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## Council OKs appraisal budget, 5-1

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Differing opinions on whether or not the Howard County Appraisal District should keep some funding in reserve to cover litigation costs dominated talks during the Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday night, as

the council voted 5-1 to approve the appraisal district's 2011 budget. The city of Big Spring's approximate portion of the appraisal district's annual budget of \$1.3 million is being estimated at a little more than 11 percent — a final percentage won't be handy until

the 2010 tax levy is finalized — bringing the city's ante to an estimated \$144,700. According to Chief Appraiser Brett McKibben, the \$1.3 million budget will make way for the district to develop a reserve fund for litigation, the most recent of which cost the district \$850,000 when

a lawsuit presented by the Big Spring Refinery's owner, Alon USA, took them to court more than a year ago. "We're going to spend \$300,000 of that this year to pay off the 2008 lawsuit," said McKibben. "So, \$300,000 of that is already spent. I talked to the city council before and

what I'm planning on doing is building a reserve fund for litigation. The only time we've been in court since I've been chief appraiser it cost more than \$850,000. We did incur some costs last year through the 2009 lawsuit, even though

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney looks over one of the pieces of art that will be on display at the museum beginning Thursday. The "Four-Object Still Life Art Show" will run through June 5 at the museum.

## 'Caboose' show opens Thursday at local museum

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Local artists will take center stage at an exhibit which starts Thursday at the Heritage Museum. The "Four-Object Still Life Art Show" will feature works from members of the Caboose Watercolor Society, a small group of mostly local artists who specialize in the watercolor medium. The group was started by Kay Smith and Linda Rupard in 1997 and also includes Sue Bagwell, Leada Wood and Carole Berry. Museum Director Nancy Raney said all five artists will have works on display at the exhibit. The show officially kicks off

with a reception from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the museum, located at 510 Scurry St. "We have a long relationship with the women of the Caboose Watercolor Society and we enjoy hosting their shows," Raney said. "We're excited to have their latest still-life works on display here ... and we encourage everyone to drop by." The show runs for only one week and concludes June 5, she added. For more information on the art exhibit, contact the museum at 267-8255. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

## Niehues, Halfmann top students at GC

Graduation is 7 p.m. Friday.  
**Herald Staff Report**  
 Paige Niehues and Kate Halfmann were named the top graduates of the Garden City High School Class of 2010, school officials announced. Niehues, the daughter of Rory and Tibby Niehues, is the class valedictorian and will graduate with a grade-point average of 3.989. She is the school's Business Professionals of America treasurer and the Catholic Youth Organization treasurer. She is also the Senior Class treasurer.

She received awards at the state level in TMSCA, University Interscholastic League basketball, UIL track, UIL tennis, UIL cross country and at the national level in BPA. Niehues also participated in UIL academics, Beta Club, FCA, Student Council and NHS. Niehues will attend Colorado State University, where she will seek an engineering degree. Halfmann, the daughter of Gary and Sharon Halfmann, is the class salutatorian and will graduate with a grade-point average of 3.964. She is the school's Business Professionals of America president and the



Niehues Halfmann  
 Catholic Youth Organization vice president. She is also the senior class secretary. She received awards at the state level in TMSCA, UIL computer science, UIL golf and at the national level in BPA. She also participated in basketball, Beta Club, FCA, Student Council and 4-H. Halfmann will attend Texas A&M University, where she will seek an accounting degree.

GCHS will hold commencement ceremonies at 7 p.m. Friday in the school auditorium. Other members of the 2010 graduating class include Adrian Arzola, Marcus Cook, Shyla Curry, Marcus Dalton, Stacey Enriquez, Noemi Gonzalez, Jonathan Gutierrez, Amber Halfmann, Lane Halfmann, Laura Halfmann, Quinton Havlak, Dylan Yansa and Kelsey Jones. Others are Ever Martinez, Ramiro Mier, Jesus Mones, Andrea Olivarez, Adriana Ramirez, Zulema Sarabia, Lauren Schwartz, Morgan Schwartz, Paige Sturtz, Laurena Talamantes and Amanda Trevino.

## Gov. Perry writing book blasting feds

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry's condemnation of the federal government and championing of states' rights is moving into print with the planned publication of a book he's writing in time for this year's midterm elections. Titled "FED UP," to be published by Little, Brown and Company, the book will put Perry even more prominently in the



Perry

national spotlight — a place he's grown accustomed to lately. He will argue that federal bailouts, increased spending and an overhauled health care system are examples of how Washington, D.C., is expanding its reach, Michael Pietsch, senior vice president for the publishing


company, said in an announcement Tuesday. "Governor Rick Perry is one of the clearest thinkers in the nation on the importance of individual rights and state powers. When he speaks millions listen," Pietsch said. Perry said the subject "will determine the very future of our

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# Forsan seniors enjoying historic season



HERALD photo/ Adam Coleman

Forsan senior third baseman Ryan Flores has been one of the key parts to the Buffaloes' deep run in the District 1A Playoffs.

By **ADAM COLEMAN**  
Sports Editor

**FORSAN** — Forsan senior second baseman Zac Dykes describes the Buffaloes' last three years in the Class 1A Playoffs as something beyond his teammates' control.

"We called it the curse," he said. "We couldn't ever get past the area round.

"I could say choke. I don't know what goes on, but we never get past it."

For the last three years, the Buffaloes had the district championship in hand, but Forsan was ousted by Hamlin in 2007, O'Donnell in 2008 and Ralls last season in the area round of the Class 1A Playoffs.

This year has been different, however.

With a date against Haskell for the right to play in the regional final approaching, the Buffaloes have never been this deep in the playoffs.

Players and coaches acknowledge it already is

one of the more historic runs the program has had.

No one on the roster may be enjoying this run more than the three seniors who vividly remember the three previous losses in the area round.

Forsan head coach Jason Phillips said his seniors, Dykes, third baseman Ryan Flores and center fielder Evan Burton, have come up big in this year's playoffs.

"It's been unbelievable," he said. "It's fun. Real fun. We won 22 games before we lost our first one. We were right in the middle of that one, as well. It's just been a great year. This is a great group of guys from our seniors, down to our sophomores, even the couple of freshmen that we've moved up. They get along so well. There's just a great team camaraderie between these guys."

With a round in the bidistrict byline of this year's playoffs, Forsan has downed Borden County

and Ira to get to the regional semifinal.

The seniors' desire to make this season even more memorable has rubbed off on the younger players, too.

Junior catcher Zane Herrin said it's easy to see how the previous three losses in the playoffs has Dykes, Flores and Burton hungrier than they've ever been.

He said it's a huge influence for the rest of the team.

"Evan Burton, he's a kid you can look up to for anybody, even kids older than him," Herrin said. "The drive that they have, that senior class, they've been devastated every year we've made playoffs. You can see how they want it this year. It just helps boost everybody else's confidence to just go further."

For Burton, work ethic has been the difference between this run in the playoffs and the short-lived ones he's ex-

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# Guerrero homers twice to lift Rangers

*Texas snaps five-game road losing streak, stay atop AL West*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero put on a show with a pair of two-run homers. Then he really impressed everyone.

He added an RBI double on a pitch few batters would have been able to handle, putting an amazing capper on the Rangers' 8-7 win over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

"It's unbelievable to watch," teammate Josh Hamilton said. "Everybody is kind of in awe. He hit two home runs and then they throw a ball inside and he hits it a rifle bullet down the line and keeps it fair."

Guerrero, who was limited to 100 games last year after two stints on the disabled list, is hitting .347 with 12 home runs and 42 RBIs in 45 games.

"I really didn't have any expectations," Guerrero said through an interpreter. "The key is staying healthy. If I'm healthy I can do some things."

Guerrero is hitting .444 with five home runs and 12 RBIs against the Royals this season. It was his 41st multihomer game and his second this season, both against the Royals, he leads the majors with 29 RBIs in May.

Guerrero homered in the first and fifth innings before doubling in the seventh.

"He's got the best set of hands I've ever seen on a hitter. That double he hit was just ridiculous," said Michael Young "That was a good pitch, running down and in and he managed to keep his hands inside of it,

keep it fair and hit it hard. I think if he takes that, it hits him in the back of the knee. I really don't know how he did it."

Hamilton and Nelson Cruz homered back-to-back in the fourth inning off Royals starter Gil Meche, who gave up four home runs in the first five innings after yielding only three in his first eight starts.

The Royals tied it at 6 with a three-run sixth to chase Rangers' right-hander Rich Harden. Willie Bloomquist contributed a two-run triple on an 11 pitch at-bat off Harden and scored on Jason Kendall's suicide squeeze bunt to tie the score.

"It was a good outing," Rangers manager Ron Washington said on Harden. "We just

couldn't hold onto the lead for him to get out of there with a win. I'm pleased with what he did. If he throws the ball like that, he's going to get us a lot of wins. We kept getting away from them and they kept coming back."

Kendall also drove in a run in the third with a sacrifice fly, while Billy Butler had two doubles and RBI for the Royals, who are 0-5 against the Rangers this year.

"The pitches they hit were right over the plate," Meche said. "There wasn't one pitch they hit that they shouldn't have hit over the fence where they hit them in those locations. It was a badly pitched game."

Darren O'Day (2-2) allowed one run on three hits in one inning after

relieving Harden. Brad Thompson (0-3), the second of five Kansas City pitchers, lost after giving up two runs on two hits without retiring a batter.

Rookie Neftali Feliz worked the ninth for his 13th save in 15 opportunities.

