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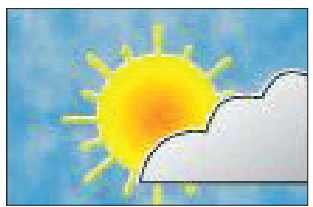


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City eyes \$4.7M in renovations

Municipal pool, law enforcement center to be addressed

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
The Big Spring City Council tentatively agreed to move forward with \$4.7 million in renovations to the Municipal Swimming Pool and the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement Center during a special work



McEwen

session Tuesday night, but the fiscal crunch for the projects will fall on the city staff, not local taxpayers. None of the council members

spoke against the plan, which calls for \$3 million in renovations to the city swimming pool and \$1.7 million in renovations to the current home of the Big Spring Police Department. Mayor Russ McEwen instructed city staff to begin gathering hard numbers on

both efforts. "We have a law enforcement center that needs renovation," said McEwen. "We have a correctional fund that was established when MidTex was out at the airpark. That fund has around \$2 million in it and this is one thing we can

do with the funds. We can use it to make renovations to the law enforcement center. The one thing I don't want to do is raise taxes." McEwen also presented a plan that would pay for a See CITY, Page 3A

Wish list

Street lights, city promotion key concerns

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Self-promotion and growth in the city's Conventions and Visitors Bureau seemed to be underlying themes during Tuesday night's Big Spring City Council budget work session, as the council offered its direction to the city staff heading into the creation of next year's fiscal plan.



Horton

Sometimes referred to as the council members' "wish list," many of the same concerns were echoed during the work session, which annually precedes the city administration's first draft of the budget.



Ramirez

District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton expressed concerns with street lights her neighbors have told her are being shot-out by drug dealers and other criminals, a problem Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said is already in the works.

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HERALD photo/Alex Newsom

Students go through the ordering line at the Big Spring High School cafeteria Tuesday. Area children 18 years or younger can eat free at Big Spring Independent School District cafeterias during the next several weeks thanks to the district's Summer Lunch Program.

What's for (a free) lunch?

BSISD offers two meals a day for children

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For area youngsters this summer, there is such a thing as a free lunch.

Big Spring Independent School District's annual Summer Lunch Program began this week, offering meals for free to children up to age 18 and at drastically reduced cost to everyone else.

- The schedule is as follows:
- Big Spring High School offers breakfast and lunch through July 1.
 - Bauer Elementary offers lunch through July 1.
 - Moss Elementary will offer breakfast and lunch from June 15 through July 1.
 - Marcy Elementary will offer lunch from July 27 through Aug. 7.

In addition, BSISD buses will transport children from the Marcy campus to the high school until July 1. Buses will pick up the students at 11 a.m. and return them to Marcy at noon, school district officials said.

"It's really important because we have a high percentage of kids who are from low-income households. So we have to have this program in order for the kids to have proper nutrition during the summer. For some of these kids, the only nutritional meal they get is from us."

—Judy Grant, BSISD food services director

Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., while lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at all locations. As noted, meals are free to anyone 18 or younger (regardless if they're BSISD students), while adults can purchase breakfast for \$1 and lunch for \$2.35.

Judy Grant, BSISD food services

director, said the summer program is mandated by federal law for school districts with a large percentage of "economically disadvantaged" households.

"If your district is designated a severe need area, you're required by law to serve free lunches for at least 30 days during the summer," Grant said. "They only require us to have one facility open, but we try to accommodate the community a little better than that."

Grant said the meals will be standard BSISD fare.

"They'll be the same meals students get during the school year," she noted. "We feel it's very important that children get a full, traditional meal."

Unlike during the school year, however, students will not get a choice of vegetables and other side dishes. And no carry-out orders will be accepted; all meals must be eaten at the cafeteria.

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Lady Buffs' rise came quickly

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

FORSAN — Four years ago, the Forsan Lady Buffaloes were just an upstart softball program, not even aligned within a district.

A short time later, they're contending for a state title.

The Lady Buffs claimed a Class A, Region I title Saturday, earning a berth into the state tournament at McCombs Field in Austin. Forsan (24-10) makes its bid for the championship game at 11 a.m. Thursday, when it faces Iola's Lady Bulldogs (28-4) in the state semifinals.

"I'm amazed and excited. This has been a goal of mine for many years. To finally get to this point is kind of surreal," said Forsan Head Coach Shanna Roberts. "I'm just really excited to be going to Austin."

Two years ago, Roberts was sitting in the dugout after a Lady

Buff practice and speculated the team could be in this exact situation this season. She notes that several pieces just fell into place at the right time to make it all possible.

"We've gradually added some players each year that have helped us out a lot offensively and defensively," said Roberts. "I don't know that we can get a whole lot better than what we are right now. I really feel good about this team."

The Lady Buffs are entering the post-season as battle-tested against anyone else in the tournament, thanks largely to how the last two playoff series they've been in have turned out.

After winning Game 1 over Marfa, 4-3, Friday, the Lady Buffs found themselves entrenched in a classic with the Lady Shorthorns in Game 2 Saturday. It took 14

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback
The Forsan Lady Buffaloes softball team meets in the pitcher's circle following their Game 1 win over Marfa in the regional finals of the Class A playoffs Friday in Monahans. The Lady Buffs defeated Marfa in the best-of-three series to advance to the Class A state tournament. They'll play Iola in the semifinals at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Teixeira, Yanks paste Rangers

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Mark Teixeira was hit below the right shoulder by Vicente Padilla in the second inning. Then he was hit on the buttocks in the fourth.

Convinced he was being thrown at, Teixeira followed with a slide at second that sent shortstop Elvis Andrus flying and sparked the Yankees in a seven-run fourth inning. New York coasted past the Texas Rangers 12-3 Tuesday night to take over best record in the American League at 31-21.

"We did the talking with our bats," Teixeira said.

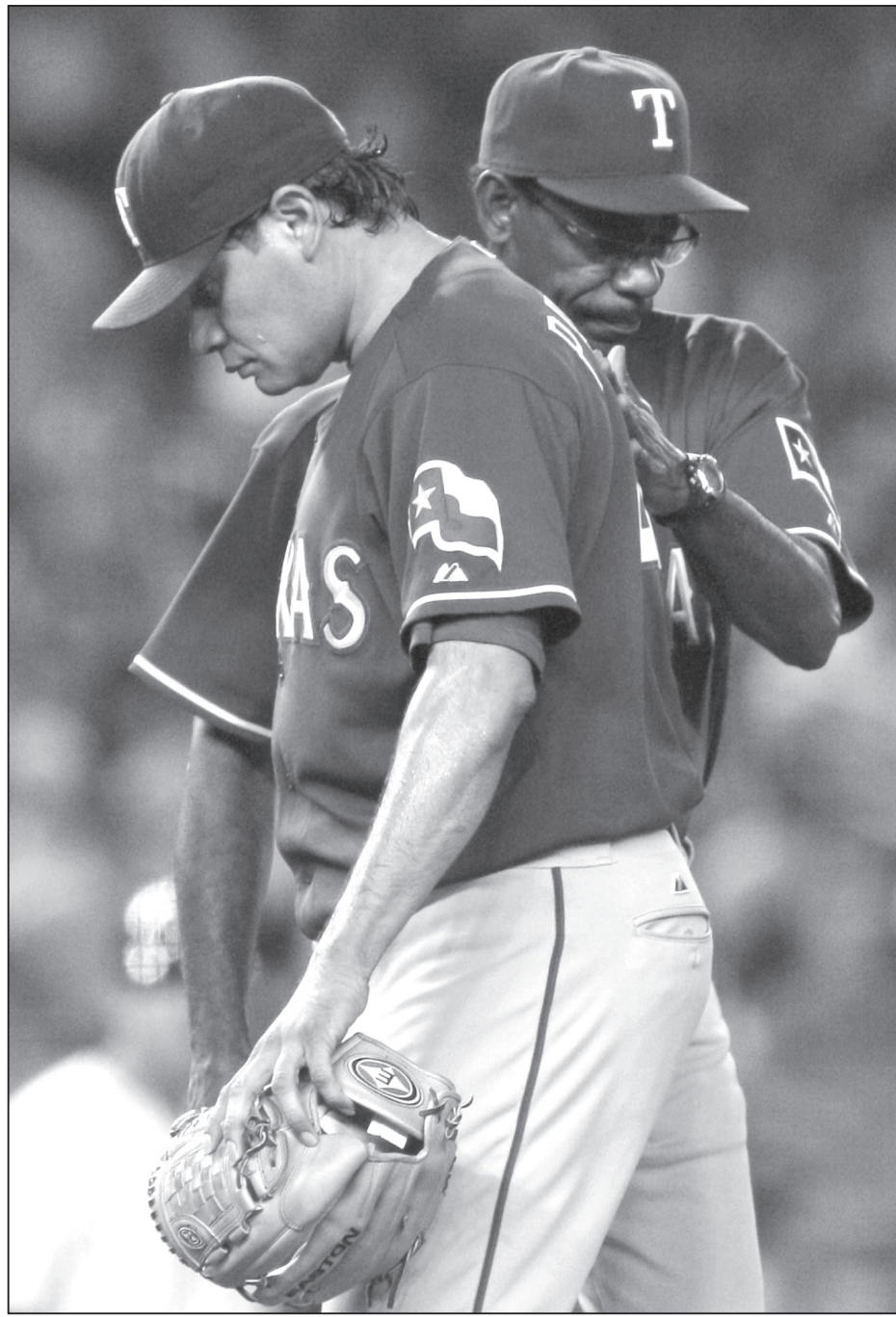
When Teixeira faced Padilla (3-3) for the first time on June 9, 2005, he homered in the first and third innings during Texas' 10-8 loss at Philadelphia, then was hit by a pitch in the fifth.

"Every time I've faced him since, there seem to be balls near my head, near my body, and today I got hit twice," Teixeira said. "Not the right way to play the game. Unfortunately, you know, that guy has been doing it his whole career."

Teixeira said he even talked to Padilla about it when they were together on the Rangers in 2006-07.

"There's really no reason for it in baseball. You know, if you can't get a guy out, don't hit him. You know, if you don't want to pitch to a guy, then, you know, put four fingers out there and walk him," Teixeira said. "And, unfortunately, when I was a teammate, it happened a lot where he would hit guys, and the 3-4 hitters, those are the guys that got hit for retaliation, and I got hit plenty of times."

