weekend.

#### Supercommittee faces warring pressures to follow party ideology WASHINGTON (AP) — Before even getting down

to work, members of Congress' new debt-reduction supercommittee face pressures to rally behind partisan principles and to find even more savings than planned. House and Senate Republican leaders named

their six appointees to the 12-member panel on Wednesday, a mix of partisans and pragmatists, veterans and freshmen. Senate Democrats named their three participants on Tuesday, leaving House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to make her selections by next week. Members of both parties said the job of whittling

yet critics expressed little hope that the bipartisan panel would be able to overcome stark political di-Either way, deficit foes said the nation's growing red ink was so dangerous that the panel should dou-

down the government's enormous debt was urgent,

ble or triple the \$1.5 trillion, 10-year savings goal set by the debt-limit compromise President Barack Obama and Congress enacted last week. "It's not going to be simple to come to a deal," said

Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, which advocates balanced budgets and a larger package of savings.

#### Friends: Md. woman missing in Aruba loved travel, cats FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — Robyn Gardner's wild

and rowdy tattoos belie the kind, quiet nature of a trusting woman who sought solace in a tropical getaway with a man who is now suspected in her disappearance, a close friend said.

The 35-year-old divorced woman accepted 50-yearold Gary Giordano's offer of a trip to Aruba despite backing out of a cruise the friends of over a year had planned, Gardner's friend and part-time roommate Christina Jones said Wednesday.

"She's a very trusting person," Jones said at her hair salon in downtown Frederick. "She's a hardworking, loyal, standup female who has never said anything bad about anyone."

Giordano's account of the disappearance had enough inconsistencies that authorities decided they couldn't let him leave the Caribbean island and arrested him.

#### With cameras as buffers, photographers capture history People look at some news photos shot on Sept. 11,

2001, and wonder how those who took them could bear to keep working in the face of such tragedy. Richard Drew said his lens acts as a filter: "The

things are happening over there, on the other side." Another Associated Press photographer, the late Marty Lederhandler, put it this way: "I let the

camera absorb all the disaster or the sadness of an event. It protects ME from the event." For AP photographers working on Sept. 11, none knew the big picture of what was going on. All knew only what was happening right before their

eyes, that it was part of something huge, and that it was their job to record it. Five whose images of that day became iconic discussed how the photos came about, how endless hours of shooting sporting events, news conferenc-

es and everything in between helped prepare them for moments no one could ever have anticipated, and how their lenses helped shield them from the fears — and tears — that would come later.

#### Female bombers target Pakistani police quarding earlier blast site

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A burqa-clad female suicide bomber attacked police at the scene of an earlier explosion in northwestern Pakistan on Thursday, twin strikes that killed five people and broke a relative lull in militant violence in the country.

Islamist extremists with links to al-Qaida have waged a bloody campaign against Pakistan's pro-Western rulers since 2007, targeting police, government and Western targets. Up to 35,000 people have been killed, raising fears abroad over the stability of the nuclear-armed nation.

In the first incident Thursday, a remote-controlled bomb exploded in Peshawar's Lahori Gate area as a police truck carrying constables about to start their shift drove by. Four police officers and a boy passing by were killed, while 22 people were wounded.









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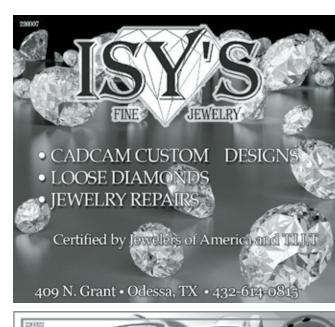














# **Water reclamation plant draws lots of attention**

<u>ANGELA K. BROWN</u>

**Associated Press** 

In parched West Texas, it's often easier to drill for oil than to find new sources of water.

So after years of diminishing water supplies made even worse by the second-most severe drought in state history, some communities are resorting to a plan that might have seemed absurd a generation ago: turning sewage into drinking water.

Construction recently began on a \$13 million water-reclamation plant believed to be the first in Texas. And officials have worked to dispel any fears that people will be drinking their neighbors' urine, promising the system will vield clean, safe water. Some residents are prepared to put aside any squeamishness if it means having an abundant water supply. "Any water is good

water, as far as I'm concerned," said Gary Fuqua, city manager in Big Spring, which will join the cities of Midland, Odessa and Stanton in using the water.