Notes: Royals SS Yuniesky Betancourt left after five innings with dizziness collision at the plate with Rangers C Matt Treanor. ... Royals RF David DeJesus missed the game to attend the birth of his first child, David Kingston DeJesus Jr., in Kansas City. ... The Rangers snapped a five-game road losing streak. ... The Royals purchased the contract of IF Wilson Betemit from Triple-A Omaha.

## Area playoff schedule

**Thursday**  
Forsan baseball vs. Haskell, 8 p.m., Albany.

Forsan softball vs. Petrolia, 7 p.m., Abilene Christian University.

**Friday**  
Forsan softball vs. Petrolia, 5 p.m., Abilene Christian University ( If necessary, second game played 30 minutes later).

**Saturday**  
Forsan baseball vs. Haskell, 11 a.m., Snyder (If necessary, second game played 30 minutes later).

# Brewers snap eight-game home skid with win over Astros

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Casey McGehee and the Milwaukee Brewers believe they are starting to put together victories they can build on.

Randy Wolf pitched seven scoreless innings, Ryan Braun and Rickie Weeks homered and Milwaukee snapped an eight-game home losing streak with a 6-1 vic-

tory over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

The Brewers, who avoided their longest skid at home in 14 years, had lost 11 of the past 13 overall, but the win was noticeably upbeat after a day off following a tough series in Minnesota where they avoided a sweep on Sunday.

"For us to be able to win a

couple of games that are close will be key," said McGehee, who leads the NL with 40 RBIs. "Hopefully we can bottle that up."

Braun started it with a two-run homer in the first and Weeks' two-run shot sealed it in the seventh.

In between, Wolf (4-4) was dominant after struggling

through a miserable May. Milwaukee is still a franchise-worst 5-14 at home to start the year.

"We feel like we've been competitive the whole time, it's just kind of been bad luck here and there," Brewers right fielder Corey Hart said. "We're pretty upbeat for our record."

The Brewers heard another unfamiliar sound at home — music in the clubhouse.

"I didn't know we had a stereo system," McGehee joked. "Houston," McGehee said. Paulino (0-7) had his third quality start in his last four appearances, only allowing Braun's

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## Sports in brief

### BSHS schedules sports camps

Big Spring High School will be the site of several sports camps this summer.

Those camps include:

- Camp of Champs — This weight-conditioning program, open to students in grades 3 through 7, will be held June 1-10 at the Athletic Training Center.

Coach Don Kelso will conduct the camp. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Summer Track Program — Open to all BSISD students, this camp will run from June 1 through July 15 at the ATC and Blankenship Field.

The camp is conducted by Nick Roberson.

- Baseball Skills Camp — BSHS Coach Bert Otto will conduct this camp, open to children in grades 1 through 8, from June 1-3 at Steer Park.

Cost is \$25 per person.

- Softball Skills Camp — Coach John Sparks will conduct this camp, open to children in grades 3 through 8, from June 1-3 at Lady Steers Field.

Cost is \$25 per person.

- Boys Basketball Skills Camp — Students in grades 2-8 are eligible for this camp, which will be conducted from June 7-10 at the junior high gym. Coach Marcus Morris will conduct the camp.

Cost is \$25.

- Girls Basketball Skills Camp — Also open to students in grades 2-8, this camp will be held from June 21-24 in Steer Gym.

Coach Mike Warren will conduct the camp. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Football Skills Camp — Coach Nick Roberson will conduct this camp, open to students in grades 1 through 8, June 21-24 at the ATC. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Volleyball Skills Camp — This camp is open to students in grades 3 through 8 and will be conducted July 26-29 at the junior high gym. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information on any of the camps, contact the ATC at 264-3662.

### Parent-child golf tournament scheduled

Big Spring Country Club will host a parent-child two-person scramble golf tournament June 5-6.

The tournament will have two divisions — trophy and open — and will be flighted by first day scores. A parent may play with more than one child.

Entry fee is \$80 per team in the open division and \$40 per team in the trophy division (second team registration is half price).

To register, call 267-5354.

# Obituaries

## Jerrod Dean White

Jerrod Dean White, infant son of Larry and Anna White, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 23, 2010, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 2010, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Matthew Prince, pastor of Grace Fellowship Church of God, officiating.

He was born May 23, 2010, in Big Spring. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Dakota Miers and Elizabeth White; his maternal grandparents, Charles and Zeita Mase of Big Spring; and his paternal grandmother, Charlene White of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Perry White.

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

# Take Note

• A memorial fund has been established to help defray medical expenses for Charles W. "Chuck" Smith Jr. Please send donations in care of Susie Combs, 1514 Vines, Big Spring 79720.

• The Carolyn Payne Benefit Fund is at Wells Fargo Bank. The account number is 8634321536. Payne lost both of her sons last week and help is needed to cover funeral expenses. Contact Jeanie Knocke for more information at 268-6212.

• One hour a week or one hour a month can make a big difference in someone's life. Whether it's visiting with a patient or simply working in the office, there are many ways you can be a hospice volunteer. Training to begin June 19, June 26, and July 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you can't make these dates, call. We will work around your schedule. To inquire, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, volunteer coordinator for Compass Hospice, at (432) 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring. Let's start to make a difference today!

• If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 1975 will have its 35-year reunion June 25-26. We will also have members from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1976 joining in the fun. If you, or someone you know, is a member of any of these classes and would like to attend and join in on the fun, contact Roxie McDaniel Blair at 432-553-8551 or by e-mail at roxieblair@matthewblair.com for more details.

# Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday evening in the Mega Millions lottery: 05-14-17-19-24; Mega Ball: 25.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-13-20-31-35. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$22,956. Winning ticket purchased in: Grand Prairie.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-8-0-5. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-9. Sum It Up: 17.

# Police blotter

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

- JUANITA ARANJO, 45, of 304 S. Circle, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JOE MANUEL AVINA, 33, of 107 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- MARIE MARTINEZ, 34, of 3612 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft.
- AMY CAROL PETERSON, 33, of 2600 Barksdale, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- JESSICA MICHELLE CHAVERA, 29, of 1512 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts) and failure to appear (four counts).
- CALEB JAMES CHAVEZ, 17, of 307 N.E. 11<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.
- RICHARD ANTHONY FLORES, 19, of 1506 Oriole, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ALBERT PRESTON DAYLONG, 19, of 3716 Hatch, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- LISA YBARRA, 41, of 434 Dallas St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- SONIA STRAUGHTER, 44, of 434 Dallas St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (six counts) and no driver's license.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 1500 block of FM 700.  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of Dallas.

# Sheriff






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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

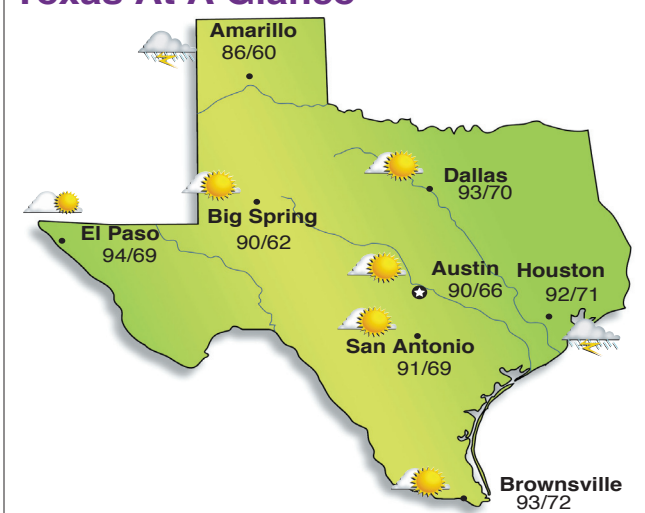
- JUANITA ARANJO, 45, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a warrant for theft by check.
- MARK ANTHONY ROCHA, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- AMY CAROL PETERSON, 33, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on warrants for no valid inspection certificate, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- SONIA RENE STRAUGHTER, 44, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (six counts) and no driver's license.
- MARIA BERNAL MARTINEZ, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property.
- JOSE MANUEL AVINA, 33, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.
- MESA ANN CLAY, 30, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.
- JESSICA MICHELLE CHAVERA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid (two counts), violation of a promise to appear (two

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 5/27	Fri 5/28	Sat 5/29	Sun 5/30	Mon 5/31
 <b>90/62</b> Generally sunny. High near 90F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.	 <b>89/63</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 <b>89/64</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	 <b>92/65</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	 <b>90/67</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM	Sunrise: 6:40 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM

## Texas At A Glance



counts) and failure to appear (two counts).

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- RICHARD ANTHONY FLORES, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- CALEB CHAVEZ, 17, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.
- ALBERT PRESTON DAYLONG JR., 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JAMES WILSON TUBBS, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of no safety belt.

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of Piper Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Webb Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of N. First Street in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin. One person was transported to SMMC.



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# Jackson shuts door on return to Bulls

PHOENIX (AP) — A cagy Phil Jackson said Tuesday he has “no desire at all” to return to Chicago to coach the Bulls, though would “like to have a vodka” with the new owner of the New Jersey Nets.

The Los Angeles Lakers coach addressed two reports by ESPN that the Bulls and Nets have worked through back channels to gauge his interest, saying those channels haven't reached him.

Jackson, who has coached teams to 10 NBA titles, is on the final year of his contract with the Lakers and has said there was “a 90 percent” chance he would either re-

turn to the team for an 11th season or would retire.

His comment on the Nets referred to the billionaire new owner of the franchise, Russian Mikhail Prokhorov.

“I'd like to have a, you know, vodka with him at some point,” Jackson said. “He seems like a very interesting young man.”