Asked what he would say if Teixeira



AP photo
Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington, rear, pats pitcher Vicente Padilla on the back after taking the ball from him in the fourth inning of an AL baseball game against the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium in New York Tuesday. The Yankees won 12-3.

Dallas lets go of LB Ellis

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have released Greg Ellis, ending the linebacker's career after 11 seasons and the eighth-most sacks in club history.

Tuesday's announcement was no surprise. A week before the team owner Jerry Jones said the club was planning to cut Ellis if he couldn't be traded.

The Cowboys bypassed Randy Moss to take Ellis with the eighth overall pick in the 1998 draft. He had 77 sacks and 634 tackles over 162 games and led the team in sacks six times.

Ellis was a defensive end for most of that time, then moved to linebacker when Bill Parcells changed to a 3-4 defense. He grumbled at first, then tore his Achilles' tendon. He returned in 2007 and had his best season with 12½ sacks in 13 games, earning NFL comeback player of the year honors.

Rangers place Hamilton on DL

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton went on the disabled list Tuesday with an abdominal strain that could sideline him from two weeks to two months.

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Sports in brief

Howard College Hawks national championship attire available

The Howard College Hawks are the 2009 Division I Junior College baseball national champions and T-shirts and hats commemorating the feat will be made available in the Howard College Bookstore. The cost for each item is \$19.99 and could be available by Monday.

Contact the Howard College Bookstore at 264-5050 if you'd like to pre-order an article.

Black & Gold Tennis Tournament scheduled for Friday and Saturday

Figure 7 Tennis Center will host the Black & Gold Tennis Tournament Friday and Saturday.

The event is open to all ages with singles and doubles brackets available.

The tourney kicks off an 11-week circuit throughout West Texas. Entry fee is \$15 for one event and \$25 for two.

For more information, call Dana Jones at 557-3831.

Big Spring ISD announces sports skills camps

The Big Spring High School Athletic Department

will host a variety of sports skills camps during the summer.

Call Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center with any questions at 264-3662.

Camp of Champs

Camp of Champs is a weight conditioning program geared to helping increase strength, quickness, speed and agility.

The program began today and continues through June 18 at the Athletic Training Center. There are two different sessions for different age groups.

Third through fifth graders attend from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., while sixth and seventh graders work out 11 a.m. to noon.

The camp is held Monday through Thursday during the allotted dates.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

Steers Baseball Skills Camp

Big Spring Steers Head Coach Burt Otto will host a baseball skills camp beginning Monday and ending June 11 at Steer Park for first through eighth graders.

Cost is \$25 with an optional T-shirt fee of \$10.

Lady Steers Basketball Skills Camp

Lady Steers Head Coach Mike Warren will lend

his skills in teaching a basketball camp for girls entering second through eighth grade June 22-25.

The camp will be split into two age groups. Second through fifth graders participate from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day at Steer Gym, while sixth through eighth graders take the court every day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

Steers Football Skills Camp

A skills camp for first through eighth graders interested in football will be held June 15-18 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Athletic Training Center.

Cost is \$25 with an optional T-shirt fee of \$10.

Wayland Baptist University conducting baseball tryouts

The Pioneer baseball coaching staff at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview is conducting a tryout camp for all graduating high school seniors and/or players with college eligibility remaining.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. June 13 at Wilder Field on the WBU campus. Tryouts follow at 9 a.m. There is no charge for the camp.

For more information or to make reservations, contact WBU Head Coach Brad Bass at (806) 291-1157 or Assistant Josh Milner at (806) 291-1158.

Obituaries

Justin Anthony Hernandez

Justin Anthony Hernandez, 16, died Saturday, May 30, 2009, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.



Justin was born July 10, 1992, in Odessa to Nicole and Anthony. He was a freshman at Big Spring High School. Justin had a passion for sports. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and was a Christian. He loved his family and friends, and in return was loved by all. He will surely be missed.

Justin is survived by his father, Anthony Hernandez and wife, Sabrina, of Big Spring; mother, Nicole Harbour and husband, Bryan, of Big Spring; three brothers, Pryce Gibson, Joe Torres and Anthony Fierro, all of Big Spring; five sisters, Sydney Marie Hernandez, Nisa Torres, Morgan, Kerrigan and Kaelon Harbour, all of Big Spring; paternal grandparents, Manuela "Emma" and Arnulfo "Shorty" Hernandez of Coahoma; maternal grandparents, Nan and Perry Schulze of Muskogee, Okla., and James and Debra Ivie of Big Spring; and Kay Coker of Big Spring.

He is also survived by his great-grandfather, Concepcion "John" Rodriguez; aunts and uncles, Kathy and Sam Gonzales of Coahoma, Michael and Sonya Hernandez of Big Spring, Elizabeth and Anthony Haston of Rockwall, Aron Hernandez of Dallas, Julie and Michael Arismendez of Sparenberg, Michael and Casey Martin of Muskogee, Okla., and Shayne and Marlena Haynie of Big Spring; cousins, Kassie and Tomas Ramirez of Coahoma, Stevi Madry and Mia Hernandez of Big Spring, Britton Heath, Anthony and Sophia Haston of Rockwall, Ashlee and Ethan Hernandez of Dallas, Megan, Stephen and Izabella Arismendez of Sparenberg, Ava and Gabriel Martin of Muskogee, Okla., and Kaitlyn and Kiley Haynie of Big Spring; and one second-cousin, Braydn Garcia of Coahoma.

Pallbearers will be Brody Gutierrez, Stefan Martinez, Tomas Ramirez, Anthony Yanez, Terrel Emerson and Albert Gonzales.

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

Paid obituary

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- SHANE EDDIE ANDERSON, 37, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
- ISAAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

• IGNACIO ALFONSO GONZALES, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

• LANCE LAND, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of minor in possession of alcohol (two counts).

• MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ANNA NICKLE, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a bond revocation for criminal mischief.

• JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

• JUSTIN RAY RODRIGUEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a probation revocation for possession of a controlled substance.

• JACK JUIORYANEZ, 17, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

G.E. 'George' St John

G.E. "George" St John, 89, of Big Spring died Monday, June 1, 2009, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 4, 2009, at the Iatan Cemetery in Mitchell County with his son-in-law, Barry Wallace, officiating.

He was born Dec. 23, 1919, in Mt. Dora, N.M., and married Paula Marie Jones Nov. 18, 1942, in Colorado City.

Mr. St John served in the United States Army during World War II in England, France and Germany. He had lived in the Kermit and Crane area for 27 years and moved to Big Spring in November 1977 from Eldorado. He worked for Shell Pipeline for more than 30 years, retiring in 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Paula St John of Big Spring; two daughters, Marie Copeland and husband, Gary, of Big Spring, and Debbie Wallace and husband, Barry, of Richmond; one son, Edward St John of Midland; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wesley and Myrtle St John; a grandson; two brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh, Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Police blotter

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

- ERLINDA RIOS, 21, of 1906 Winston, was arrested Tuesday on a non-local warrant.
- JACK YANEZ, 17, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 42, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ, 18, of 1213 Lindbergh, was arrested Tuesday on a non-local warrant.
- ISAAC CHAVARRIA, 23, of 2804 Parkway, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal.
- STALKING was reported in the 1500 block of Main Street.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA — TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.

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TODAY

- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of W. Fifth Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of E. 18th Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.



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Titans' Young says he doesn't want to be traded

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vince Young's agent says the quarterback does not want the Tennessee Titans to trade him, downplaying comments Young made to a Baltimore television station.

Major Adams said that Young intends to remain in Tennessee and battle Kerry Collins for the No. 1 quarterback position. Adams' reaction was first reported in the

City Paper in Nashville.

"Vince's desire has always been to compete for the starting quarterback job in Tennessee," Adams said late Tuesday night. "Even before they drafted him, they asked him if he thought he could compete for the starting role, and he said yes. He has always been a starter and that is his mindset."

Adams said Young worked

out at the Titan's Baptist Sports Park on Monday and was planning to attend an event hosted by team owner Bud Adams this week.

"If he didn't have a desire to stay there, he wouldn't be doing any of that," Adams said.

Young's comments to WMAR-TV on Saturday indicated a willingness to leave the Titans if he could not be

the starter this season.

"Definitely I want to be in there playing ball and picking up where I left off, winning games and having a good time with my teammates and fans," Young told the station. "But at the same time if them guys don't want me in there, it's time for me to make a career change for myself."

"The fact is I'm ready to play ball, and if they're not

ready for me to play ball, somebody is."

Young and the Titans likely will have to come to some sort of resolution after the season, regardless of whether he starts or not, because of a salary cap figure that jumps to \$14 million in 2010.

"We're just going to have to let this season play out and see what happens from there," Young's agent said.

Tejada's homer in 11th lifts Astros over Colorado

HOUSTON (AP) — Miguel Tejada was surprised when someone told him that he was the NL's leading hitter.

A batting title isn't a personal goal, but the way Tejada looks at the plate these days, he just might make it one.

Tejada hit a game-winning homer off Josh Fogg in the 11th inning to cap a three-RBI night and lift the Houston Astros to a 3-2 win over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday.

Tejada went 4-for-6 to boost his average to .362. The four-time All-Star is hitting .427 with 28 RBIs in his last 27 games and has at least two hits in his last four games.

Houston manager Cecil Cooper has placed him No. 2 in the batting order for the last 10 games and Tejada said that's the main reason he's been hitting well.

"What I've got in my head is just try to be on base as much as I can," Tejada said. "Right now, I'm really close to leading off. I'm really selective in the pitches to hit, I can wait for the pitch I want. I am really careful with what I do at the plate."

Tejada tied the game in the ninth with an RBI single off Huston Street. He also had an RBI single in the fifth against Rockies starter Ubaldo Jimenez.

He hasn't batted .300 in a season since 2006 and doesn't have a number in mind this year.

"I've never been leading the league (in hitting), not even for one day," Tejada said. "Now, I'm really happy to be leading for a couple of days. But it's not something I'm looking for. Right now, I just want to see how much I can help the team win some ballgames."



AP photo

Houston Astros shortstop Miguel Tejada connects for the winning run in the 11th inning to beat the Colorado Rockies 3-2 in a NL baseball game, Tuesday in Houston.