When the water finally reaches the tap, Fugua said, its origin is "something I wouldn't think about at all."

Similar plants have been operating for years in Tucson, Ariz., parts of California and in other countries. Water experts predict other American cities will follow suit as they confront growing populations, drought and other issues.

"It's happening all over the world," said From CNN:

... John Grant ... is the director of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, a government agency providing water for cities and towns including Odessa, Midland, Stanton, Big Spring and Snyder.

Grant is essentially the salesman of the water-reclamation project.

Basically he has to reassure people they're not going to be drinking their own urine.

"I see a lot of humor in it," Grant told CNN. "There was a fella over in Midland that I heard made the comment that at least he gets to drink his beer twice Twelve years ago, Grant thought it was crucial to

develop new sources of drinking water. Water reclamation was gaining in popularity; the specially treated wastewater is most often used to supply water for industrial uses and watering landscapes, like golf

Grant says water-reclamation technology has improved greatly and will be a vital part of providing drinking water for parts of the country struggling to keep reservoirs full.

The water-reclamation process involves a complex series of treatment. The water will be disinfected, demineralized, disinfected again and then mixed with water from the reservoir and then re-treated again.

"We live in a drought-prone area. You need to look at other alternatives and that's the unique thing about this," said Grant.

Wade Miller, executive director of the WateReuse Association based outside Washington. "In some places ... resources are down to very low levels, and this is one of the few resources available."

The Colorado River Municipal Water District in West Texas began considering a wastewater recycling plant back in 2000 and broke ground last month on the facility in Big Spring, about 100 miles southeast of Lubbock. When finished late next year, it should supply 2 million gallons of water

The timing couldn't be better. This year's drought has made a bone-dry region even drier, causing crops to wither and animals and fish to die off by the thousands.

At least one of the three reservoirs in West Texas may dry up if the drought persists through next year, as climatologists predicted could happen. That means the district's water supply could be reduced from 65 million gallons a day to 45 million, said John Grant, the water district's general manager.

"We have limited water supplies in Texas, and you have to turn to other sources of water,' Grant said.

The new system could actually improve the taste of the region's water by removing the

minerals and salt that give it a distinctive briny flavor, he added.

The idea to recycle sewage isn't new. Fort Worth and other cities across the nation have long used treated wastewater to water grass and trees and irrigate crops.

Astronauts aboard the International Space Station have been drinking recycled urine and sweat since 2009 — and consistently given the water good reviews. For years, NASA had

been working on equipment that would enable astronauts to recycle their wastewater for drinking, cooking and bathing. The system was launched to the space station in late 2008, and it took several months to conduct enough tests — in orbit and on the ground — to ensure the water was safe to consume.

Since the space shuttle fleet was retired last month, the space station's recycling system is needed more than ever. Shuttles can't deliver fresh water, and the agency says astronauts will need such recycling systems on future missions to an asteroid and Mars.

But some earth-bound people still need a little convincing.

"It just doesn't sound very right, does it?" asked Liz Faught of Odessa. "I don't want to drink it."

Still, she had confidence that any public health concerns would be addressed long before the water arrives in the cities.

"I feel they would not

do this and it be an unsafe practice," she said.

The slightest suggestion of urine in drinking water can make people uneasy.

In June, officials in Portland, Ore., sent 8 million gallons of treated drinking water down the drain after a man was caught on a security camera urinating into a reservoir. City leaders said they didn't want to distribute water laced, however infinitesimally, with urine.

The wastewater recycling process is long and complex. The first steps remove salt and impurities such as viruses and even traces of medicine. Then the wastewater is channeled into a lake or reservoir, where it's blended with fresh water and eventu-

ally gets pumped into a water-treatment facility. There, it undergoes several more rounds of cleaning, disinfection and testing before finally reaching home faucets.

When the project was presented several years ago, there were no major protests during public hearings, Grant said. Most people don't mind the idea once they understand that the treated water is safe to drink, he said.

In Orange County, Calif., a similar project started several years ago now provides 70 million gallons a day, water that is considered nearly as pure as distilled, Miller

San Diego is also studying the idea of water reclamation.

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# Holland looks good in Ranger loss

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers starter Derek Holland was in a jam right away, allowing the first two Seattle batters to reach before a strikeout and a double play.

