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Phelps secures spot in history

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Michael Phelps has retrieved his Olympic mantle by anchoring the United States' 4x100-meter medley relay team to victory in the 200 butterfly freestyle relay less than an hour after victory in the 800-meter individual medley.

The three-time Olympic gold medalist returned to the pool on Thursday night with a vengeance, shaking off any rust he might have felt after a heart-wrenching loss.

On a night Phelps was pushed out of the wall in the 200 butterfly by South Africa's Chad le Clos, Phelps responded with a 51.72 swim to round out the lineup, propelling the United States to victory in less than an hour after he lost his first Olympic gold medal.

Phelps has been the most decorated Olympian ever by anchoring the United States to a world record in the 4x100-meter medley relay at the 2008 Beijing Games. His return to the pool for the opening night of swimming.
Obama: Romney tax plans increase burden on middle class

By Kathleen Hennessey

WASHINGTON - President Obama sharply criticized Mitt Romney's tax plans Friday as a burden on the middle class, and boasted of his own administration's record on tax-cutting, a political advantage in states where the economy has been struggling.

"Ohio, we do not need another George W. Bush," Obama said in a reference to the Republican president under whom the state's economy suffered in the early 2000s.

"We need tax cuts for working Americans," Obama said during a visit to Mansfield, Ohio. Romney has also proposed additional tax cuts.

On Wednesday, the president is campaigning in a swing state seen as vital to winning the White House, a state where Obama already holds a commanding lead in the polls.

"Romney's tax plan would increase the burden on the middle class and the working class," Obama said in Mansfield. "His tax plan would lower the top tax rate on the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans by 5 percentage points. That would mean the wealthiest Americans would have to pay less in taxes. For the middle class, he'd propose to cut income taxes for families making $250,000 a year or $300,000 a year by $2,000 a year. He'd also propose to cut corporate taxes by 20 percent. Those are all good proposals."

"But the all-but-certain losers would be the American people," Obama said, before continuing: "Romney and Congress would have to raise income taxes on middle-class Americans or higher-income Americans."
BY ADAM ROGERS  
SPORES EDITOR

Sport where the slightest medalist Russia by 5.066 183.596 points to beat silver more convincingly than their

McKayla Maroney won even Aly Raisman, Kyla Ross and  Arena, the Fab Five of Jor

a sprained ankle. vaulted the U.S. to victory on Shannon Miller, Dominique 1996.

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twirled and tumbled through women's gymnastics team established with their first vault.

other, American gymnasts By Linda Robertson

“He’s had as good an off 

offseason,” Herrion said. both having graduated. Pitts and Shaquille Johnson

“I think he’s had a great thing else because I just came from behind the basketball season, fans

can do.” I just come from behind the point guard

Martin has gotten the bulk of the the arc in high school. Chris Martin does best, es

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his use of his jump shot. My screens and I watched how

opportunity on this team to score 15-plus on all four

McKayla Maroney was the only gymnast on her specialty, vault. Doug

“Those first three vaults, it was contender.” Douglas said. “I carried it over to bars,

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15.933 on vault set the tone. Maroney was the only gymnast to surpass the 16-point barrier with a 16.233 on her especially vault. Doug

“This is the result of a lot of

Aly Raisman ahead of her. Only two

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MARTIN MORE THAN JUST A 3-POINT SHOOTER

By Linda Robertson McCully Newspapers (WV)

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warm-up was not even close, finishing seventh on floor and a sixth-place finish on the balance beam.

At the Atlanta Games, the Magnificent Seven included Shawn Miller, Dominique Davids and Keri Styg, who vaulted the U.S. to victory on a

the 150-year-old gymnastics

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I take my food without politics

People may call it a bad business decision, others may call it a positive move for the fast-food giant Chick-fil-A.