Fogg (0-1) got Michael Bourn on a groundout leading off the 11th before Tejada drove a 2-2 pitch into the left-field porch, his sixth homer of the season. It was the fifth time the Astros have won a game in their last at-bat, and the second time Tejada has driven in the winning run. Tejada has six career walkoff home runs.

"He's off to a great start," said Astros slugger Lance Berkman. "That's the kind of player he's been his whole career. It's not really surprising. He's a great player."

Colorado had a chance to score in the top of the 11th.

Omar Quintanilla led off with a single off Russ Ortiz (3-2) and

advanced on Paul Phillips' bunt. Ortiz struck out Ian Stewart and backup second baseman Matt Kata made a diving stop to rob Dexter Fowler of a hit.

The Rockies took a 2-1 lead to the bottom of the ninth before Street blew a save for the first time in nine chances this season.

Ivan Rodriguez led off with a single and Bourn reached on a bunt after Street threw wildly to first for an error.

Tejada drove in Rodriguez with a loop single to right.

The Astros' rally ruined an effective start by the Rockies' Ubaldo Jimenez, who allowed seven hits and

four walks in six innings. Houston got hits in each of Jimenez's innings, but stranded 13 runners in the game.

"I know my fastball was there, but I was battling with control issues," said Jimenez. "I got runners on every single inning. My breaking ball was good, but they did a pretty good job against me."

Felipe Paulino was dominant early, striking out five of the first 10 batters he faced. But the Rockies took a 2-0 lead in the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Todd Helton and Brad Hawpe and an RBI single by Seth Smith.

Jimenez wasn't as sharp as Paulino early, but kept the Astros in check.

"This was a very tough game to lose," said Colorado manager Jim Tracy. "The way things are going for us offensively, tonight's game just illustrates it. We have no room for error. We had some chances to open this game up, but our pitchers had to be perfect."

Notes: The Rockies placed C Yorvit Torrealba on the restricted list for personal reasons and purchased the contract of C Edwin Bellorin from their Triple-A affiliate in Colorado Springs. ... Astros RHP Geoff Geary threw about 40 pitches in a simulated game on Tuesday. The middle reliever has been on the disabled list since May 14 with tendinitis in his right biceps. ... Tejada's 16-game hitting streak is the longest by an Astro since Berkman's 17-game streak between April 30 and May 18 last season. ... Rockies SS Troy Tulowitzki left in the fourth inning with an injured left hand and was replaced by Omar Quintanilla. X-rays were negative and Tracy said the hand was bruised.



Road Construction Blues



At the Big Spring Herald we are suffering through the same road construction problems as everyone else. Over the last 2 weeks the front of our building has had no parking and it has been very hard for our customers to get to us. It is now available for parking and our newspaper racks that are out front are again available. We also realize that it is not easy to get to places on Gregg St. to get your copy of the paper. We would like to make everyone aware of all the different locations the Big Spring Herald is sold at for your convenience.

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<p>Medicine Center Pharmacy</p> <p>VA Hospital</p> <p>Greg's Grill</p> <p>Brenda's BBQ</p> <p>Kwikies</p> <p>Uncles (Sand Springs)</p>	<p>Whataburger</p> <p>McDonald's</p> <p>Chicken Express</p> <p>Denny's</p> <p>Dollar General (Stanton)</p> <p>Lakeway Grocery (Sand Springs)</p>	<p>Herman's</p> <p>Cowboy's Steakhouse</p> <p>Neighbor's Convenience</p> <p>Texas Cajun Café</p> <p>Lawrence Brothers (Stanton)</p>
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Why do batterers threaten, abuse, or kill animals?

- To demonstrate and confirm power and control over the family.
- To isolate the victim and children.
- To eliminate competition for attention.
- To force the family to keep violence a secret.
- To teach submission.
- To retaliate for acts of independence and self-determination.
- To perpetuate the context of terror.
- To prevent the victim from leaving or coerce her/him to return.
- To punish the victim for leaving
- To degrade the victim through involvement in the abuse.

Is animal abuse a form of domestic violence? YES.

- Animal abuse exposes the deliberateness of battering rather than loss of control.
- Animal abuse and child abuse are closely related.
- Animal abuse is often a tool used by batterers to emotionally control or coerce victims.
- Threatening, injuring, or killing animals can indicate the potential for increased violence or lethality.
- Victims may postpone leaving out of fear for their pets' safety.
- Identifying animal abusers can help identify other victims of violence within the family.





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Lottery

With no big winner in the latest drawing, the grand prize for the Mega Millions multistate lottery game has been rolled over to \$17 million.

The winning numbers from Tuesday were: 9, 13, 26, 30, and 35. The Mega Ball number was 33.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 8 - 12 - 28 - 30 - 36.
 Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: \$0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0 - 3 - 7 - 4. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4 - 0 - 8. Sum It Up: 12.

Take Note

- An account to defray funeral costs for the family of Justin Hernandez has been set up at Western Bank — formerly known as First Bank of West Texas — located on FM 700. Hernandez was killed in a shooting May 29. For more information, contact the bank at 267-1113.

- The Pentecostals of Big Spring will have a silent auction and barbecue at the corner of 11th Place and Locust St. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to support Sunday School department summer youth camps. The barbecue meal will include brisket, beans and potato salad, including all the trimmings for \$7.50 per plate.

- Chorus rehearsals for Pops in the Park are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 9, 16, 23 and 30 at the First United Methodist Church. Parking is on the corner of Fifth and Gregg streets. Pops in the Park, Big Spring's annual symphony and fireworks show, will be held July 3 in the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater.

- Area residents are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School events being offered by the Southern Baptist Churches of Big Spring. Listed are the churches, dates, times and ages included:

Baptist Temple, July 20-24, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages 4 through sixth grade.

WISH

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"We have a contract with Oncor for maintenance of the street lights, but what we didn't realize until recently was they were subcontracting that work to a third party," said Darden. "At that time, there were several hundred street lights out across the city. We're working with them to get this problem corrected, and we're keeping a closer eye on it."

Mayor Russ McEwen said one thing that could help the effort is citizen participation.

"What if we worked with the media to get the word out to local citizens they should contact us when a light is out in their neighborhood?" asked McEwen, an idea Darden agreed with.

Horton also expressed concerns about the use of the city's mosquito truck, which Darden said was currently in use nightly, as well as attracting area youth to do intern work with the city.

District 2 Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. echoed Horton's concerns about the street lights, adding he would like to see more effort made in areas of technology, such as more security cameras in public places. Ramirez also said he'd like to see red light cameras for dangerous intersections, but City Attorney Linda Sjogren informed the councilman legislation recently passed prevents any new red light cameras from going up in the state.

Ramirez said he'd also like to see a strong effort to market the new Roy Anderson Sports Complex, particularly for softball tournaments. According to Darden, the first tournament has been scheduled for March of 2010.

District 3 Councilwoman Joann Staulcup presented a rather lengthy list of items, including more funding for city programs that demolish substandard buildings and a stronger effort to assess and collect fines from property owners in violation of the law.

Staulcup also cited

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large portion of the funds needed to address the recent closure of the Municipal Swimming Pool due to its failure to meet federal requirements.

"We have a bond that was paid off in February 2009. The current rate on that bond (as applied to the tax rate) is 2.9016 cents, which will free up 3 cents on the tax roll. That generates \$150,000 a year. On a \$3 million bond, the annual payment would be right at \$237,000, which means we would be looking at a difference of \$87,000 a year.

"Instead of putting that \$87,000 a year on the taxpayers, I'm asking the city staff to find a way to save that much on the annual budget. The pool is something the kids use. I feel like we have to have a pool, we have to have something for the kids to do," McEwen said.

Councilman Terry Hansen also had encouraging remarks regarding the \$1.7 million price tag for the renovation of the Law Enforcement Center.

"We're looking at spending \$170 per square foot to renovate the building," said Hansen. "Renovation costs are very expensive these days, and you certainly can't build a new facility for \$176 per square foot, so I feel like this a viable option."

City Manager Gary Fuqua went over a collection of photographs and statistics

from the police department building during the meeting, explaining the renovations would nearly double the amount of usable floor space in the facility.

"It no longer needs a jail, now that we're contracting with the Howard County Jail," said Fuqua. "That leaves the top floor open, but for that space to be usable we need to get the old jail cells out of there. The offices are extremely small and have no storage space. We have the same problem with the interview rooms, where the officers have to have between five to six people at times.

"The plumbing is also a major issue. When the pipes are rusted out, we have to jackhammer the floor to get to them, or simply take the sink they are connected to out. There's also no elevator between the floors, and the only working shower — necessary if an officer gets something splashed on him or her — is in the jail where the inmates were fed."

Fuqua said the renovations would eliminate the existing plumbing problems.

And while Tuesday night's agreement would seem to put two difficult issues facing the council to rest, City Finance Director Peggy Walker warned the current estimates are just that — estimates.

"These estimates are based on opinions. They are probable costs," Walker warned.

"We simply didn't want to spend a lot of money on studying something the council

hasn't approved until now. If there's more asbestos than estimated, the price could go up. If there is less, it could go down. However, none of these numbers are set in stone."

Walker also warned against depending on the \$150,000 currently budgeted for housing city inmates to help pay for renovations.

"What we pay the county to house our inmates could eat into that number," she told the council.

As for the pool, city council members seemed to be in agreement the facility should remain in Comanche Trail Park, and discussed the cost of other pools that have recently been built in the West Texas area.

"Brownfield just built a new pool for \$2.4 million," said Assistant City Manager Todd Darden. "It has a 265-person capacity and holds 160,000 gallons of water. Our current pool averages 300 to 330 people on a daily basis and holds 400,000 gallons. The new pool in Snyder cost \$1.4 million, has a 140 person capacity and holds 88,000 gallons.

"We've talked some about the location, and the only change we've really considered is getting it away from the main entrance of the golf course."

The council is expected to take formal action on these items at a later date.

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a need for more code enforcement and CVB employees, as well as efforts to utilize the Beals Creek area as a tourist attraction to bird watchers and enthusiasts. The area has been a stopping point for sandhill cranes for a number of years.

District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald cited needed signage at the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park as one of her goals for the coming year, and echoed Staulcup's ideas concerning the use of bird watching as a tourist attraction. McDonald also expressed concern the city's composting facility isn't being properly used, and suggested the city charge commercial customers who regularly dump their materials there.