There was more trouble in the second, when the bases were loaded before a pair of comebackers — the first that Holland fielded but never got out of his glove as a run scored. Then there was a single and a homer by Seattle to start the third.

Still, the young left-hander held on to go six innings and

left with the game tied before Friday against Cleveland, the Rangers lost 4-3 in their homestand finale Wednesday night. They play their next 10 games on the road.

"Usually when Derek goes out there and he don't have his best stuff, it usually snowballs,"managerRonWashington. "But he checked himself. He got us six good innings and when he left the game, we were in it. ... It should be a sign of maturity. He should be proud of what he did.'

Holland was coming of a miserable performance last when he allowed six runs in only 1 2-3 innings before the Rangers rallied late to win that game in extra innings. That had come after Holland's four-hit shutout at Toronto in his previous start, his fourth complete game shutout this season — the most for an AL lefty this season.

"Instead of being 'Oh, shutout, oh, two-thirds of an inning,' I want it to be closer," he said. "Today, to me it's a good example, and I'm very happy with myself. Even though I didn't come out on top, I battled, that's the key thing. To battle through everything and grind everything out, I think that was huge.' The Rangers finished 4-2

on the homestand and maintained a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -game lead in the AL West over the Los Angeles Angels, who lost 9-3 at Yankee Stadium earlier Wednesday. With the bases loaded in the

second, Trayvon Robinson took a full swing and hit a dribbler in front of the plate. Holland fielded the ball but couldn't get it out of his glove as Franklin Gutierrez scored on the error. Ichiro Suzuki then hit another comebacker, but Holland made that play to get that runner out at the plate.

"It's good I got to fight through it and they let me stay out there," said Holland, who struck out seven and walked five in his six innings. "It could have gone the other way, it could have been real bad. It's all about maturing.'

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# **Injury free, Tiger Woods tees off in Atlanta**

JOHNS CREEK (AP) Several PGA professionals gathered around the tee on the first hole at Atlanta Athletic Club, breaking into applause when one of their own hit the fairway with his opening tee shot Thurs-

About that time, Tiger Woods was heading to the putting green to begin warming up for the Championship, still seeking that 15th major title.

Under a rising sun PGA champion Padraig and cloudless blue sky, Craig Stevens of Dallas teed off in the opening group at No. 1. Stevens was one of 20 club pros in the field for the final major the year. Over at the 10th, Ryan Moore led another threesome beginning its day on the back side.

Two hours later, Woods teed off in a group that included U.S. Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III and 2008 Harrington of Ireland.

Woods, who hasn't won a major title since the U.S. Open more than three years ago, missed the past two majors while letting injuries in his left leg properly

Minor damage from a mowing accident on the 17th green had been repaired, although the brown edges of the new sod were visible. The PGA of America ruled the damaged area would be treated as ground under repair. Paul Goydos settled in

for what could be a long

day, with no guarantee

that he would even get to play. Goydos has been the first alternate since the start of the week, and three days later, noth-

"I've got to stay on the tee," Goydos said. "There's like a blue line, and I've got to be inside

ing had changed.

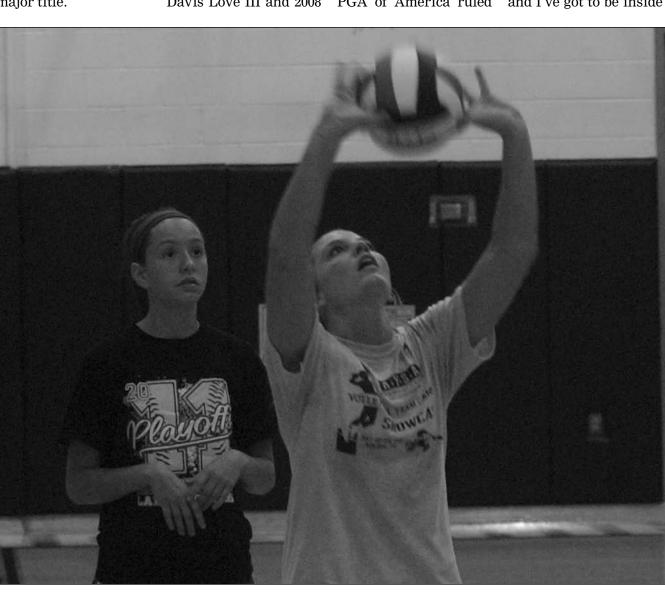
the blue line, standing there like I'm a vulture. I told them they should give me a black hood and a scarlet letter. It's an uncomfortable position that I earned.'