When someone pointed out that the Nets won 12 games this season, 45 fewer than his Lakers, Jackson said, “I've never lived in Brooklyn, or Newark, so.” Pressed to say that it would be the Lakers or nothing next season, the 64-year-old Jackson said, “I

have trouble making commitments,” a response that drew a big laugh from reporters at the coach's pregame news conference before the Lakers met the Phoenix Suns in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals.

He added, though, that “the probabilities are great” that he would coach the Lakers if he coaches at all.

Jackson's coaching future is a subplot to the high-stakes competition to lure free agent LeBron James. There is no doubt that Jackson as coach would be a significant lure for the NBA's MVP, especially combined with the big money

Prokhorov brings.

But it also could be a bit of posturing for Jackson, who has directed the Lakers to four NBA titles and has a 1,094-453 regular-season record with the franchise. Owner Jerry Buss reportedly has indicated he would want Jackson to take a pay cut from the \$12 million he earns this season.

Despite his “vodka” comment, Jackson said coaching elsewhere would be highly improbable.

“I've not entertaining any conversation about that right now,” he said. “I just can't imagine it, not to say it's beyond your wildest dreams

and never would happen. I mean, the strangest things do. I mean it's just not part of my conscious thought right now. We're down this path,” indicating the current playoff series against Phoenix.

“I'll leave it open and just say as of now I have not made up my mind about coaching or not coaching next year,” he said.

Jackson was with the Nets for the final two years of his playing career, which ended in 1980. He was with the New York Knicks his first 12 seasons as a player and was on the team that won the NBA title in 1973.

# New York, New Jersey betting big on Super Bowl

By SARAH SKIDMORE  
AP Business Writer

The big bet for Super Bowl 2014? The weather.

Tourism leaders in New York and New Jersey are hoping thousands of football fans flock to the region in the dead of winter wearing overcoats with deep pockets.

The Super Bowl could bring in as much as \$550 million to the region, according to some estimates. But these measures, sports and economic experts say, are an inexact and vary based on factors rang-

ing from what teams are playing to the weather.

That's not such a big deal in Miami or Los Angeles, but the average temperature for the Meadowlands area in February is somewhere between 24 to 40 degrees, with several inches of rain. And the game is usually at night, when temperatures drop. Did we mention there's no roof on the new \$1.6 billion stadium?

That may keep some fair-weather fans away and the die-hards too, if their flights are canceled due to snow.

“The quality of the

game itself or the fans — depending on how drunk they are — may feel the effects of the cold weather,” said Allen Sanderson, sports economist at the University of Chicago.

Still, those in the region's tourism industry were thrilled at Tuesday's news that Meadowlands secured the bid.

“This is a huge shot in the arm,” said Mark Giangiulio, Chairman of the Board of the New Jersey Hotel and Lodging Association, and general manager of the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, N.J.

The Super Bowl will bring thousands of fans during what's traditionally the slowest time of year for the hotel industry in the Northeast.

The freezing weather usually scares away tourists and occupancy rates typically sink to around 50 to 60 percent in February.

The Super Bowl should boost them back to the 80s — a level that hotels usually see only in the spring and summer, Giangiulio said. And hotel rates will soar during Super Bowl week.

“They'll be the highest” posted rate of the year, he said. “People who go to this expect to pay.”

Chris Heywood, a spokesman for NYC & Co., the city's tourism arm, said the Super Bowl is expected to bring hundreds of millions of dollars to the city, in part from an estimated 250,000 visitors expected to attend the NFL Experience public trade show. About 50,000 to 60,000 people are expected to stay in the city's hotels, while media sponsors and corporate sponsors will also be adding their cash to the mix, according to his estimate.

Separately, a study commissioned by the owners of the New York Jets and Giants foot-

ball teams estimated the game could bring as much as \$550 million to the New York-New Jersey region, said Alice McGillion, spokeswoman for the new Meadowlands Stadium.

The study was completed as part of the bidding process, and no breakdown of the sum was released.

Sports marketing and economic experts though, say these estimates are typically over-inflated and inexact. If two smaller market teams come to the game, it hurts results. If the teams are from nearby, it cuts into the hotel and restaurant revenue. And rental cars, typically a big measure in these estimates, won't likely be used as much at this site, given the weather and availability of public transportation.

“Move the decimal point one place to the left,” Sanderson said.

There is, however, the novelty effect of the location which could draw a

few fans or at least sell advertising. And with the location so close to New York, corporations are more likely to go as they could do more networking while in the area.

The bigger economic issue, sports experts say, is the selection of this site underscores implicit agreement between many areas and the league that if they build new stadiums, they will get a Super Bowl. That encourages other cities to get taxpayer money to renovate or build new stadiums.

The Meadowlands Stadium will become home to the Jets and Giants this season.

“Is it risky? Of course it is, but it's a measured approach to take care of those that finance the NFL,” said David Carter a professor of sports marketing at the University of Southern California.

“What would the economic impact be for the NFL if the Super Bowl was not held there?”



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## Players face doping tests before World Cup

BRUGES, Belgium (AP) — FIFA will be testing eight players from each of the 32 teams during out-of-competition controls ahead of the World Cup.

Medical chief Michel D'Hooghe said Wednesday that along with 256 pre-tournament checks, the same number of urine and blood tests will be conducted during the tournament.

Two players from each team will be selected for tests after each of the 64 matches.

Even though soccer occasionally gets mentioned in drug scandals in Italy or Spain, D'Hooghe is convinced there is no doping culture among the world's 260 million soccer players. He said in an interview with The Associated Press that of the 35,000 doping controls annually, only 0.3 percent test positive. The overwhelming majority are for social drugs

such as marijuana and cocaine.

“We had only nine anabolic steroids cases” last year, he said.

The World Cup has been relatively free of doping scandals. At the 1994 World Cup, Argentina forward Diego Maradona was kicked out of the tournament for using a cocktail of banned substances.

“It was one of my toughest moments,” D'Hooghe said of the decision to expel Maradona.

The former playmaker will be back as coach for Argentina, which has already subscribed to FIFA's memorandum for a doping-free tournament.

Samples at the World Cup will be tested at the World Anti-Doping Agency-accredited lab in Bloemfontein, about 250 miles south of Johannesburg.

These days, players compete in more games

and at a faster pace than a generation ago, but D'Hooghe said the improvement in injury prevention and medical care have partly offset the impact.

He expects the altitude for some games to have only a marginal impact on the players. Many of the World Cup teams practice in the high altitude of the European Alps to get used to the conditions.

The last time it really was an issue was at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, when some grounds were as high as 2,700 meters. Among the nine host cities during the World Cup, Soccer City in Johannesburg stands at 1,694 meters. The beach-side Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban is at just 8 meters.

Other stadiums higher than 1,000 meters include Bloemfontein at 1,351, Pretoria at 1,330, and Polokwane at 1,230 meters.

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# News at a glance

## CPS takes custody of boy staying in church

CLEVELAND, Texas (AP) — Child Protective Services has taken custody of three brothers after an 8-year-old sibling allegedly was forced to stay alone in a small Texas church and use a paint can for a toilet.

KHOU-TV reports the boy's mother is under investigation.

Bethel Baptist Church is in Cleveland, about 40 miles northeast of Houston. KHOU reported Tuesday that the pastor and his wife apparently are related to the family.

An affidavit says the boy told an employee at a nearby veterinarian's office that his mother forced him to stay alone in the building for several days, with some toilet paper and a paint can. The employee called police, who last week found the boy "dirty, bare-footed and emaciated."

The affidavit says the mother allegedly put her son in the church for being mean and not doing his homework.

## Amended Ike plan means \$1.7 billion in fed funds

GALVESTON (AP) — An amended state plan for Hurricane Ike recovery could mean \$1.7 billion in federal disaster money as housing efforts continue.

A public hearing was planned Wednesday in Austin by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs. The agency, overseeing federal disaster recovery dollars, will accept comment until Friday.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development rejected the state's original recovery plan. Advocacy groups claimed inadequate funds for housing for low- and moderate-income families.

The state then reached an agreement with Texas Applesed and the Texas Low-Income Housing Information Service.

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan said Tuesday that the updated version offers a "more thoughtful, fair and data-driven plan."

Ike swamped the Galveston area in September 2008.

## Review over acid fumes from Fort Worth plant

FORT WORTH (AP) — At least five people required medical attention after the release of acid fumes from a yogurt plant in Fort Worth.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality are investigating.

Vapors from peracetic acid, used to clean machinery at the Dannon plant, were released Monday.

Fire officials say two nearby construction workers and two police officers were treated for breathing problems. Authorities say a firefighter suffered heat exhaustion.

Dannon spokesman Michael Neuwirth says a diluted form of peracetic acid, stored in a tank, came in contact with an unknown organic substances and vapors escaped. Neuwirth says the reaction is under investigation.

## Higher health co-pays for Texas ERS participants

AUSTIN (AP) — The board of the Employees Retirement System of Texas has approved higher health care co-payments for participants as medical costs go up.

Board members cited unexpected higher

health care costs and underfunding from the Texas Legislature.

The changes approved Tuesday in Austin take effect Sept. 1.

The plan provides health insurance for about 500,000 state retirees and workers and their dependents. The co-payment increase comes as Texas faces a projected budget shortfall as high as \$18 billion next year.

## Suburban Dallas man executed for killing wife

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A Dallas-area man was executed Tuesday evening for barging into a suburban apartment almost 19 years ago and fatally shooting his estranged wife while out on bail on a child molestation charge.

When a warden asked he had a final statement, John Alba, 54, asked for forgiveness.

"I wish I could go back and change it, but I know I can't," he said.