District 5 Councilman Troy Tompkins said one of the items that should be at the top of the council's list is Municipal Auditorium, which was recently closed because it fails to meet federal ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.

"I think we shouldn't let it stay closed long," said Tompkins. "We

need to make it a viable facility again."

Tompkins also expressed a need for better recycling efforts in Big Spring, asking the city administration to look at its efforts to set up collection points. Finally, concerns surrounding the CVB office, and CVB Director Debbie Wegman's need for assistance in day-to-day operations rounded out his list.

District 6 Councilman Terry Hansen, who was elected just a short time ago, reinforced concerns surrounding the Municipal Auditorium, and also asked the city staff to look at its current street sweeping efforts.

"One of the things I heard quite often while I was campaigning was when their streets were going to be swept," said Hansen. "Another thing that I heard was local residents concerns when it came to identifying and ticketing uninsured motorists."

Police Chief Lonnie Smith said there is currently software available to assist in identifying uninsured motorists, but warned

it came with a rather healthy price tag.

Hansen also echoed concerns with the CVB office and the need for more employees to promote Big Spring, as well as staffing needs with the city's Code Enforcement Office.

Rounding out the session was McEwen, who asked the city's department heads to take a fresh look at their budgets and needs.

"Don't look at things as they are, start at a zero basis," said McEwen. "Look at what we need to get things done. Look at ways to use employees more efficiently and start from a fresh viewpoint, as if you were building the city. If you need more, then let us know. However, if we could cut staffing by as much as 10 percent, we could give the savings back to the people of Big Spring, and possibly attract better people to (come and live in) Big Spring."

McEwen also expressed his thanks to the city administration, citing them for an outstanding job.

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kids, the only nutritional meal they get is from us."

The program is a big draw, not just with student attending summer school, but others, as well. Grant said BSISD cafeterias usually serve lunch for children in other summer programs, such as the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club.

Cost of the program is estimated at \$60,000, but the school district is reimbursed by fed-

eral agencies for any summer expenditures, Grant said.

Full program information and menus can

be found on the BSISD Web site at www.bsisd.esc18.net or by calling 264-3635.

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Grant said the program fills a vital need in the community.

"It's really important because we have a high percentage of kids who are from low-income households," she said. "So we have to have this program in order for the kids to have proper nutrition during the summer. For some of these

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FORSAN

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innings to decide the outcome with Marfa coming out on top after Cortnee White hit a walk-off home run for a 4-3 victory.

The loss could have been the crushing blow for the Lady Buffs. Instead, they responded with a quick 8-0 lead in the third and decisive game, eventually holding on for an 8-3 victory and a berth to the state tournament.

"I don't know that we can ask for a better way to come into the playoffs," said Roberts. "This team has had to really step up and overcome some tough losses in the last two weeks. The girls just met the challenges laid out for them. Fourteen innings with Marfa was intense. We lost the game on a home run and that can be devastating for some teams. Instead, I think we stepped up and came back even stronger."

However, it was the series with Albany that Roberts believes was the turning point for the Lady Buffs.

Albany — ranked No. 2 in the state when the series occurred — edged the Lady Buffs, 4-3, in the first game.

Forsan rallied on the second day of the series, sweeping two games from Albany, 6-5 and 6-2, to keep their state title hopes alive.

"I think it was the loss to Albany that really turned us around," said Roberts. "We could have laid down, but we came back and played two good, close ball games. I think we grew up a little after that series."

Following the decisive win with Marfa, three Lady Buffs — Sandi Golleher, Alyx Pappajohn and Haylie Burlison — made their way home to walk the stage as a 2009 graduate of Forsan.

"It was awesome getting to walk the stage knowing we had made it to state earlier in the day," said Burlison. "They even said something about graduation about it. It was amazing."

Superintendent Randy Johnson couldn't contain himself. Before all the graduates had even began the procession into the high school gym, Johnson got on the microphone and announced to the crowd the Lady Buffs were headed to the state tournament.

Salutatorian Tori Gauer then added in her speech about the Lady Buffs making their way to Austin.

"It's amazing being a high school graduate and still getting to be a part

of something at Forsan," said Golleher.

All three Lady Buffs seniors were a part of the team when it first started in 2006. Then, a chance to play for a state title wasn't even discussed.

"We said at the beginning of the year we wanted to go to state. We set a goal and accomplished it," said Golleher. "We have two more games, so we're just taking it one game at a time. Emotionally, we're all just excited. I didn't know if this was actually possible, but now that we're here it's just really amazing to be a part of it."

"I didn't really think it was possible, either," added Burlison. "Everyone said we were good enough and it turned out we are. I think we've got a really good chance of winning it all."

First the Lady Buffs must make it past Iola, which is the top-ranked team in this year's field.

Iola defeated the No. 1 team in the state in two of the last three rounds of the playoffs. In the regional quarterfinals, the Lady Bulldogs took down Shiner, then followed it up with a win over Mart in the Region IV finals.

"I don't really have an idea of how we'll match up with Iola. I just hope we go out, play our game and don't

play with a lot of nervousness," said Roberts. "Hitting wise, I've got nine good hitters who can put the ball in play at any time. I'm really hoping we continue to hit the ball and score some runs."

The Lady Buffs aren't satisfied with just making it to state, though. However, they do consider it a major achievement just to be playing this late in the season.

"I think we'll be disappointed to lose the first game," noted Roberts. "Just to be there, though, is very exciting for us. This team sets the standard for the other teams coming up in the program. I think we're going to win. I'm going into state expecting us to win. Hopefully, we won't be disappointed."

Should Forsan win Thursday, it would face the winner of the other Class A semifinal game between Lindsay (24-8-2) and Alto (28-7). Of the four schools in the bracket, only Alto has been to the state tournament before, having qualified three previous times.

Alto won a Class 2A state title in 1999, defeating Coahoma, 5-3, for its only championship in program history.

The Class A finals would be played at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

RANGERS

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accused him, Padilla denied any sinister intent.

"I think that is unfair," Padilla responded through a translator. "I have runners on first and third. Why would I do that? The answer is that it's stupid if he thinks it was an intentional pitch."

Rangers manager Ron Washington defended his pitcher, who was activated before the game and allowed seven runs, seven hits and four walks in 3 2-3 innings.

"I guess he was trying to get inside on him, keep him from diving over the plate," Washington said. Hideki Matsui and Jorge Posada hit three-run homers for the Yankees, and Derek Jeter became the fourth active player with 1,500 runs — and just the fourth in Yankees history.

A.J. Burnett (4-2) beat Texas for the second time in a week, allowing three runs and eight hits in seven innings and striking out eight. He threw a pitch over the head of Nelson Cruz in the fifth that sent the cleanup hitter sprawling, prompting plate umpire Doug Eddings to warn both dugouts. Cruz had put the Rangers ahead 3-2 with a three-run homer in the third.

"I got to pitch in," Burnett said. "Warnings are

warnings, man. It doesn't bother me."

But Teixeira hinted there was more to it. "I think there was a little message sent," he said.

Teixeira was hit for the second time after Johnny Damon's RBI single tied it at 3. Teixeira shouted, and manager Joe Girardi came out to calm his player.

"I just wanted to make sure nothing escalated," Girardi said. "You don't like seeing your guys get plunked, especially twice by the same guy."

Alex Rodriguez then grounded to second baseman Ian Kinsler, who flipped to Andrus for the forceout at second. Teixeira didn't slide far off the line, but clipped Andrus enough to cause a bounced throw that A-Rod beat to avoid a double play.

Jeter came home from third for a 4-3 lead and joined Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Mickey Mantle as the only Yankees with 1,500 runs. The only other active players to reach the mark are Rodriguez, Ken Griffey Jr. and Gary Sheffield.

"That's just good, hard baseball," Girardi said. "That's the way you're supposed to play the game."

It was the turning point of the game. Matsui's second homer in a week off Derek Holland capped the inning.

"We could have come off the field at 4-3, which is a tremendous difference from the way it actually was," Washington said.

Yankee Stadium. He was sidelined from April 27 to May 12 with a strained left ribcage, an injury sustained when he crashed into a fence at Toronto while chasing a flyball.

Boggs hit .226 with eight homers and 41 RBIs in 283 at-bats for the Rangers as a rookie last year.

Right-hander Vicente Padilla, sidelined since May 16 with a strained right shoulder, was activated and started against the Yankees. He gave up seven runs, seven hits and four walks in 3 2-3 innings, his ERA rising to 5.57.

To clear a roster spot, the Rangers optioned right-hander Guillermo Moscoso to Oklahoma

New York has won 16 of 20 to reach 10 games over .500, a mark the Yankees didn't achieve until their 100th game last year.

"When we win games," Teixeira said, "I get fired up."

Notes: There has been at least one homer in all 24 games at the Yankee Stadium, two more than San Juan's Hiram Bithorn Stadium for the longest streak at the start of a big league ballpark. The 90 homers are one shy of the record for most in the first 24 games at a major league park, set at Houston's Enron Field in 2000, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. ... New York's record-setting errorless streak ended at 18 games when Posada threw the ball into center field on Andrus' fourth-inning steal of second base.

HAMILTON

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Hamilton had an MRI and was examined by Dr. John Preskitt. Rangers assistant general manager Thad Levine said what had been a groin strain had migrated to the abdomen.

"I don't think he felt comfortable at this juncture saying definitively no surgery or definitely he'll be back in two weeks," Levine said before the AL West-leading Rangers lost to the Yankees 12-3, opening a six-game trip to New York and Boston.

The injury is much like a sports hernia, and Levine said a second opinion is needed before it is determined whether surgery is needed.

"I think that still represents worst-case scenario, in which we are very hopeful it's not going to come fruition," Levine said. "They said in a week or two he could show significant improvement, so I think there's a chance that the DL stint will be exactly what he needs. That probably in this instance represents the better-case scenario."

Levine said rest and anti-inflammatory medication might alleviate the injury, sustained May 17 when Hamilton crashed into an outfield wall while making a leaping catch against the Los Angeles Angels.

Levine said it also was possible Hamilton would undergo the sports hernia surgery that Dr. Ulrike Muschawek has performed on many athletes in Munich, Germany, a procedure Levine said may now be available in the United States. Many soccer players have returned to practice from that operation within two weeks.