Goydos, a two-time winner on the PGA Tour who shot a 59 last year at the John Deere Classic, was at least allowed to play practice rounds.

The PGA Championship has the strongest field in golf, so strong that even the alternates can win, as John Daly did in 1991 at Crooked Stick. Goydos said he was not bothered that 57-year-old Jerry Pate, playing in only his second major in the past 20 years, asked the PGA for a special invitation even though he knows

he can't contend. Pate wanted this to be his farewell to major championship golf because he won his only

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**HERALD photo/Robert Griffin** 

Lady Steer Cerbi Ritchey (right) practices setting the ball for her teammates during two-a-days. Ritchey has 26 assists in Big Spring's first two games of the season.

## **Lady Steers fall** to Cooper, even up record at 1-1

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

With a loss to Abilene Cooper, the Lady Steers even up their season record at 1-1. After a brilliant showing in their first game against Abilene High School, the Big Spring netminders fell to Cooper's Cougars in three sets by scores of 20-25, 17-25 and 19-25.

In spite of the loss, the Lady Steers put some impressive stats during the game. Cerbi Ritchey recorded 10 kills, 11 assists (15 against AHS), four digs and an ace.

Taylor Seaton, who found 10 kills against the Lady Eagles of Abilene, added four kills and five assists in the game.

Diamond Mayes has added 11 blocks already in Big Spring's two games and Carson Reibe worked the floor, recording 12 digs in each outing, setting the bar pretty high for herself and her team-

mates. Big Spring will be playing in the Monahans tournament starting today and running

through Saturday. In JV action, the Lady Steers split their two games in Abilene, defeating Cooper 25-23 and 25-13 before losing to Abilene High School 20-25 and 24-26.

The freshman team remains unbeaten as they beat Abilene High 25-19, 25-17 and then took down Cooper 25-19, 26-28 and 25-10.

#### Upcoming varsity events

#### **Steers** football

The Steers will play a scrimmage game at Andrews Saturday. The Saturday game is set for a 10 a.m. kick-off.

The Steers will play a scrimmage game against Lubbock Estacado in Big Spring Aug. 19. The time for this game has not been announced.

The Steers will kick off their regular season with a home game versus Fort Stockton Aug. 26. That game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

#### Lady Steers volleyball

The Lady Steers will be back on the road as they travel to Monahans for a tournament starting today and running through Saturday.

The home opener for the Lady Steers will be Tuesday versus Frenship. The varsity plays at 5:30

#### Big Spring tennis

The varsity tennis team will compete in a tournament in Midland Aug. 26-27.

The team will play host to Sweetwater Sept. 1 and then Midland High School Sept. 6.

# Astros doubled up by D-Backs

questioning Josh Collmenter's place in the Arizona Diamondbacks' starting rotation Wednesday night.

Collmenter scattered four hits over seven innings and Willie Bloomquist homered to start a three-run first inning and help the Diamondbacks beat the Houston Astros 6-3.

"Someone will question why he deserves to be in the starting rotation still and he showed why," Arizona manager Kirk Gibson said. "I was questioned after his last outing, I was asked why and that's why."

Unlike his last start, in which he allowed six runs and eight hits in 2 1-3 innings, Collmenter (7-7) was in control nearly throughout this outing. And with the success, he felt comfortable throwing almost a doz-

en usually rare curveballs to the Astros' youthful lineup. "A lot of the time they're look-

ing fastball or changeup," said

Collmenter, who allowed two

PHOENIX (AP) — No one was runs, walked one and struck out Montero said. "We're not surfive. "They're not looking for a curveball and it will surprise them."

> Twice Collmenter buckled the knees of Houston hitters with 69 mph curveballs that started shoulder high out of the righthander's over-the-top motion and dropped into the strike zone at the batters' thighs.

"With my delivery I'm able to take advantage of the full range of angles," Collmenter said.

Paul Goldschmidt added a two-run single, Justin Upton went 3 for 4 with a double and a run scored, and Gerardo Parra had an RBI double for the Diamondbacks.