He also addressed his son and daughter who watched through a window.

"Just tell everyone I love them," he said. "Y'all will be OK. I will too."

"OK, warden," he added. "Do it!"

As the lethal drugs began to take effect, Alba said he could taste them.

"I am starting to go," he said just before snoring and slipping into unconsciousness. His face began turning purple and nine minutes later, at 6:19 p.m., he was pronounced dead.

Alba and his wife, Wendy, 28, had a rocky marriage marked by alcohol abuse and infidelity and domestic violence, according to trial testimony. On the day of the shooting, Alba was released from jail after posting bail on a charge of molesting a 12-year-old girl.

# Odd

## Something to crow about, council says

ERLANGER, Ky. (AP) — No one was crowing in Erlanger after the City Council declined to change a city ordinance for a little red rooster named Mr. Cocky-Doodle-Do.

The Kentucky Enquirer reports the decision Tuesday night means the bird — also known as Henry — will remain on a Boone County farm.

The bird had been a favorite of some folks who live on a cul-de-sac in the city, but others accused him of fowl deeds.

Henry's rap sheet became apparent after the vote. It includes accusations of chasing children walking to school, awakening residents by crowing at sunup, attacking a dog being walked by its owner and causing panic among the residents.

Ronald Cook lives on the cul-de-sac and questions how much Henry's crowing added to noise from an interstate highway, a railroad and an international airport.

# COUNCIL

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they did drop the lawsuit they had. We still incurred about \$50,000. So, we should have about \$200,000 if we don't have any lawsuits this year.

"One thing I need to make clear is anything the appraisal district does not spend, we have to refund back to the entities the portion they paid into the budget. There are only about three or four items that we can reserve money for... and our board has to send the council a resolution in November saying what funds are being reserved for arbitration and litigation... So, if we don't spend \$400,000 out of this budget, I have to refund it to the entities, except for those items (in reserve). What we're wanting to do is get about \$500,000 in a reserve for litigation."

The idea of city funds being kept in a reserve fund by the appraisal district didn't set well with newly elected Mayor Tommy Duncan.

"My concern is wheth-

er or not we're taking city funds and putting them in a budget that we may or may not need, when we could be holding it in an interest bearing account and earning money on it," said Duncan. "If you have lawsuits, at that point we would be able to give the money it requires."

City officials confirmed the appraisal district has the option of bringing litigation costs back to the city — along with all of the other taxing entities in Howard County — and asking them to pay their share. However, according to District 6 Councilman Terry Hansen, where the money stays may very well be a moot point.

"Mayor, I'm not sure it will change anything because it could cause us to set aside funds in the budget as a contingency on this side of the equation rather than on the appraisal district's side," said Hansen. "In the final analysis, it might not change (anything) because if there's a potential need for these funds then the taxing entity will need to set them aside."

Duncan said he was concerned with the city not having control over the funds until they are needed.

"That's true, but the difference is if we set aside (the funds) in our interest bearing account, we have control of that money," Duncan answered. "If we pay it up front, it's not in our interest bearing account and we reap no benefit for it."

Newly elected District 5 Councilman Craig Olson asked McKibben if he's expecting litigation to come out of this year's tax levy, a question McKibben was obviously apprehensive to speculate on.

"I can't really say, Craig," McKibben answered. "All of my notices haven't even gone out. The state keeps pushing my time closer to the beginning of the year, and the times for the entities later in the year. I'm having to get my budget out to you now for consideration. I don't really know (if there will be litigation). I think I'll have some this year. That's why I've asked the board to amend my budget."

The council voted 5-1

— with Duncan the lone dissenter in the matter — in favor of approving the appraisal district's budget as presented. District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton was unable to attend the meeting because of family matters.

Also during the meeting, the council approved emergency reading of a resolution giving the city staff the go-ahead to apply for a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Downtown Revitalization Program. The grant, which is a 90-10 grant — the state will foot 90 percent of the bill, while the city of Big Spring would be responsible for 10 percent — was approved unanimously, but not before drawing fire from a local resident and several council members.

Local resident Aubrey Weaver Jr. addressed the council, urging them to vote against pursuing the grant, which would be used for streetscaping in the downtown area. Weaver called the use of the funds extravagant.

Duncan and Olson both agreed with Weaver, saying the proposed

cost of the repairs and renovations were too high. However, according to city officials, there isn't enough time to have a new, low-cost design drawn up in time to submit the grant application before it's due. The council did, however, discuss making changes to make the project less "extravagant" if the funds are awarded by the state.

The emergency reading was approved by a unanimous vote.

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## OUR VIEW

# It's last call to 'cowboy up' and sponsor banners

All right, it's really time to "cowboy up." That's right, the 77th annual Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion is right around the corner; the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is asking area businesses to get involved by sponsoring rodeo banners; and the deadline to become one of those sponsors is only a couple of days away.

Scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, June 17-19, at the Rodeo Bowl, the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion is the oldest continually operating professional rodeo in Texas, and that's something in which our entire community should take pride.

Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said area businesses are being asked to "cowboy up" again this year by sponsoring the red, white and blue tapestries.

And while the chamber staff has called last year's participants, offering them another chance to take part in the banner program, that doesn't mean other businesses aren't welcome.

In fact, business owners who haven't receive a call, are encouraged to contact the chamber by calling 263-7641, or they can go by the chamber office at 215 W. Third Street.

The size and cost of the banners is as diverse as the annual rodeo itself, ValVerde noted.

"There are several different sizes and prices to fit any business budget," she explained.

The chamber and rodeo association are working together to decorate the town with rodeo banners which are red, white and blue with a panel that has the word "Welcome" in the middle.

As has the case for a few years now, Flying J Flag and Banner Service will be putting up the banners and taking them down, offering area businesses a chance to show their support for the rodeo with little or no "physical" effort.

Again, if you want to be a sponsor, you've got to hurry. The deadline for signing up to sponsor the banners, Friday, is all but here.

We still believe it's important that local businesses take part in helping Big Spring deck out in its rodeo finest.

As we noted last week, when we do so, out-of-town visitors arrive for the rodeo and see a community that takes pride in its western roots and its cowboy and rodeo traditions.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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# Colombian political crossroads

They are our strongest allies in Latin America, constantly guarding the front line against the socialist, anti-American movement that has been growing in our own backyard.

And yet, many Americans are not even aware that our Colombian allies are facing a difficult crossroads in the presidential elections Sunday, or that they could be taking a misguided left turn.

Amazingly, although outgoing President Alvaro Uribe enjoys 70 percent popularity, his not so charismatic heir-apparent and former Defense Minister Juan Manuel Santos is in a deadlocked race against Antanas Mockus, the left-leaning candidate of the newly formed Colombian Green Party — favored by none other than Venezuelan President (and avowed U.S. hater) Hugo Chavez.

If Uribe had been allowed to run for a third term, there is no doubt he would have been re-elected. Under Uribe, Colombians still see the amazing progress Colombia has made in the fight against drug-trafficking leftist rebels and in dramatically reducing the bombings, kidnappings and widespread violence that plagued Colombian society for a half-century. They recognize that confidence in Colombia — especially in terms of foreign investment — has more than quadrupled during the eight years Uribe has been in office.

Yet with Santos as the new candidate of the president's U Party, many Colombians apparently feel they now can let down their guard against the forces of evil that have destabilized their

country for so long.

Uribe and Santos were so successful in bringing Colombia back from the brink of chaos that now polls say Colombians feel (quite naively) there are other domestic issues — jobs, education, healthcare — that have taken more importance than national security.

There are still huge rebel armies in Colombia, and they are still holding hundreds of hostages. Chavez is constantly threatening to start a border war with Colombia. But the Colombian people are so anxious to put their violent history in the past — without finishing the fight against leftist insurgents — that many voters are dangerously shifting to Mockus, who promises progress on those other issues but is also likely to soften Uribe's tough line against the rebels and lead Colombia back to chaos.

In Sunday's (May 30) election, Santos and Mockus are running against four other candidates who have little chance of winning, but are likely to split the electorate enough to force a run-off, already set for June 20, between Santos and Mockus.

And while the polls have Santos still leading the six-candidate race, they say he could lose the two-candidate run-off to Mockus.

And if Colombians choose Mockus, they would be taking a huge gamble. While he denies having intentions of allowing Venezuelan leftist ideals into Colombia, he says he "admires" Chavez, which is what Chavez would say about Fidel Castro before he started turning Venezuela into another Cuban-style socialist dictatorship. Although Chavez hasn't formally endorsed Mockus (because it would probably hurt him), the Venezuelan president has warned Colombians that Santos "could

generate a war" if elected. And yet, Chavez denies that he is meddling in the Colombian elections.

Mockus is clearly Chavez's candidate, and that should be enough for Colombians to reject him. On numerous occasions, he has questioned the Uribe government's close relationship with the United States and promises to seek greater Latin American integration with the likes of Chavez and other anti-American despots.

He is running on a platform of transparency and ethics, promising to run Colombia as efficiently as he ran Bogota during his two terms as the capital's mayor. But he is known as an unpredictable, eccentric politician who could easily shock the very people who elected him. After all, this former philosophy professor became a politician by dropping his pants and mooning his own students at the National University of Colombia in Bogota in 1993. The incident got him fired from the university and yet, amazingly, gave him the notoriety to become a politician.

Mockus supporters argue that rather than a radical-left candidate, their man is a maverick who would change the traditional course of Colombian politics. But if professor Mockus already has mooned his own students, what's to say that President Mockus won't moon his own people?