"We want to learn a little more about that," Levine said.

Hamilton went on the DL retroactive to Monday, and outfielder Brandon Boggs was recalled from Oklahoma City of the Pacific Coast League prior to the start of a three-game series at the New York Yankees.

Hamilton is hitting .240 with six homers and 24 RBIs after a breakout season in 2008, when he batted .304 with 32 homers and 130 RBIs and thrilled fans during the All-Star Home Run Derby at old

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Opening lead — nine of hearts.

Let's say you're in six clubs and West leads a heart to East's ace. East then returns the heart queen to your king. How would you continue?

Obviously, your only other possible loser is a diamond. It is equally clear that you can escape a diamond loser by finessing successfully against the queen. The only problem is which way to finesse, since you can do so in either direction.

There are two ways of approach-

ing situations of this type. One is that East, having overcalled on the two-level, is more likely to have the queen; the other is that since East is longer in hearts, West probably has the greater diamond length and is thus more likely to hold the queen.

Both are rules of thumb only, and not too much reliance should be placed on either of them without seeking further enlightenment about how the East-West cards are divided.

Accordingly, at trick three you play a spade to the ace, ruff a spade high, lead a low trump to the eight and ruff another spade high. You then lead a trump to the jack and ruff dummy's last spade.

By now you should feel extremely confident about your prospects, since the East-West hands are more or less an open book. The four rounds of spades you so carefully played have settled the issue beyond a doubt.

Your investigation disclosed that East started with four spades and three clubs, in addition to at least the five hearts he needed for his overcall. He therefore cannot have more than one diamond.

Accordingly, after drawing a third round of trumps, you cash the ace of diamonds and then take a diamond finesse through West with 100 percent assurance that it will win.

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OUR VIEW

Remembering a debt we can never fully pay

Saturday will be D-Day ... or in actual military terms, D-Day plus 65 years. That is perhaps not true for younger generations, but for those who lived through World War II and even their "Baby Boomer" children, the day on the calendar will always bring to mind D-Day, June 6, 1944 — the day Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy and began the methodical march across western Europe and the demise of Hitler's Third Reich.

It was and always should be a riveting date.

Sixty-five years ago, Allied forces landed on five beaches named Omaha, Utah, Juno, Sword and Gold.

They'd crossed a storm-tossed English Channel in quite literally the greatest naval armada ever gathered and mounted an amphibious assault the likes of which had never been seen. It's doubtful its likes will ever be seen again.

Thousands of young men's lives ended on those beaches, while the lives of those who survived would never be the same.

Today we generally accept the designation of the men and women who fought World War II as, America's "Greatest Generation." And it was just that.

Today, only a few of those who took part in that monumental struggle are still with us. Almost all are more than 80 years old. Sadly, there are fewer and fewer of them every day.

It may seem strange to some that we take time to observe the 65th anniversary of anything. After all, most folks mark significant anniversaries in 10-year blocks, save their wedding anniversaries, of course.

But we should remember that event and the men and women involved every June 6 with all the reverence we can muster. We've said that in this space before and we'll continue to do so at this time of year as long as we're able.

Because, thanks to them, the living and the dead, we live in a much different world.

Our children and grandchildren don't know the horrors the world saw at the hands of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

While that "Greatest Generation" did not provide us with a perfect world, it did provide us with a much better world and a better nation.

This year, we are again reminded that perhaps the best description of just what D-Day means came from Rene Garrec, who was president of the Regional Council of Lower Normandy at the time of the invasion's 50th anniversary observance in 1994.

In trying to explain the event's significance to his then 7-year-old grandson, Garrec wrote that to explain the significance of the Normandy invasion, he might take the boy "to see the film 'The Longest Day' because it is a wonderful movie which inspired generations of little boys: It is full of heroes. I think I would take you also to visit the American cemetery at Omaha Beach because it is the most moving place on earth: It is full of fallen heroes. Then you might understand that D-Day should remind us of two things: The gratitude that we owe to courage and the respect that liberty, paid for at such a terrible price, commands."

Of course the film "Saving Private Ryan" was not yet even an idea at the time of Garrec's observations. Certainly, it too is something our children can watch and maybe get an inkling of the price those men paid.

And as we've noted in the past, we all owe a debt of gratitude that our generation and all those to come can never fully pay.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, touch our lives in the most precious ways.

Amen

Murder doesn't stand for life

If law enforcement officials believe they can prove that Scott Roeder is guilty of Sunday's shooting death of abortion doctor George Tiller at the Reformation Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kan., then they should work to put him away for life. Roeder is being held on first-degree murder and two counts of aggravated assault.

In killing Tiller, the gunman did more than commit one violent act that ended a man's life. The murder also served to intimidate abortion providers — and perhaps chase some professionals out of the practice altogether. Thus by use of murder, the shooter set out to achieve that which he could not achieve through the democratic political process.

Boulder, Colo., abortion doctor Warren Hern called the killing "a political assassination in a historic pattern of anti-abortion political violence. It was terrorism," according to the Associated Press.

Unfortunately, the National Right to Life Committee issued a statement that lacked Hern's clarity and outrage. The statement extended sympathy to Tiller's family, then condemned "any such acts of violence regardless of motivation. The pro-life movement works to protect the right to life and increase respect for human life. The un-

lawful use of violence is directly contrary to that goal."

I understand that anti-abortion activists considered Tiller's practice of late-term abortions to be heinous in and of itself — and they had a moral argument. But that moral argument is undermined by the shooting of a doctor — in a church of all places.

And it doesn't help when Randall Terry, an anti-abortion activist, tells reporters, "George Tiller was a mass murderer. We grieve for him that he did not have time to properly prepare his soul to face God. I am more concerned that the Obama administration will use Tiller's killing to intimidate pro-lifers into surrendering our most effective rhetoric and actions." Most effective actions? Like shooting people?

Any responsible anti-abortion leader should have nothing to do with Randall Terry.

Mary Kay Culp, the head of Kansans for Life, had a better take when she told Time Magazine, "We work through the legislative process.

This is bad because it's murder and bad because it's a threat to the integrity of an important issue."

The timing could not be worse for the anti-abortion movement. Just last month, the Gallup Poll reported that 51 percent of Americans now call themselves pro-life rather than pro-choice on the issue of abortion. This murder occurred as the anti-abortion message seems to be resonating with the public, even if it does not necessarily prevail in court.

Last year, a Kansas grand jury declined to indict Tiller on charges of violating state abortion laws, although it noted that a review of medical records "revealed a number of questionable late-term abortions." In March, Tiller was acquitted on charges that he failed to get an independent second opinion — stipulating that continuing a pregnancy would make the woman suffer "substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function," as required by Kansas law — before performing 19 late-term abortions in 2003.

Asked about late-term abortions, Stanford Professor William Hurlbut, who sits on the President's Council on Bioethics, told me he believes doctors shrink from performing late-term abortions, not out of fear of intimidation, as Hern suggested, but because the procedure goes against the "impulse to heal." He noted the "two contrary impulses — killing and nurturing" in having doctors perform abortions. And: "The later abortion is, the more evident and vivid that contrast is."

That's a discussion for another day.

Today, the issue is murder. Today, the issue is an extremist attitude that encourages lawlessness and even murder. And when a gunman walks into a crowded church and shoots a man dead, that man cannot stand for life.

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HOW THE BOOK BY THAT BANKRUPT BUSINESS REPORTER CAME ABOUT...



Unified Repubs, divided Catholics

Barack Obama is not perfect; he has his flaws — some people like him, some don't — but there is one thing even his severest critics would grant him. He has helped resuscitate one of America's great political parties.

The Republican Party is so much better off now than in those bad old days when George Bush was president. For example:

- It is purer. No more will Republicans have to consider the feelings of weak-kneed moderates in their midst. There are none left (unless you count the ladies from Maine and no one does). Just getting rid of Arlen Specter, who was lured to the Democratic Party by Obama's siren song, was worth a bunch. (Can you imagine sitting through one of Specter's long, Talmudic lectures at a party caucus? Now the Democrats have that to look forward to. The beauty of Specter's defection is that he'll keep voting Republican at about the same frequency he always did. His first act as a Democratic Senator was to vote against the president's budget. His second was to announce that justice required that the courts hand the Minnesota Senate election to Republican Norm Coleman, rather than Democrat Al Franken, who got the most votes.) With friends like Specter, you don't need enemies.
- It is more fiscally responsible

than it's been at any time since the heyday of Sen. Robert Taft. When Republicans took full control of the government in 2000, the federal budget was in surplus for the first time in decades. Within months, they had reversed that, cutting taxes and increasing spending. By the time President Obama took office, he had a trillion-dollar annual deficit to deal with, along with a plunging economy. Republicans took the earmarks program, a quiet pork barrel scam run by Congress that amounted to a few hundred favored pork projects, and exploded it into thousands of unreviewed projects costing taxpayers billions of dollars. No more. All you hear from Republicans these days is balance the budget and cut spending. As for earmarks, to hear Republicans tell it, that is something Democrats do. Somewhere, Robert Taft is smiling.

• Republicans have even embraced the concept of civil disobedience, gingerly perhaps but you have to start somewhere. Hundreds of anti-abortion protesters (most of them Republicans, presumably) stood on the edge of the Notre Dame campus to protest the pro-choice president's commencement speech there. More than three dozen were arrested for trespassing. Republicans trespassing!

A few sneaked into the speech itself where they attempted to interrupt the president's speech with shouts of "Baby Killer" and "You have blood on your hands." They were shouted down by the crowd and removed.

OK, so it wasn't much of a protest but still, you didn't see scads

of conservatives at the great protest rallies of the '60s and '70s. This is a new gig for Republicans and I'm sure as time goes by they'll get better at it.

So far as Catholicism goes, it's easy to get a distorted opinion of that religion these days, what with "Angels and Demons" in theaters and the child-abuse in scandals in Ireland and the Notre Dame protest.

In reality, Catholicism is as diverse as any other religion in this country. It has its extremes at either end of the spectrum.

While Obama was giving his speech at Notre Dame, here is what Patricia McGuire, president of the prestigious Catholic school, Trinity College, was saying to her graduating seniors in Washington:

After making references to "religious vigilantism" at Notre Dame and "ostensibly Catholic mobs," she said: "They have established themselves as uberguardians of a belief system we can hardly recognize. Theirs is a narrow faith devoted almost exclusively to one issue. They defend the rights of the unborn but have no charity toward the living. They mock social justice as a liberal mythology."