Arizona won for the third time in four games and moved a halfgame ahead of San Francisco in

first place in the NL West. The Diamondbacks are on top of the division for the first time since June 24. "You guys probably are (sur-

prised) but we're not," Dia-

catcher Miguel

mondbacks

prised at all. That's what you get when you play good baseball. When you're close to the race, you go out there and ride

it every day." David Hernandez pitched the ninth inning for his 10th save.

Clint Barmes and Humberto Quintero had RBI singles and Carlos Lee added a run-scoring groundout for the Astros, who have lost five of six.

Astros starter Henry Sosa (0-1) gave up four runs and six hits in his major league debut. Sosa walked three, struck out four and hit a batter. "He had to find some things in

the first inning," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "I thought he made some real good adjustments and threw the ball really well after that. I like the way he was able to find himself and come back."

Bloomquist hit Sosa's fourth pitch into the bleachers in left

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#### **RANGERS**

WOODS

in Georgia.

about.

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major — the U.S. Open in 1976 — at Atlanta Ath-

letic Club and was born

"I don't think he's

taking a spot," Goydos

said. "Arguably, you

could say the way I've

been playing, maybe I'd

be taking up a spot. My

record in the majors is

nothing to write home

"For a player to com-

plain, that's petty at

Dustin Johnson took

a similar approach last

year, when a two-stroke

penalty on the 72nd hole

kept him out of a play-

off with Martin Kaymer

Kaymer went on to beat

Watson, while Johnson

is forever linked to one

of the greatest mental

blunders or all-time rip

jobs, depending on your

point of view. He had

to take the penalty for

grounding his club in a

patch of dirt that only

Johnson still isn't sure

"It was only about this

big around," he said

Wednesday, holding out

his arms in the shape of

a small circle. "There

was grass and beer cans

and cups in there. It had

It qualified as a bunker

under local rules, which

Johnson didn't bother

to read. So, he dutifully

erased the number on

his card and wrote in

one that was two strokes

Kaymer comes in as

the defending champion,

playing in an afternoon

group that included two

other former PGA win-

higher.

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vaguely

and Bubba Watson.

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Josh Hamilton led off the Rangers fourth by pulling a liner into the right-field seats for his 14th homer.

An inning later, Yorvit Torrealba led off with an infield single after catcher Miguel Olivo couldn't hold onto a foul pop near the Rangers dugout. Ian Kinsler's towering flyball fell just behind the 14-foot wall in left field for his 18th homer and a 3-all tie. Hamilton's inning-ending grounder stranded Elvis Andrus at third base after he had doubled and moved to third on a wild

Jason Vargas (7-10) went seven innings with three strikeouts and four walks for Seattle. The left-hander threw a season-high 121 pitches to get his first win in his last seven starts — he had gone 0-5 since his shutout within a month July 1 against San Di-

"He was in control of the ball game. He really bowed his neck and got it done," manager Eric Wedge said. "We really needed this one. To salvage this one and head home was big for us and Jason stepped up."

Seattle got the tie-breaking run in the seventh when Casper Wells hit a scorcher that took a hop over Michael Young and went into left field.

#### **ASTROS**

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field for his second career leadoff home run and Arizona's fourth this season. Rvan Roberts doubled to center, Montero walked with one out and Kelly Johnson walked with two outs before Goldschmidt singled to make it 3-0.

"The first inning I overthrew the ball a little bit," Sosa said.

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"I wasn't nervous, just happy. It is my first game in the big leagues. I just enjoyed the game."

Houston scored twice in the fifth on its only four hits against Collmenter.

Brian Bogusevic sin-

gled, Jimmy Paredes doubled and Barmes lined an RBI single to right.

Quintero followed with a single to center to make it 3-2, but Collmenter retired the final three batters to get out of trouble.

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## Play Matters

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#### ners, Y.E. Yang and Shaun Micheel. Johnson is still chassu do ku ing his first big win, but

he's never really griped about the cards he was dealt.

Heck, he still blames himself for driving the ball so far right that he wound up in a bunker that didn't look like one. He had a one-stroke lead, his breakthrough win just a par away. He knows he should've been more conservative off the tee, done what it took to stay in the fairway.

"I never should've hit it over there," Johnson said.

In defeat, Johnson earned plenty of respect for the way he stoically handled the penalty.