When Colombians go to the polls Sunday, and probably again on June 20, they will face a crossroads without clear street signs, increasing the chances of a misguided left turn. And if they don't see the wolf in sheep's clothing, Americans should know that we might have more enemies in our own backyard.

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# I coulda managed a hedge fund

When I was in high school, I had a guidance counselor named Mrs. Cameron. She was a sweet woman, gentle of manner, soft of voice. She ruined my life.

It was her job to give career counseling to the students in her charge. To that end, she would make us take an aptitude test, then go over the results with us.

Part of the test was of the "Would you rather" variety. "Would you rather be a gardener or an engineer?" "Would you rather arrange flowers or build a garage?" And so on.

It was hard for me. I wanted to be neither a gardener nor an engineer. Even less did I want to arrange flowers or build a garage. (I wanted to play shortstop for the Detroit Tigers, but I didn't tell her that. She wasn't much into foolish dreams.)

So I faked the test, putting down answers I thought would please her — and they did.

During her review of my test she said: "Well, you certainly have a wide range of interests, Mr. Kaul. I think you can be just about anything you want to be."

That wasn't what I wanted to hear. (Nor was it true. I couldn't be shortstop for the Detroit Tigers, for example.)

What I wanted was to be told

what I wanted to be.

When I pressed her for specifics she went through the list of possibilities: doctor, lawyer, engineer, dentist, plumber, teacher, truck driver, policeman, fireman, accountant — the usual. None of it appetizing.

Thus was I cast rudderless on the uncharted waters of higher education, where I drifted into journalism. I stand now before you a pitiful, ink-stained wretch, held in angry contempt by the yahoos of the nation, scorned by its intellectuals.

I blame Mrs. Cameron. If only she had told me about other careers — like hedge fund management.

Did you see that story the other day about the money hedge fund managers make? In 2009, the managers of the top 25 funds made an average of \$1 billion.

Yes, that's what I said — billion with a "B."

Of course, that's an average. Some made more. David Tepper of Appaloosa Management made \$4 billion. George Soros: \$3.3 billion.

And to make things even better (for them), they pay a lower tax rate than the rest of us because they've been able to persuade (bribe) Congress to let them claim most of their earnings as "capital gains." That allows them to pay only 15 percent, rather than the top income tax rate of 35 percent.

Just a word from Mrs. Cameron and I could have gone to business school, studied hard, and wound up with my own

hedge fund.

What do hedge fund managers do, after all? They manage other people's money. I'd be good at that. Buy low, sell high, that's my motto. Works every time.

Typically, managers take a healthy cut of the profits from their investment of those other people's money.

And should they lose this money? Well that's too bad. They walk away looking for new investors (suckers) without fretting about losing those prior profits. (You'd be surprised how long you can make a billion dollars last if you economize.)

Big-time bankers do almost as well, particularly if they get fired.

The New York Times recently reported the sad story of Charles O. Prince III, chairman and CEO of Citigroup, who was fired in 2007 after presiding over a loss of \$64 billion in the firm's value.

Yet, as a going-away present the board gave him a severance package of \$12.5 million, along with an office, a car and a driver for the next five years. That was on top of the \$68 million the company had paid him through the years.

Getting paid for failure. Isn't that what we all want?

Mrs. Cameron, you were my teacher. You shoulda looked out for me, just a little bit.

I coulda had class. I coulda been a contender. I coulda been somebody.

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# Reserves dominate Lakers in Suns' win

PHOENIX (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers were outnumbered and outplayed in the desert.

The Phoenix Suns got a decisive performance from their hustling bench to overcome Kobe Bryant's 38-point, 10-assist performance and beat the Lakers 115-106 in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals on Tuesday night.

A series that looked like a Lakers' breeze a week ago is all even at two apiece heading to Game 5 on Thursday night in Los Angeles.

The Suns reserves, considered an advantage entering the series but largely ineffective through three games, outscored their Lakers counterparts 54-20.

Channing Frye broke out of a horrendous shooting slump to make four 3-pointers and score 14 points. Leandro Barbosa also had 14 on 6-of-8 shooting and Jared Dudley added 11 points. Goran Dragic ran the show at point and had eight points and eight assists in 18 minutes.

"The bench played fantastic," the Suns' Steve Nash said. "They were by far easily

the difference tonight." Amare Stoudemire led Phoenix with 21 points. Nash, playing with a broken nose, made just 3-of-11 shots but had 15 points and eight assists.

But it was the backups who stole the show, making 20-of-32 shots, including 9-of-20 3s.

"They have a great bench," Bryant said.

Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry kept all five reserves in the game for almost the first nine minutes of the final quarter, and they produced an 18-3 run, and the Lakers never recovered.

When Nash re-entered with 3:05 to play, those subs — usually playing against the Los Angeles starters — had turned an 87-85 deficit into a 103-94 lead.

"We believe in those guys and they really believe in themselves," Gentry said. "I thought they were much better defensively than they were offensively, and they were great offensively."

Frye had made 1-of-21 shots in the series and missed 18 in a row when his second shot of the night, a 3-pointer, finally fell to the roar of the home

crowd.

"I just set my feet and let it ride," he said.

Pau Gasol managed just 15 points after getting 29 and 23 in the previous two contests. Lamar Odom also scored 15.

Jordan Farmar opened the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer, his only basket in five shots all night, to give the Lakers an 87-85 lead. Barbosa responded with a 22-footer to tie it, then Lou Amundson scored inside on a pass from Dudley before Frye sank a 3-pointer for a 92-87 advantage.

That was the first of three consecutive 3s for Phoenix, the second by Barbosa and third by Dudley to make it 98-89. The biggest lead was 103-90 on Dragic's driving layup with 4:02 to play.

"We thought we could come in here and get a game, and unfortunately you know we weren't up to the task," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "But we outscored them from the field I think both games, shot better than they did, did a lot of things very good and it still wasn't enough to win the game. They beat us at the foul line both nights, and that's

the difference in the margin of the game."

The Lakers had more field goals the Phoenix (45-41), but the Suns dominated at the foul line for the second game in a row, sinking 22 of 32 to Los Angeles' Lakers' 7 of 13.

Los Angeles was better against Phoenix's zone defense, if not great.

"Our attention needs to be on the defensive end — period," Bryant said.

"That's second-chance opportunities. Their bench came in and gave them a big boost in getting balls back and getting them extra possessions. We've got to cut that stuff out."

After slugging out a 23-23 first quarter, the Suns erupted for a series-high 41-point second quarter, shooting 74 percent (17 for 23), 7 of 10 on 3-pointers to go up 64-55 at the half — and the backups led the way.

The reserves outscored the Lakers starters 21-11 to start the second period.

One of Bryant's trademark scoring tears kept the Lakers in the game.

After not taking a shot un-

til the 2:09 mark of the first quarter, Bryant scored 15 in the second, making seven of his last nine shots, all outside jumpers. He was just getting started.

Bryant had 16 more in the third quarter, his 3-pointer with 2:20 to play finally catching the Suns at 81-all with 2:20 left.

Pau Gasol made one of two free throws to put the Lakers ahead for the first time since the opening period, but Dragic made two free throws with 31 seconds left to put Phoenix ahead 85-84 entering the fourth.

NOTES: Jackson is 46-0 when his team takes a 2-0 lead in a best-of-seven series.

... Phoenix has led or been tied after three quarters in three of the four games. ... The Suns are 6-1 at home in the playoffs, the Lakers 7-0. ... Derek Fisher got Nash squarely in his broken nose in the third quarter, sending the Suns playmaker to the court in pain. Nash recovered to make two free throws. ... The two teams combined for eight consecutive 3-pointers in a second-quarter stretch.

## FORSAN

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perienced.

The senior center fielder said this Forsan team's experience and dedication has pushed the Buffaloes to the most successful season the program has had.

"We came into all

those games kind of tired," Burton said of Forsan losses to Hamlin, O'Donnell and Ralls in the playoffs. "That's the difference between this team and the past teams. The past teams got tired of baseball and our work ethic wasn't as good so that really hurt us and we came into those game kind of sloppy and we'd just get

through it."

Flores believes that won't be happening any time soon this season. The Buffaloes continue to pile up the runs during the playoffs. The offensive output shows that as well. Forsan scored 17 and 18 runs against Ira and 11 and 18 against Borden County.

"Usually, most of the time, whenever you get

with one a sport, you get tired of it and stuff like that," Flores said. "But with us winning, since we haven't gone this far, it gets more exciting. So we just want to stay focused more to keep going, see how far it can go."

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## ASTROS

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447-foot blast over six innings.

Milwaukee tacked on four runs in the seventh against reliever Chris Sampson, highlighted by Weeks' homer, McGehee's RBI single and a run-scoring double by Alcides Escobar.

The NL-worst Astros came in hitting a majors-low .227 with the fewest home runs, extra-base hits and RBIs in baseball, and they continued to struggle at the plate.

"We're not a good offensive team. Nobody's

hitting and until we do, what can you say but that," said Astros slugger Lance Berkman, who was 0-for-4 with two strikeouts.

Houston had four singles in seven innings off Wolf, who faced a bases-loaded jam in the second after two walks, and a two-on and two-out situation in the seventh. Both times, Wolf struck out the final batter to end the threat.

The veteran left-hander became the first Brewers starter to pitch at least seven innings since May 1. He was also one of the more unlikely candidates in recent

weeks, going 1-3 with a 7.66 ERA in his first four May starts.

"Hopefully, this starts a trend," Wolf said. "As starters we know we need to do a better job."

Paulino allowed two runs over six innings, but the Astros gave a starter no run support for the 11th time this season to fall to 15-30 overall. They failed to

score until Humberto Quintero's one-out double in the ninth.