She called the demonstrations against the president at Notre Dame "an embarrassment to all Catholics." She received an ovation from the crowd of 3,500.

Isn't free speech wonderful?

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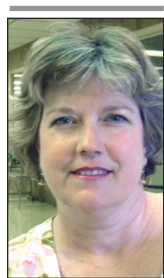
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HOLLIS
MCCRIGHT

Some of you will recognize this particular column. This is a "re-tread" from 2007 but the books are still just as good. Remember that we have a New Book Binder where you can see what all we are getting in.

"The Horse That God Built: Untold Story of Secretariat" (798.400 SCA L) by Lawrence Scanlan is available for checkout. Secretariat is the only 2-year-old colt to ever win the Triple Crown, Horse of the Year and was featured on the cover of Time, Newsweek and Sports Illustrated. Did you know he was the only horse listed on ESPN's

top 50 athletes of the century? One person who was lost in Secretariat's shadow was Eddie "Shorty" Sweat, groom, keeper and protector of Secretariat. This is his story, along with Secretariat's.

From the author of "The Persian Pickle Club," Sandra Dallas, comes a mystery titled "Tallgrass."

In a small Colorado town a Japanese internment camp is opened. When a young girl is murdered, eyes turn to the camp as the instigator of the death.

Fourteen-year-old Rennie Stroud has not seen her town in such a miasma of hate and suspicion to outsiders. Life should be fair to all; alas it is not. Part thriller and part historical novel, "Tallgrass" is the story of the darkness of a person's heart.

In a review from Booklist, "Scorpion Down" (359.937 OFF E) is the story of a fast-attack sub that on May 22, 1968, exploded and sank 400 miles southeast of the Azores, killing all 99 men aboard. It had been torpedoed by a Soviet submarine in retaliation for its suspected involvement in the disappearance 11 weeks earlier of the Soviet submarine K-129.

Author Ed Offley believes admirals in the U.S and Soviet navies — fearing what could become World War III — agreed to hide the truth of the two sinkings. Only 91 seconds after the torpedo struck, the Scorpion plunged 1,300 feet below the surface. By May 31, a search force had increased to 55 surface ships and submarines and three dozen land-based patrol aircraft.

June 5, the U.S. declared that it was lost at sea, and Oct. 30 the navy announced the discovery of the vessel. Based on 25 years of research, which included investigating declassified navy documents, Offley reveals details of the events that led to the vessel's sinking and the cover-up that followed. He has written a searing account of this tragedy at sea.

Two girls disappeared years ago on a trip to the mall. Their bodies were never found. In Laura Lippman's newest mystery "What the Dead Know," the youngest sister comes back to life. In a story that skips back and forth over the decades, there is one person who doubts her account and is determined to reveal the truth.

"Obsession," an Alex

Delaware novel by Jonathan Kellerman and "Laced" (Regan Reilly mystery) by Carol Higgins Clark are available to check out. A favorite author of mine, Margaret Frazer, has written "The Squires Tale." Starring Dame Frevisse, this is a medieval mystery. This book takes place in 1444.

James Patterson/Maxine Paetro have written "The 6th Target." It pulls together the Women's Murder Club when one of the members is seriously injured by a serial killer.

Some of the reviewers are disappointed in Patterson's latest, citing several confusing story lines that never come together.

From Mary Higgins Clark comes "I Heard That Song Before."

When it comes to neo-Gothic romantic suspense, she never disappoints. Her novel is particularly enjoyable. Let's see — we have the heroine, Kay, the daughter of the landscaper for a great estate house in New Jersey. We have the house itself, complete with lush gardens and hidden chapel.

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Poll: Americans divided on terror, torture

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just over half of Americans say torture is at least sometimes justified to thwart terrorist attacks and are evenly divided over whether to close the Guantanamo Bay prison, according to a poll that underscores the challenges President Barack Obama faces in selling his terror-fighting policies.

Even so, the latest Associated Press-GfK survey also shows that Obama enjoys broad confidence that he can effectively handle terrorism in an era when many people say they still fear becoming a victim of it and when a swath of the public shares the views of

Obama's Republican predecessor, George W. Bush.

At the same time, Obama hasn't lost support — he has a strong 64 percent job-approval rating — and nearly half of Americans still think the country's headed in the right direction. That's despite bipartisan rebukes of the new president's ordered closure of the Cuban island facility and former Vice President Dick Cheney's sustained criticism of Obama's approach to terrorism.

Terrorism and Guantanamo emerged in the poll as intensely partisan issues, with viewpoints largely split along ideological lines.

"To uphold the integrity of our Constitution for ourselves and for the world, it is important" that the U.S. close the Guantanamo prison, said Diana Jones, 68, a Democrat from Timonium, Md., who has faith in Obama's terror-battling abilities. "We need to treat other countries as we would want them to treat us." Plus, she added, keeping the prison open puts U.S. troops overseas at risk.

Countered Steve Marsh, 50, a Republican from Guntersville, Ala., who doesn't think Obama is strong enough on terrorism: "I'd just rather see them there than see them here on

our soil. ... They don't, in my opinion, deserve to be treated as part of our prison system here. They need to be kept separate."

Such issues have dominated Obama's agenda in recent weeks as he has wrestled with the fallout of Bush-era policies and the legal questions surrounding them, while trying to fend off criticism from friends and foes alike.

Obama ordered the prison's closure and emphatically stated "we don't torture" just days after taking office as he sought to improve a sullied world image. But since then, he has found that making good on those campaign promises has, perhaps, been more difficult than anticipated.

The Democratic-controlled Senate demanded more details of Obama's plan when lawmakers voted 90-6 to refuse to give him \$80 billion he requested to shutter the Bush-created prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by early 2010. Republicans also spoke out vigorously against the notion that dangerous terrorism suspects could end up confined on U.S. soil. And foreign allies balked at accepting the transfer of prisoners from the Navy-run facility when the United States didn't appear willing to do the same.

All that prompted Obama to deliver a speech in which he denounced "fear-mongering" by political opponents and insisted that U.S. maximum-security prisons can safely house the prisoners. He also argued anew that closing the

prison, which has held hundreds of detainees for years without charges or trials, could make the U.S. safer because the prison would no longer motivate enemies overseas.

A novice commander in chief, Obama risks further defeat of his policies in Congress and disapproval of them abroad if he can't get the public on board. Thus, he's making a tough sell.

For now at least, the AP-GfK poll shows most Americans have faith in him, with 70 percent saying they are confident of Obama's ability to address terrorism. That's divided along party lines, with nearly all Democrats, two-thirds of independents and just over a third of Republicans expressing confidence.

Nearly eight years after terrorists struck on U.S. soil, more than a third of Americans say they worry about the chance that they or their relatives might fall victim to a terrorist attack — essentially unchanged from 35 percent five years ago.

All that said, the poll also shows potential areas of political vulnerability for Obama and indicates he must walk a fine line as he seeks to both protect the country and turn the page on Bush's national security policies.

Some 52 percent of people say torture can be at least sometimes justified to obtain information about terrorist activities from suspects, an increase from 38 percent in 2005 when the AP last asked the question. More than two-thirds of Republicans say torture

can be justified compared with just over a third of Democrats.

On Obama's plan to close the Guantanamo prison, 47 percent approve, while 47 percent disapprove.

Again, the country is divided on partisan lines, with most Republicans disapproving and most Democrats approving. Independents are evenly divided.

Despite the president's safety assurances, more than half of Americans say they would be worried about the chance of terrorism suspects escaping from U.S. high-security prisons. Yet again, more Republicans express concern than Democrats. Still, the figures indicate that the GOP-fueled fear may be resonating.

Leading the charge by Republicans against Obama's policies is Cheney, who the poll shows may be benefiting from his outspokenness since leaving office. Nearly a quarter had a favorable opinion of the former vice president, a measure that's risen steadily from a low of 13 percent in one 2007 poll.

For all the out-of-power GOP's angst, the poll found one bright spot for it:

More people identified themselves as Republican than did last month, 23 percent to 18 percent.

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted May 28 to June 1 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media. It involved landline and cell phone interviews with 1,000 adults nationwide and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Recently, an e-mail correspondence between my mother and sister somehow ended up in my inbox.

I can only assume it got there by mistake because it was full of criticism and hurtful comments about my family. The saddest part is that I had no idea either of them had issues with my wife or the way we raise our kids.

My wife has been the only saving grace. She was able to calm me down and help me deal with the pain. She read the e-mail, deleted it and made sure I said nothing about it to my mother or sister to avoid damaging the relationship permanently.

We are supposed to celebrate July 4th with my extended family. I'd like to go and enjoy the day, but fear I might slip and say something about the e-mail or engage in a conversation that might not be appropriate for a family gathering. What should I do? — *Stressed-Out Son*

Dear Stressed: It is not unusual for family members to criticize each other, especially in-laws, in private. (You and your

wife have probably done the same.)

No one is looking for trouble, which is why Mom and Sis would never dream of saying these things to your face.

We know your wife was trying to spare you, but it might be better to discuss this openly. Tell your mother and sister that you saw the e-mail and are disappointed they harbor such negative feelings, but you hope you can all get past it. In order to salvage the relationship, you must find a way to forgive them.

Dear Annie: My wife and I have two beautiful children aged 4 and 2. My wife's sister is married to a man who always feels the need to play rough with the kids.

"Joe" wrestles with them, picks them up and spins them around, pretends to fight over toys, etc. On the surface, this might sound normal, but the results have been unnerving, including broken furniture and hurt and crying children.

This past Easter was the breaking point. I observed Joe fighting with my 7-year-old nephew over a toy gun,

and the boy ended up shot in the eye with a foam dart.

I went ballistic. The boy's parents and my sister-in-law have forced this "man" to promise not to roughhouse with the kids anymore.

I guess my question is, does this sound

like something that could possibly be resolved with a promise? Should we insist Joe see a therapist or avoid him altogether? — *Angry in Massachusetts*

Dear Angry: Joe sounds like an overgrown child who never learned to control himself. (There also may be some unresolved hostility toward children.)