"I don't ever get too angry or too mad, especially when it was my fault," Johnson said. "Still, the more times I look at it, the more I think it's not even a bunker. But things happen. Rules are rules. I broke one, and I got a penalty."

Coming off a threemonth layoff, Woods had a ragged return last week at Firestone, finishing 18 strokes behind winner Adam Scott. Rubbing salt in the wound, Scott's caddie was Steve Williams, who was recently fired by Woods after a long partnership.

Williams was giddy over Scott's victory, calling it the greatest of his career — even when taking into account the 13 majors titles he was part of while on Woods' bag. The caddie said he had remained loyal to Woods through all his problems, only to get dumped for no reason.



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#### By Steve Becker It Takes Two to Tango

South dealer Both sides vulnerable NORTH **♦** J 8 2 **♥** K Q 9 ♦ K Q 10 3 WEST EAST **♦** 5 3 **♥** A 10 6 3 **↑** A 4 **♥** J 7 5 4 2 9762 +108542**♣**A 6 SOUTH **♦** K Q 10 9 7 6 **♣**Q 7 3 The bidding: West South Pass Pass

1 **♠** 2 **♠** 2 ♦ 4 ♠ Pass Opening lead — four of clubs. Bridge is a partnership game that reaches its highest level when two

players operate on precisely the same

wavelength during the bidding or

play to achieve their optimum result. Take this case where East-West collaborated perfectly to defeat four spades. West led the four of clubs to East's ace, and East then had to decide the best course for the

defense. He reasoned that South was almost certain to hold a long, strong spade suit and at least one of the red West held a red ace, this left the defense with only three potential winners, all of them aces. Another trick would have to be found for the contract to be defeated.

East concluded that his best chance lay in trying to obtain a club ruff, a plan that required South to hold at least three clubs. Accordingly, East returned the six of clubs at trick two. South in the meantime did his best to disguise his actual holding by following with the seven to the first club lead and the queen to the

It was now West's turn to do his part for the cause, and he came through with flying colors. Following his partner's defense, which strongly suggested that he had started with a doubleton club, West dropped the ten on the queen, applying an unusual extension of the suitpreference signal. In this instance, he was transmitting the message that he held an entry in the higher-ranking side suit, hearts. (Had he held the ace of diamonds instead, he would have

played the deuce on the second club.) After overtaking the queen of clubs with the king, declarer led the jack of spades from dummy, trying to look like a man taking a finesse against the queen, but East didn't take the bait. He rose with the ace and led a heart to his partner's ace,

and the ensuing club ruff put the final touch on a well-defended hand. aces for his opening bid. Even if Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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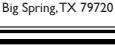
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#### Tomorrow's Horoscope

Though the Capricorn moon is usually a good time for progress, today's void-of-course lunar journey combines with Mercury's retrograde in Leo and an opposition of Mars and Pluto to create a different kind of effect. It's a one step forward, two steps back situation. If you don't want to take two steps back, the best move may be to stand still.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You lift

19). You lift the hearts and moods of others just by showing up. It's a lucky time for meeting fun people who also happen to be good for you to know on a

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level.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are those around you who act like the police of every situation. You're not so worried about controlling other people's activities. You have your own beautiful chaos to control.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You don't have to try to be original, because you already are. You can't help it! No two people -- not even twins -- have the same fingerprint. You will leave your unique mark on the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everyone in your life has different preferences pertaining to personal space. Some like eye contact, others want hugs, and still others like to stay at a distance. You'll be observant and hit the right note with one and all

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You will not be confused with a neat freak anytime soon. That is, unless you devote several hours to handling a certain area of your home. This is the perfect time to get in there and get it done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The information trail goes cold, and yet you still feel a burning desire for knowledge. You might see this as a chance to seek the deeper knowing that comes from your intuition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have no way of knowing who will be able to make use of your talent and ideas. That's why it's important to advertise. Post your message where it will reach as many people as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Troubled people will gravitate toward you. They sense your empathic nature, and they will tell you their problems. Don't worry about offering help. Your listening ears are help enough.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your innate managerial skills will be put to use. You'll sense who is the best person for the job, and you'll know just how to state things to make the job appealing to that person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one can be 100 percent confident at all times. You may struggle with your own fears, doubt and skepticism, but keep pushing on anyhow. In the end, you'll be victorious over these feelings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will feel good to give to a loved one, especially when the person isn't even asking. Also, on some deep level, you know that if you don't watch out for the other person's quality of life, it will go down for both of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Not only will you be able to see into the future, but you'll do so in vivid detail. All you have to do is close your eyes and imagine what will happen next. Use your gift to create the perfect action plan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:

(August 11). You'll dream and then work backward to construct a framework for building dream. that Strong personal relationships are a source of fun and adventure in September. You'll give a stellar performance in October. A quest to make the most of your money will help you afford a beautiful new lifestyle in January. Sagittarius and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 17, 20, 41 and 23.