Houston, which has spent all but five days alone in last place in the NL Central, also started 15-30 in 2005 before eventually reaching the World Series. That Houston club had ace pitchers Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and Roy Oswalt.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### A Blueprint for the Defense

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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♥ A 10 6 3  
♦ K 10  
♣ 10 9 8

**WEST**  
♠ Q 4  
♥ J 8 2  
♦ Q J 9 8 5  
♣ Q 6 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 9 3  
♥ Q 9 7 4  
♦ 6 4 2  
♣ A 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 8 6  
♥ K 5  
♦ A 7 3  
♣ K J 7 5 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Assume you're East and partner leads the queen of diamonds against three notrump. The instant dummy comes down, and while declarer is planning his play, you should also be cogitating on what kind of hand declarer has, how good or bad your prospects are, and how to shape your defense to try to beat the contract.

Your first reaction should be one of confidence; you should feel that there is a reasonably good chance of

stopping three notrump.

Why? Because, after South opened with one club and rebid one notrump over one heart, North raised to three notrump — an overbid that did not allow for the possibility that South might have a bare minimum for his opening bid. Declarer might therefore be in trouble — provided you press your advantage.

South interrupts your thoughts at this juncture by winning the diamond lead with dummy's king and returning the ten of clubs. If you follow low, as many players would, declarer will make the contract. West wins the club with the queen and leads the jack of diamonds, which holds the trick, and it's all over. South takes the next diamond lead and forces out the ace of clubs to produce nine tricks consisting of three clubs and three sets of A-K's.

But if you go up with the ace of clubs at trick two (as you should in order to preserve West's potential club entry) and return a diamond, establishing your partner's suit, the contract bites the dust. Declarer can huff and puff, but he can't get home safely. Eventually he loses two clubs and three diamonds and goes down one as a result of your thoughtful play at trick two.

Tomorrow: Look before you leap.

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**Dear Annie:** My father and I co-own a vehicle. I recently had a mechanic friend install some parts for me as payment for babysitting his step-daughter. After he completed the repair, more problems arose. My father took the car in to the dealership, and it turns out my friend caused hundreds of dollars in damage by not installing the parts correctly.

My father says I should bite the bullet and pay for these repairs and learn my lesson about having a friend work on my car. I argue that my friend is a certified and trained mechanic and should be held responsible for the new repairs that need to be done, even though our arrangement was informal.

How do I approach my friend and tell him his repair was faulty? Or is my father right? — *Car Trouble in Minnesota*

**Dear Car Trouble:** We are surprised that a certified and

trained mechanic would do such damage, and he should be informed. Don't be accusatory. Simply let him know what happened after his repair work, and say you "thought he should know" in case he comes across a similar situation in the future. He should then offer to reimburse you for the repairs you needed to make because of his incompetence. At the very least, he still owes you for babysitting. But if he does not offer, your choice is to let it go or take him to court. Decide whether you value the friendship more than the cost of the repairs because that is what it may come down to.

**Dear Annie:** My boyfriend, who has always struggled with mild depression, recently suffered a severe trauma that left him with PTSD. Because his parents believe that therapy and medication are for "crazy people," he has not received any type



**KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR**

of treatment and shows no signs of getting better.

I know you often recommend nonprofit organizations, and I'm wondering if you could suggest some places he could contact for PTSD, stress and/or depression. I think talking to an actual person might be just what he needs, but the numbers would have to be free and anonymous to keep his parents from finding out. We'd both be very grateful for any suggestions you have. — *Stressed Girlfriend*

**Dear Stressed:** Here you go: The National Alliance on Mental Illness ([nami.org](http://nami.org)) at 1-800-950-NAMI (1-800-950-6264); The Anxiety Disorders Assn. of America ([adaa.org](http://adaa.org)) at 8730 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910; the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance ([dbsalliance.org](http://dbsalliance.org)) at 1-800-826-3632; Abraham Low Self-Help Systems ([recovery-inc.org](http://recovery-inc.org)) at 1-866-221-0302 and The National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder ([ptsd.va.gov](http://ptsd.va.gov)).

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Exhausted Wife," whose husband expects her to pay for her share of their vacations, even though she can't afford it.

I have spent 40 years married to a loving, wealthy woman who makes at least 10 times what I do. For decades, I struggled (and resented) supplying 50 percent of our common expenses. A few years ago, I started contributing only 10 percent of my

income and have managed to accumulate a little savings. I feel so much better, and she never once gave me a hard time about it. She said to contribute whatever I could. She never traveled without me simply because I couldn't afford the trip.

I suggest that "Exhausted" hire a cook and a house cleaner and pay them out of their common income so she feels less exploited. If her husband doesn't want to travel with her, she should go on her own. Maybe she'll meet someone kinder. — *Virginia Reader*

**Dear Virginia:** We hope they have a common income she can access. Your wife wants to vacation with you and is sensible enough to understand that the disparity in income means she should pay a higher percentage of the cost.

"Exhausted," unfortunately, does not have a spouse like that.

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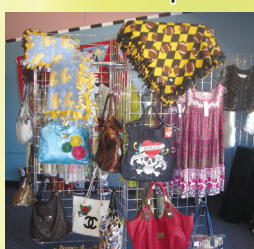
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## BP to try to choke off oil gusher in Gulf

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“We want what everybody wants — to stop the flow at the source as quickly as possible,” said BP spokesman John Curry. “We understand the frustration and we just want to bring this to closure.” Still, the company said the top kill — like many other methods never tried a mile underwater — is no sure thing. BP CEO Tony Hayward pegged its chances of success in this case at 60 percent to 70 percent.

## North Korea makes new threats against South

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea threatened Wednesday to block cross-border traffic and blow up any South Korean loudspeakers blasting propaganda northward after a six-year hiatus, as tensions soared over the sinking of a South Korean warship.

The dramatic deterioration in relations came as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Seoul at the end of a three-nation Asian tour that was dominated by the March 26 sinking blamed on a North Korean torpedo attack.

“This was an unacceptable provocation by North Korea, and the international community has a responsibility and a duty to respond,” Clinton told reporters after talks with South Korean leaders.

A team of international investigators concluded last week that a homing torpedo from a North Korean submarine tore apart the 1,200-ton Cheonan off the west coast, killing 46 South Korean sailors.

South Korea began taking punitive steps Tuesday against North Korea — ranging from slashing trade, resuming propaganda warfare and barring the North’s cargo ships. Those were seen as among the strongest it could implement short of military action.

## Jamaican security forces gain hold on drug lord’s stronghold

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Security forces gained a tenuous hold on the slum stronghold of a powerful reputed drug lord, while Jamaica’s embattled leader promised an independent investigation into the roughly 26 civilian deaths during the operation.

Thousands of police and soldiers have stormed the Tivoli Gardens ghetto in search of Christopher “Dudus” Coke, who is wanted by the U.S. on drug and gun charges. Three days of street battles with heavily armed supporters of the underworld boss had claimed at least 30 lives by late Tuesday.

The fight with gang gunmen has spilled into troubled areas just outside the capital, Kingston, and complaints are rising that innocents are being caught in indiscriminate gunfire.

In a Tuesday address to legislators, Prime Minister Bruce Golding indicated he was taken aback by the intensity of the assault in the heart of West Kingston’s ramshackle slums, which he represents in Jamaica’s Parliament.

“The government deeply regrets the loss of lives, especially those of members of the security forces and innocent, law-abiding citizens caught in the crossfire. The security forces were directed to take all practical steps to avoid casualties as much as possible,” he said.

## Car bomb hits outside NATO base in southern Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A car bomb exploded Wednesday outside a small NATO military base in southern Afghanistan’s largest city, wounding two Afghans and destroying several cars, police said.

It was the latest in a string of bold attacks on high-profile NATO targets in the past two weeks, following a Taliban announcement of a spring offensive against alliance and Afghan forces — their

response to the Obama administration’s vow to squeeze the militants out of Kandahar province strongholds.

The blast occurred around 11:30 a.m. local time (0700 GMT) in a parking lot used by Afghans visiting Camp Nathan Smith in Kandahar city, said Gen. Shafiq Fazli, the police commander for southern Afghanistan. The base houses a few hundred Canadian soldiers, along with American military police and U.S. and Canadian government employees working on development projects.

Fazli said no one was killed. A police officer said that at least one security guard and one Afghan who works at the base were wounded. The officer gave only one name — Khalid.

## Growth of interracial marriage slows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Melting pot or racial divide? The growth of interracial marriages is slowing among U.S.-born Hispanics and Asians. Still, blacks are substantially more likely than before to marry whites.

The number of interracial marriages in the U.S. has risen 20 percent since 2000 to about 4.5 million, according to the latest census figures. While still growing, that number is a marked drop-off from the 65 percent increase between 1990 and 2000.

About 8 percent of U.S. marriages are mixed-race, up from 7 percent in 2000.

The latest trend belies notions of the U.S. as a post-racial, assimilated society. Demographers cite a steady flow of recent immigration that has given Hispanics and Asians more ethnically similar partners to choose from while creating some social distance from whites due to cultural and language differences.

## Obama to send up to 1,200 troops to U.S.-Mexico border

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under pressure to take action, President Barack Obama on Tuesday ordered 1,200 National Guard troops to boost security along the U.S.-Mexico border, pre-empting Republican efforts to force a congressional vote to send the troops.

Obama will also request \$500 million for border protection and law enforcement activities, according to lawmakers and administration officials.