He may want to do better, but it will be difficult and the children's safety must come first. If the kids are getting poked in the eye, Joe should be forbidden to play with them or touch their toys. Period.

He can play with the adults like the rest of you.

Dear Annie: This is for "California," the man who lost his son to alcoholism. My heart goes out to him. Believe me, there was nothing he could have done to help.

I was an alcoholic for 20 years. I would sometimes stop drinking because the person I was

dating wanted me to, but I would always start again.

I used to pray I could walk beyond a liquor store on the way home. Sometimes I walked in my door and went right back out to get a six-pack of beer.

I might go out three or four times a night. Twice, I let a cigarette burn through my fingers because I was drunk and fell asleep. I'm lucky I never burned the house down.

I finally reached the point where I could not stand myself and got help from God, but it had to come from within. — *St. Charles, Mo.*

Dear St. Charles: We appreciate your efforts to help "California" understand that he is not at fault.

Bless you for caring.

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AUSTIN—Republican leaders promised Tuesday that insurance regulation, roadbuilding and other vital government functions will continue in Texas despite the Legislature's failure to pass a measure preserving the agencies that deliver those services.

Gov. Rick Perry would not rule out a special legislative session to fix the problem, but he also said there were "a lot of different options" being studied by lawyers and staff.

"I never rule out the option of a special session," he said. The Legislature wrapped up its 140-day regular session on Monday without passing "sunset" measures designed to keep several government agencies from operating without interruption. Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Department of Insurance and the Texas Racing Commission are among the agencies that eventually would be shuttered without specific legal authority to continue operations.

Technically, the agencies are abolished on Sept. 1, but the law allows for another year before they have to cease operating. That means lawmakers have until Sept. 1, 2010 to intervene.

Perry and House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, both vowed to prevent any disruption of service provided by the affected agencies.

"We're going to keep building roads and maintaining the highways of Texas. We're going to continue to have an insurance industry that is regulated," Perry said. "The idea that somehow or another these agencies are going to go away, that's not going to happen."

Straus, who also spoke with reporters Tuesday, said legislative leaders would find a solution to avoid any shutdowns.

Under Texas "sunset" law, the Legislature is required to regularly review and reauthorize state agencies. Along with the review, the Legislature must vote to continue operations or the agencies are abol-

ished. The House cobbled together a so-called "safety net" measure to postpone "sunset" dates, but the legislation did not include \$2 billion in road-building bonds that many lawmakers wanted.

The House adjourned for good soon after passing the safety net legislation Monday night, leaving the Senate with a take-it-or-leave-it proposition.

That touched off a furious response among senators, particularly the Republicans, who voted as a bloc to adjourn without passing the agency reauthorization bill.

Perry, the longest serving governor in Texas history, flashed a bemused smile and shook his head back and forth when a reporter asked him to describe what had happened within his Republican flock the Senate. He said watching the Senate's actions reminded him of a popular science-fiction TV show.

"I thought I was watching an episode of Lost," Perry said. "I have no idea what they were thinking ..."



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Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks during a news conference Tuesday in Austin. Republican leaders promised Tuesday that insurance regulation, roadbuilding and other vital government functions will continue in Texas despite the Legislature's failure to pass a measure preserving the agencies that deliver those services.



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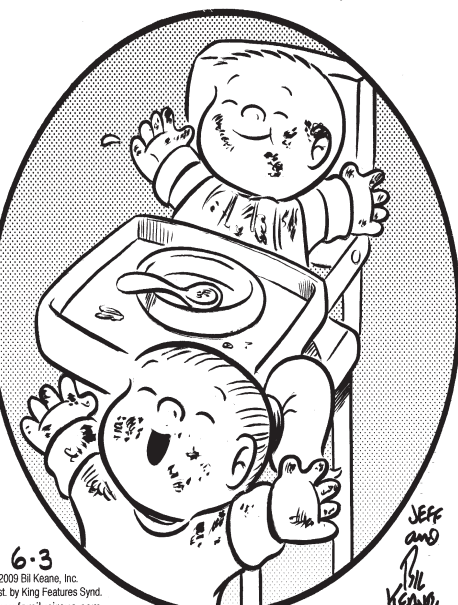
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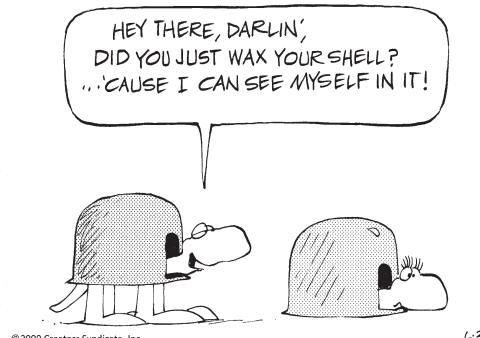
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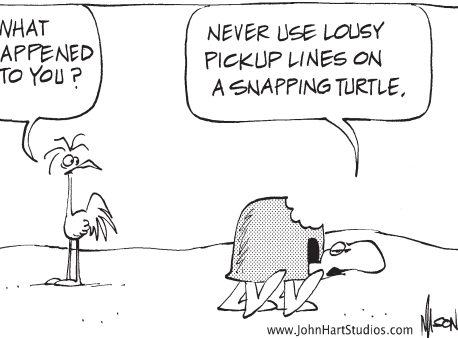
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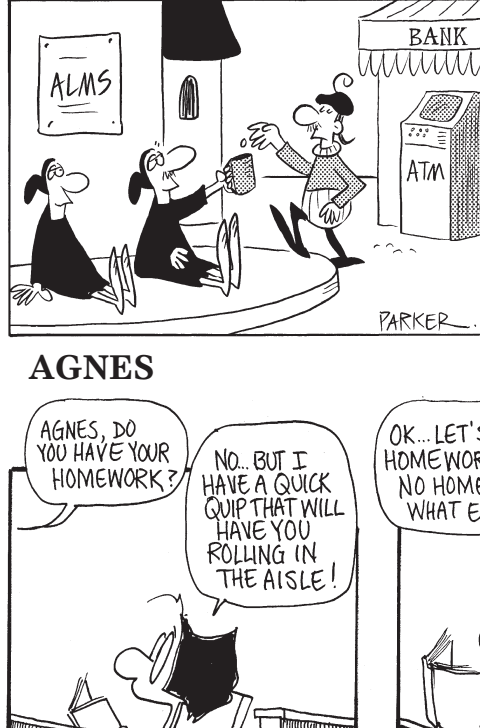
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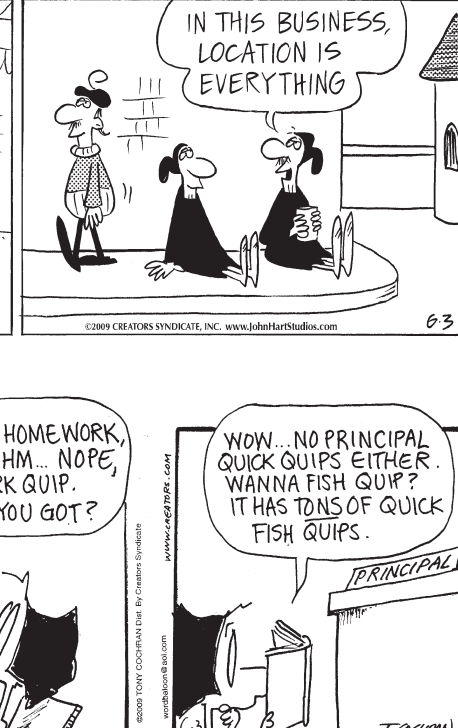
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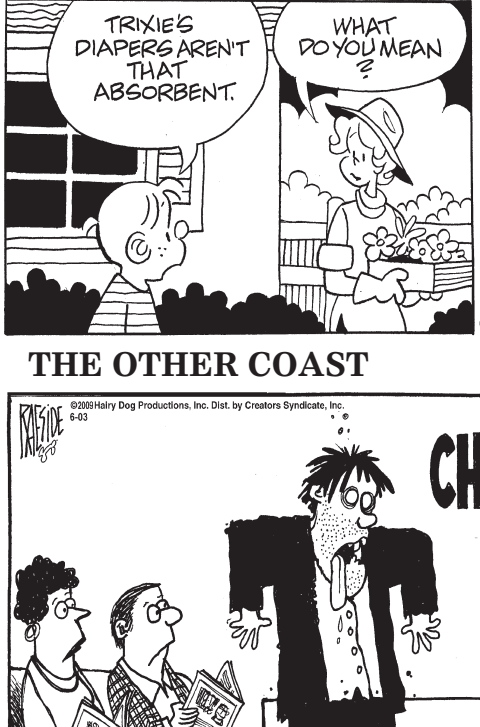
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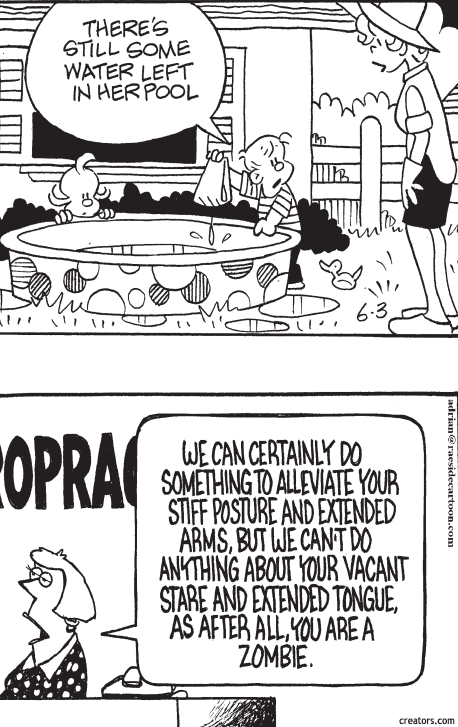
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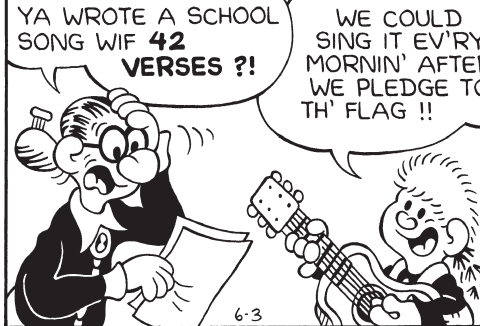
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 3, the 154th day of 2009. There are 211 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 3, 1808, Jefferson Davis — the first and only president of the Confederate States of America — was born in Christian County, Ky.