ASTROLOGICAL
QUESTIONS: "I learned
that someone close to me
was not who he said he

was. I'm stunned. I don't see how a person can pretend to be one person when that is not who he is at all. Now I don't know what to think or who to trust. Do certain signs tend to lie about themselves more than others? Because I would like to avoid that sign so this never happens to me again."

There are many factors that affect the way a person presents himself. I do not believe that one can accurately blame astrological aspect. Everyone has the free will to act in his own best interest. Lying is a personal choice. Even if there are astrological indicators as to why your friend felt it necessary to mislead others, it would be very impractical for you to pinpoint and avoid them in the future. You would then have to do the astrological chart of everyone in the world. Instead, take the lesson. Were there any warning signs received to tip you off that this person was lying? Probably yes. Remember those, and focus on building your trust of your own intuition.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: A

**PROFILES:** Apple cofounder Steve Wozniak shared about his journey from computer geek to cult icon in autobiography "iWoz." The same Leo love of entertaining that led him to bring novel devices to parties to amuse the guests has motivated his lifelong quest to bring a superior computing experience to people the around world. Wozniak's natal chart is also influenced by many intuitive water-sign planets.

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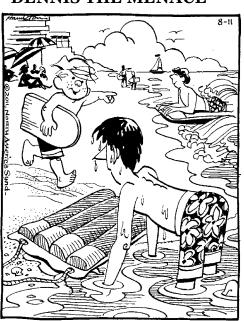
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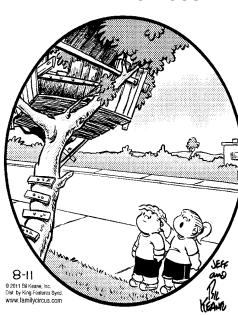
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## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 2011. There are 142 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On Aug. 11, 1934, the first

federal prisoners arrived at Alcatraz Island (a former military prison) in San Francisco Bay. On this date:

In 1810, a major earthquake shook the island of St. Michael in the Azores.

In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nev. In 1909, the steamship SS

Arapahoe became the first ship

in North America to issue an

S.O.S. distress signal, off North Carolina's Cape Hatteras. In 1949, President Harry S. Truman nominated General Omar N. Bradley to become the

first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1952. Hussein bin Talal ly 47 years. In 1954, a formal peace took

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hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Viet Minh. In 1962, the Soviet Union

launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight. In 1965, rioting and looting

that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles. In 1975, the United States vetoed the proposed admission

of North and South Vietnam to

the United Nations, following

the Security Council's refusal

to consider South Korea's application. In 1991, Shiite (SHEE'-eyet) Muslim kidnappers in Lebanon released two Western captives: Edward Tracy, an American held nearly five years, and Jerome Leyraud, a Frenchman who'd been abducted by a rival

Today's Birthdays: Actress Arlene Dahl is 83. Songwriterproducer Kenny Gamble is 68. Rock musician Jim Kale (Guess Who) is 68. Country singer John Conlee is 65. Singer Eric Carmen is 62. Computer scientist and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak is 61. Wrestler-actor

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Hulk Hogan is 58. Singer Joe Jackson is 57. Playwright David Henry Hwang is 54. Actor Miguel A. Nunez Jr. is 47. Actress Viola Davis is 46. Actor Duane Martin is 46. Actor-host Joe Rogan is 44. Rhythm-andblues musician Chris Dave is 43. Actress Anna Gunn is 43. Rock guitarist Charlie Sexton is 43. Hip-hop artist Ali Shaheed Muhammad is 41. Actor Will Friedle is 35. Rapper Chris Kelly (Kris Kross) is 33. Actor Chris Hemsworth is 28. Singer J-Boog is 26. Rapper Asher Roth is 26. Actress Alyson Stoner is

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