The president’s action comes as chances for comprehensive immigration reform, Obama’s long-stated goal, look increasingly dim in this election year. Obama has been all but compelled to do something since Arizona’s passage of a tough illegal-immigration law thrust the border problem into the public spotlight.

Indeed, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer credited her signing of the controversial new law for compelling Obama to act. Signing the law, Brewer said

in a statement, “clearly ignited the talk of action in Washington for the people of Arizona and other border states.”

The National Guard troops will work on intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support, analysis and training, and support efforts to block drug trafficking.

## Former gov. candidate to put Washington state in play for GOP

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Dino Rossi is best known for losing one of the closest governor’s races in U.S. history. Now Republicans hope he can ride a GOP tide and unseat Washington state’s powerful senior senator, Democrat Patty Murray.

Rossi was set to officially announce his entry into the race on Wednesday, ending months of speculation over whether he would tackle a politician not generally viewed as vulnerable to anyone. He advised supporters of an unspecified announcement about the race to be posted on his website at 7 a.m. PDT.

Intrigued by polls earlier this year that showed he would be competitive, national Republicans courted Rossi aggressively.

At best, he represented a chance to put another Senate seat in play for the GOP in November’s election; at worst, he would keep Murray and her sizable campaign war chest busy at home instead of helping embattled colleagues elsewhere.

## Assad’s free market policies transform Damascus, but no political reform in sight in Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — After delivering a lecture on the increasing role of private banks in Syria, economist Mohammed Ayman al-Maydani got an uncomfortable request from members of the audience to elaborate on a brief reference he made to corruption in the country’s private and public sectors.

“If I answer this question I may not get to spend the night at home,” he quipped, alluding to the possibility he could be arrested. There was nervous laughter from the room.

The tense moment at the Damascus lecture earlier this month underscored how much and how little has changed in Syria under President Bashar Assad in recent years. The Syrian leader has slowly moved to lift Soviet-style economic restrictions his father and predecessor, Hafez Assad, left him.

He opened up the country for foreign banks, threw its doors wide open for imports, authorized private higher education and empowered the private sector.

But the lanky, former eye doctor who came to power 10 years ago this summer has not matched his liberal economic policies with any political reforms.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Know when to take a break. Sustained effort is tiring to your whole being — body and mind. Today is a good time to pause and relax. When you get back into it, everything will go more smoothly.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The answer is to start in the here and now and do your best with the work that is in front of you. "The answer to what?" you ask. To everything, really, including the question of how you will get your heart's desire.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The accumulation of clutter happens daily, weekly, monthly. Tidy up again, but this time go deeper and handle some of the things on the very bottom of the list. You'll unearth a valuable that has long been hiding in the riff-raff.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Many around you are working on themselves because they want to make a stellar impression on others. By contrast, you will feel driven to improve yourself for no other reason but to become a better person.

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

No, you don't make your bed every single day of the year, but on the days you do, you feel better all around. Tidiness, even in little things, has a way of putting you in control. Neatness gives you a power boost.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A gathering wind is sending new things your way, especially people and opportunities. Surrender to it. Put up your sail, and let it carry you to your next adventure.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Creative people are your favorite kind of people. If not for them, the world would be a dull place indeed. The best part is, you are one of them. Now go make something. You're about to have a breakthrough.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stop wondering why you are where you are, and start thinking about where you want to go.

You have always been self-determined. Find your goal, and then imagine a few steps you could take to reach that goal. Then step.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An opportunity arises in a field where you have some serious expertise. You should enter it. It's not about winning or losing, after all. It's about having fun and maybe even making some new friends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The morning commute will give you much-needed alone time to process your thoughts. If commuting is not a part of your daily routine, you'll benefit from starting your day with at least a half hour of solitude.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your attitude is catching. You'll cultivate yourself and, by extension, raise the bar for everyone around you. Which study should you dive into first? The one that interests you the most, of course!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't get someone out of your head. The harder you try the more impossible it gets. Give in, and invite him or her to go do something. The timing is perfect.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 26). Your perspective is unique. Because of your history and the current location in space and time, you'll come up with solutions that no one else could think up. Your friends hook you up with lucrative business or professional advancement. You'll shine at an important event in August. Invest in January. Scorpio and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 6, 12, 49 and 3.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "What's a T-square in astrology?"

A T-square is a major planetary configuration in which three planets in the same modality form a

right triangle in your birth chart. This means that all three planets have to be either all in cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn), all in fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius) or all in mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces). Finding a T-square in your birth chart can be very helpful in showing you a major focal point for taking direction in your life. The modality of the triangle is of utmost importance. If cardinal, some sort of action is required of you. If fixed, you need to make a big change in your life. If mutable, you need to heal some wounded part of your psyche. Next, find the apex of the triangle. Which sign is it in? This will tell you in what area of your life to focus your action, change or healing. Let's say you have a fixed T-square with an apex in Aquarius. This means that change is required of you with regard to humanitarianism or technology in order for you to realize your full potential.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Helena Bonham Carter has had a career of fascinating, fresh characterizations, such as the wickedly intriguing Queen of Hearts in Tim Burton's 3D "Alice in Wonderland" spectacular. Her natal sun and communicative Mercury are in highly adaptable and intelligent Gemini. A Leo moon suggests that Bonham Carter has an instinct for finding the most creative acting choices.

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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF DRAFT FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT AND ACID RAIN PERMIT**  
DRAFT PERMIT NO.: 091  
**APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT.** Power Resources, Ltd., P.O. Box 2700, Big Spring, Texas 79721, an Electric Services facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit and Acid Rain Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 091, Application No. 14585, to authorize operation of the C.R. Wing Cogeneration Plant. The area addressed by the application is located at northwest corner of Alon Refinery, 2 miles east of Big Spring and 1/4 mile north of Interstate 20, in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. This application was received by the TCEQ on December 15, 2009. The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Center Office, 12100 Park 35

Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 3300 North A Street, Building 4-107, Midland, Texas 79705-5406; and the Howard County Public Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. At the TCEQ Central and Regional Office, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office file room at (512)239-1540.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING.** Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.  
**A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing.** The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is

received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time and location for the hearing.  
**Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html) and received within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.**  
**A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this**

application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.  
**MAILING LIST.** In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.  
**INFORMATION.** For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Public Assistance, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us). Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained from Power Resources, Ltd., by calling Mr. Sammy Hunnicutt at (432)263-8468 extension 14.  
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The Library will close at 3 p.m. Friday for the Memorial Day holiday and reopen Tuesday. The Library will also be closed Saturdays during June, July and August.

Here are some "cozy" type mysteries: Donna Andrews writes the books that are all bird-related. In "A Murder Hatched" (M AND D), you will find her first two books, "Murder with Peacocks" and "Murder with Puffins." They are really cute and Meg Langslow and her family are a hoot. Very eccentric and I think it takes place in Texas. Another quirky author is Carolyn Hart. Her "Death on Demand" stars Annie and Max Darling. In "Dare to Die" (M HAR C), a former resident of Broward's Rock arrives and exerts a malevolent spirit over the whole island. Laura Childs has a scrapbooking mystery series and "Tragic Magic" (M CHI L) takes place in New Orleans during Halloween. Haunted houses and flaming corpses combine to add an air of menace that will endanger Carmela and Ava. All of these books are good to read on the beach or at the pool.

More mysteries that are in: Alex Kava's "Black Friday" (M KAV A), All Roker's "The Morning Show Murders" (M ROK A), "The Executor" (M KEL J) by Jesse Kellerman and "Hellgate" (M FAI L) by Linda Farstein are all ready to be checked

out. Along the same lines as Josh Sundquist's "Just Don't Fall" biography comes Scott Rigsby's amazing story. Nine seconds is all it took for Scott's life to come crashing down. At 18, Scott lost his right leg as a result of a truck accident. When his left leg was amputated, doctors told Scott it would be at least a year before he could walk. Nine years later, Scott was the first double amputee to win a most grueling sports contest, the Ford Ironman World Championship triathlon in Hawaii. This is truly an amazing and inspirational account of a man who did not accept his physical limitations. The title is "Unthinkable" (BRIG S) by Scot Rigsby.

Have you watched "The Tudors" on Showtime? My husband has and almost each time he sees an episode he comes in and tells me about it and I try to dredge up information from my aging brain (I was a history major in college) and hold a sensible conversation about it. Anyway, Alison Weir has written "The Lady in the Tower: The Fall of Anne Boleyn" (BOL A). Other biographies to check out include "A Rebel Life: Molly Ivins" (B IVI M) by Bill Minutaglio and W. Michael Smith. Ivins spoke at the Texas Library Association annual meeting about a year before her death from cancer — a very spirited woman. Still others are "Churchill" (B CHU W) by Paul Johnson, "Courage and Consequence" (B ROV K) by Karl Rove and "Unsweetened: A Memoir" (B SWE J) by Jodie Sweeten. She was Stephanie Tenner on Full House.