On this date:

In 1621, the Dutch West India Company received its charter for a trade monopoly in parts of the Americas and Africa.

In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was first published, in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days.

In 1937, the Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France.

In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting Hale Telescope at the

Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated.

In 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81; he was succeeded by Pope Paul VI.

In 1965, astronaut Edward White became the first American to "walk" in space, during the flight of Gemini 4.

In 1968, pop artist Andy Warhol was shot and critically wounded in his New York film studio, known as "The Factory," by Valerie Solanas, an actress and self-styled militant feminist.

In 1983, Gordon Kahl, a militant tax protester wanted in the slayings of two U.S. marshals in North Dakota, was killed in a gun battle with law-enforcement officials near Smithville, Ark.

In 1989, Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died. Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations. SkyDome (now called Rogers Centre) opened in Toronto.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tony Curtis is 84. TV producer Chuck Barris is 80. Author Larry McMurtry is 73. Rock singer Ian Hunter (Mott The

Hoople) is 70. Singer Eddie Holman is 63. Musician Too Slim (Riders in the Sky) is 61. Singer Suzi Quatro is 59. Singer Deneice Williams is 58. Singer Dan Hill is 55. Rock musician Kerry King (Slayer) is 45. Rock singer-musician Mike Gordon is 44. CNN host Anderson Cooper is 42. Country singer Jamie O'Neal is 41. Singers Ariel and Gabriel Hernandez (No Mercy) are 38. Tennis player Rafael Nadal is 23. Actress-singer Lalaine ("Lizzie McGuire") is 22.

Thought for Today: "Nothing is done. Everything in the world remains to be done or done over." — Lincoln Steffens, American investigative reporter (1866-1936).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Helicopter part
 - 6 Thick piece
 - 10 Debate (with)
 - 14 Ridiculous
 - 15 Sainly glow
 - 16 Tortoise opponent
 - 17 Print-shop worker
 - 19 ___ mater
 - 20 Wood chopper
 - 21 Put into alignment
 - 22 Neatened (up)
 - 24 Distort
 - 25 Additional food helpings
 - 26 Insertion marks
 - 29 Nagging sort
 - 30 Treat poorly
 - 31 Pâté de ___ gras
 - 32 ___ Raton, FL
 - 36 Annoyance
 - 37 Tipped off, with "in"
 - 38 Shape of a 0
 - 39 Aerobics prop
 - 40 Klutz's cry
 - 41 Wield, as influence
 - 42 Science suffix
 - 44 Audiophile's setup
 - 45 Legal proceedings
 - 48 Physicist Niels
 - 49 Weather-map lines
 - 50 Vaccines
 - 51 Broadcast breaks
 - 54 Bivouac setup
 - 55 Purina product
 - 58 Upper hand

- DOWN
- 1 Author
 - 2 Cameo stone
 - 3 Paper repairer
 - 4 Early afternoon
 - 5 Say another way
 - 6 Stopped slouching
 - 7 Minstrel's strings
 - 8 "___ you serious?"
 - 9 Made a swap
 - 10 Person training for a bout
 - 11 McCain running mate
 - 12 Packing heat
 - 13 Tries for a part
 - 18 Makes a mistake
 - 23 Sew up
 - 24 Army cadet
 - 25 ___ away (draws back)
 - 26 Uppercase letters, for short
 - 27 Help in mischief
 - 28 Artful dodge
 - 29 Like thick fog
 - 31 Publicizes
 - 33 More than
 - 34 Give a hoot
 - 35 Choir voice
 - 37 Pioneer's hat material
 - 41 Type of biofuel
 - 43 Place to build
 - 44 Ticked off
 - 45 On the trail of
 - 46 Words to live by
 - 47 Kingdom near Fiji
 - 48 Flagmaker Ross
 - 50 Agitate
 - 51 "Beg pardon . . ."
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Monday-Friday, June 15 - 19, 2009, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: College at the Mall

Instructor: Shelley Futrelle

Cost: \$15.00

Description: Want something to do with your kids during the summer? Want to get them doing something creative? Then this is the class for you. Bring your kids and join us to create fun scrapbook pages and small albums. This is a class where you can participate with your child in sharing pictures, memories, and fun.

Baby Quilts

Monday-Thursday, June 29-July 2, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: College at the Mall

Instructor: Joyce Hollingsworth

Cost: \$40.00

Description: Come learn how to make baby-sized quilts! One the first day of class, the instructor will show examples of different quilting techniques and tell you what you will need to bring for the next 3 class days. The following classes will be hands-on quilting. The techniques taught can also be used to make larger quilts.

Scrapbook Basics

Saturday, June 20, 2009, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Location: College at the Mall

Instructor: Shelley Futrelle

Cost: \$15.00

Description: Are you interested in learning to scrapbook? Then this class is for you. We will be focusing on scrapbook basics in this class. Don't know the technical jargon for scrapbooking? Want to know how to get more creative pages? Join us for this Saturday class that will get you out of your scrapbook slump, or teach you how to begin scrapbooking. This is for beginners or intermediate scrap bookers.

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Sports Briefs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Memphis says it should keep the victories from the 2007-08 season which ended in the national title game after an internal investigation turned up no proof that a former men's basketball player cheated on his SAT exam.

The report, released to The Associated Press and other news outlets under a public records request, details Memphis' internal probe into accusations that a former player allowed a stand-in to take his SAT. The report also looked into charges of grade tampering on behalf of the player, which many have assumed to be Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The NCAA's Committee on Infractions responded to Florida State's appeal of sanctions from an academic cheating scandal, but kept its answer secret and gave the school 15 days to respond.

Florida State is challenging a portion of the sanctions announced in March that would force the school to vacate as many as 14 of Bobby Bowden's 382 career wins — just one fewer than Penn State's Joe Paterno.

PRO BASKETBALL

UNDATED (AP) — Cavaliers star LeBron James had a benign growth removed from his right jaw during a five-hour procedure.

James has had the condition for several months, but with permission from his doctors, he and his family decided to put off the operation until the Cavs completed their season. Cleveland was eliminated from the NBA playoffs on Saturday by Orlando in the Eastern Conference finals.

James, this season's NBA MVP, remains hospitalized but will soon be returning home.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama was on his way to the Marine One helicopter on the South Lawn when a reporter shouted a question. The topic: Who is going to win the NBA championship, the Los Angeles Lakers

or the Orlando Magic?

Said the smiling president: "Lakers in six, I think." In sports terms, that means the Lakers will win the best-of-seven series in six games. The series begins Thursday.

So far so good this year for Obama. A huge basketball fan, he correctly predicted that the University of North Carolina men's basketball team would win the NCAA championship.

PRO FOOTBALL

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Blues owner Dave Checketts is heading a group seeking to buy the NFL's Rams and keep the team in St. Louis.

On Monday, the Rams announced that the family of former owner Georgia Frontiere has hired the investment firm of Goldman Sachs to review the assets of her estate, including the NFL team. The move was seen as potentially expediting a sale of the franchise.

A spokesman said Checketts first approached Frontiere's son, Chip Rosenbloom, several months ago about buying the team.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Saints sold out the 70,000-seat Louisiana Superdome on a season-ticket basis for a fourth straight year.

Saints vice president of ticket and suite sales Mike Stanfield said team officials weren't sure what to expect because of the national recession, but found no lack of demand. The waiting list for Saints season tickets continues to grow and is now more than 50,000.

Stanfield said a few of the Superdome's 137 private suites remain available and that the team hopes to find enough businesses or individuals to sell those out as they did last season.

Earlier this spring, the Saints and Gov. Bobby Jindal agreed on a Superdome lease extension through 2025.

BASEBALL

DETROIT (AP) — A Detroit city commission voted to demolish the section of Tiger Stadium left standing after much of the historic ballpark was knocked

down last year.

Much of the stadium was demolished last year. But a section stretching from dugout to dugout was spared while a nonprofit group tried to raise money to redevelop the remaining structure.

Tiger Stadium opened in 1912 as Navin Field. The Tigers departed for nearby Comerica Park after the 1999 season.

AUTO RACING

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR moved Jeremy Mayfield's challenge of his indefinite suspension to federal court, a move that could keep the driver out of his car another week.

The notification came a day before a North Carolina Superior Court was scheduled to hear arguments pertaining to Mayfield's suspension for failing a random drug test. NASCAR's action automatically stayed that proceeding.

Mayfield had hoped a judge would reinstate him in time to compete this weekend at Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Balsillie wants to buy and move the Phoenix Coyotes but he's still open to the idea of an auction for the club. Balsillie has filed an application to relocate the NHL team to Hamilton, Ontario.

Balsillie's spokesman, Bill Walker, said that although Balsillie still believes the franchise can begin play in southern Ontario this fall, he was willing to leave the team in Arizona for one more season if his purchase is approved.

SOCCER

NEW YORK (AP) — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger joined the group trying to bring the World Cup to the United States in 2018 or 2022.

Schwarzenegger's support is considered a key element in U.S. Soccer's bids because several California venues traditionally are used for international games. The 1994 World Cup and 1999 Women's World Cup concluded at the Rose Bowl and the 2003 Women's World Cup final was at the Home Depot Center.

Colorado Avalanche fire head coach Tony Granato

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Avalanche have fired coach Tony Granato in a sweeping move that also resulted in the firings of five others in the organization.

Granato was dismissed Wednesday.

The Avalanche also fired assistant coaches Jacques Cloutier and Dave Barr, goaltending coach Jeff Hackett, assistant to the general manager Michel Goulet and video coordinator P.J. DeLuca.

It was the second major offseason move made by the team after their worst finish since moving to town in 1995. Colorado also let go of general manager Francois Giguere in April.

The team is expected to make an announcement on a new management structure later Wednesday.

Serena Williams loses in French Open quarterfinal

PARIS (AP) — One shot by Serena Williams sent Svetlana Kuznetsova to the court in a messy spill that left her covered with clay.

The resilient Russian was down but not out. She squandered a big lead in the second set Wednesday but ended Williams' 18-match Grand Slam winning streak in the French Open quarterfinals, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 7-5.

Williams, seeded second, was seeking her third successive major title and the 11th of her career.

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