After the president and Chief Operations Officer of Chick-fil-A, Dan Cathy, publicly announced that he supported the biblical definition of marriage, thousands of supporters and protesters exclaimed to the place known for their chicken sandwiches to show their appreciation and hate over the corporation’s opposition to same-sex marriage.

Even though there are two opinions and everyone has a right to voice those opinions but when you are a president and CEO of this company, your opinion on social issues such as gay marriages, should be kept hidden.

Chick-fil-A is a privately owned restaurant and employs thousands of employees nation-wide. Even though the company can spend its money on whatever it desires and can spend it on whatever CSR cause, those are not the causes that affect the impact this company has on employees of said company. His quote states more about the opinions of all the Chick-fil-A employees, including the homosexual individuals that resigned from their positions following the media frenzy and the influx of customers that came as a result to Cathy’s statement.

The fact of the matter is that the CEO should every- one to come out at their restaurants, not turn them away. Gays are just one type of the wide-range of individuals that pay to eat their tasty chicken sandwiches. This might not be the case much longer as the gay community is boycotting the company.

Mike Huckabee coined Wednesday as “Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day” and created a Facebook event that attracted more than 400,000 people. Huckabee is a pastor and he all the same, shoving a pamphlet under your nose, you all the same, shoving a pamphlet under your nose, you all the same, shoving a pamphlet under your nose, you all the same, shoving a pamphlet under your nose.

There is little reason for fear at a movie theater

In the wake of the shooting during the midnight premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora, Colo., some panic has been caused at theaters. Some are asking if more strict safety precautions are needed to prevent the safety of theater-goers.

But there are those that think it cause unnecessary change. Many commenters are calling for theaters to let us know what you think.

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Cuban dissident’s family insists another car was involved in fatal crash

By Jason G. Seager, The Christian Science Monitor

HAVANA — The family of Cuban dissident Yoani Sanchez claims that another car was involved in the crash that killed her husband in February 2012.

The family says Sanchez’s husband, Raul de la Fuente, was killed when his car hit a pole while driving near their home in Havana. However, the family says it was hit by another car that didn’t stop.

Spanish investigators, who found no evidence of a second vehicle, have maintained that an alcohol-intoxicated driver crossed the road and hit the car driven by Sanchez’s husband.

The Sanchez family says it has been unable to obtain an official copy of the police report, which they say is crucial to their investigation.

The family has also accused the government of falsifying the evidence and withholding information.

In 2013, Sanchez was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her work inquiring into the government’s treatment of political dissidents and their relatives.

Sanchez said the government has responded by blocking her access to the internet and arresting her friends.

On Sunday, the Sanchez family released a statement denying any involvement in the crash and saying it was a “tragedy.”

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The Wild Ramp brings local farmers and consumers closer with indoor farmers’ market

BY JOANIE BORDERS  |

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The Wild Ramp, a nonprofit farmers market, is a local market for farmers that live within a 250-mile radius of Huntington, including Ohio and Kentucky, to be able to sell their goods and for customers to enjoy food that has not traveled across the country.

Finding a new home at suite 13 in Heritage Station, neighboring Common Grounds under Bottle and Wedge, The Wild Ramp, unlike most farmers’ markets, is open your round Wednesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 10 a.m. the 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

“One of the advantages is that the farmers drop their produce and don’t have to sit with it, we do that for them and are open more than just a couple days a week which offers them more time to sell,” Shelly Keeney, market manager for The Wild Ramp, said.

Shelly is not only the market manager for The Wild Ramp but also a producer herself making goat milk soap when she is not busy at River and Rail Bakery making pastries.

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Most of the vendors only bring 50 miles or less from the store. Keeney said that it allows consumers to communicate with the farmers what they would like to see grown, so they have a great idea about what would sell. Being a nonprofit, all of the workers in the store are volunteers, which allows the market to give the farmers 80% of the profits from their sold merchandise.

“We are here for the community,” Keeney said. “A lot of people the people that come here to shop were going to such’s farm to buy what they need.”

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