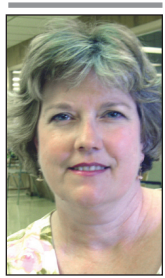
New fiction to check out: Anne Tyler's "Noah's Compass" (RYL A),

Secrets of Eden" (F BOJ C) by Chris Bojalian and a new one from Joseph Wambaugh. Wambaugh was the first author I read who wrote about policemen

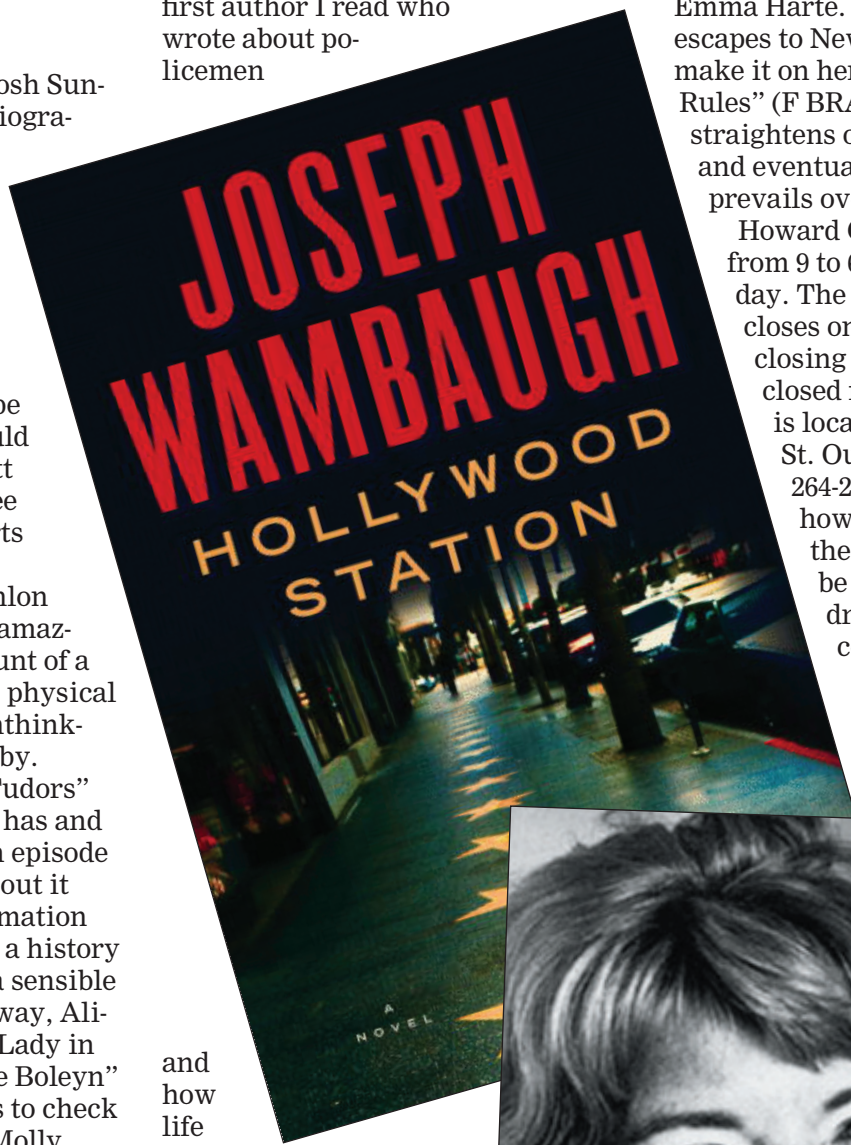
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Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

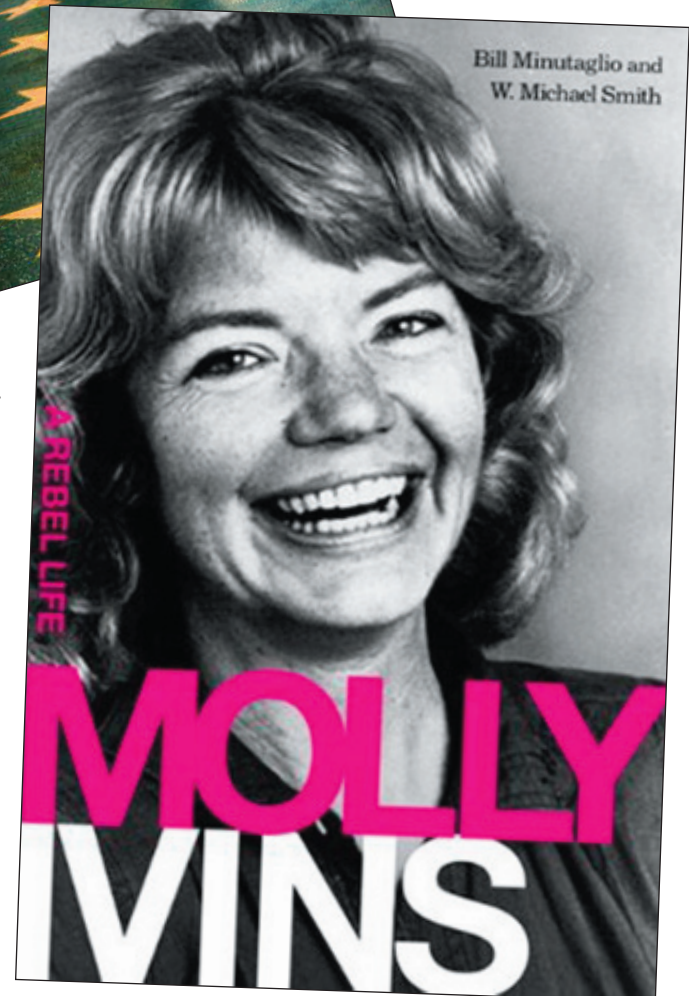


HOLLIS MCCRIGHT



and how life as a Los Angeles police officer. I did not realize that he had written 18 works of fiction. "The Onion Field" was his first book, I believe. Anyway, in "Hollywood Station" (F WAM J), the full moon usually brings out the crazy crimes. The officers never know what each patrol will bring. It is a pretty hard-hitting book.

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5:PM ABC	News	Vida	Lopez	News	Noticias	News	King	CCM	BBC	King	Cash Cab	Arnold	CSI: Crime Scene	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Phineas		SportsCenter
6:PM ABC	Jeopardy!	Mi Pecado (SS)	Two Men	News	A Corazón Abierto	News	King	Sanchez	Business	King	Cash Cab		CSI: Crime Scene	Bones		Wizards	Pardon	
7:PM ABC	Movie: Transformers	Hasta que el Dinero nos Separe (SS)	American Idol	Undercover Boss	El Clon	Millionaire	Seinfeld	Cortes	70s Show	Next Top Model	MythBusters	Movie: Enough, Juliette Lewis	UFC Un-leashed	Movie: Variety Blues, Paul Walker	Movie: Scar-face, Steven Bauer	Wizards of Waverly Place	NBA Shoot-around	
8:PM ABC	Movie: Josh Duhamel			Criminal Minds	Ferro Amor		Browns	Upd	House	Next Top Model	MythBusters	UFC Un-leashed				Phineas	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Orlando Magic.	
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10:PM ABC	News	Impacto	Raymond	News	Noticias	News	Lopez	Upd	Charlie Rose	Roseanne	MythBusters	UFC	CSI: NY	The Mo'Nique	Wizards	College	SportsCenter	
11:PM ABC	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Corazón Salvaje	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Fútbol	Jay Leno	Name	Mark	BBC	Bernie	MythBusters	The Ultimate Fighter	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Suite Life	Fastbreak		
12:AM ABC	Extra	Amar sin Limites	King-Hill	Insider	Pagado	News	Sex &	Charles	Video	Scenario	Overhaul	(12:47) Breaking Bad	UFC 114	CSI: Crime Scene	Movie: Trois 2: Pandora's Box	Kim Poss	Baseball	SportsCenter
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### DENNIS THE MENACE

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"OFF TO WORK. ANOTHER DAY... ANOTHER DOLLAR!"

"DAD SHOULD ASK FOR A RAISE!"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"I'm ready if anybody wants to break something."

### HAGAR

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE JUDGE YOU WERE GOING TO BRIBE TO GET US OFF?

IT DIDN'T WORK OUT

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I'M MAKING YOU A LAMP, HONEY

BUT YOU MADE ONE FOR ME LAST YEAR

YES, BUT THIS ONE MIGHT WORK!

### WIZARD OF ID

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WHAT'S THAT?

OUR TREASURY

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

PLINK

AH, I SEE WE HAVE A SURPLUS

### AGNES

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I'M READING A NEW BOOK. IT'S CALLED "ASPIRE TO ASPIRE."

IT'S FOR PEOPLE WHO AREN'T ASPIRING TO ANYTHING CURRENTLY BUT HAVEN'T RULED IT OUT AS AN AMUSING DIVERSION IN THE FUTURE.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ASPIRATIONS TO ASPIRE?

SOMETIMES I AM INSPIRED TO PERSPIRE, BUT ONLY WHEN IT IS VERY HUMID.

### HI AND LOIS

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I DON'T KNOW WHY MOMMY CLOSES THE CURTAINS WHEN I TAKE A NAP.

SUNBEAM ALWAYS FINDS A WAY IN

### THE OTHER COAST

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WHAT THE HECK... I DON'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M SEEING! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!

THAT GREEDY GRASPING INGRATE! I'M GOING TO KICK HIS HEINIE!

WHAT IS IT, LARRY?

A BIG BILL FROM THE THERAPIST WHO IS TREATING MY ANGER MANAGEMENT ISSUES.

THUS ENSURING YOU SIGN UP FOR MORE THERAPY.

### SNUFFY SMITH

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SO WHO GITS TO RIDE WIF YA, JUGHAID-- ME OR MARY BETH?

AIN'T MADE UP MY MIND, GALS !!

GUESS YA COULD SAY I'M STILL ON TH' FENCE 'BOUT IT !!

GROAN !!

DOUBLE GROAN !!

### BEEBLE BAILEY

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WHERE'S THE CAMP SWAMPY PIN?

IT KEEPS FALLING OFF AND ROLLING UNDER A DESK

POOR THING, I THINK IT'S TRYING TO ESCAPE

## This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 26, the 146th day of 2010. There are 219 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On May 26, 1940, the evacuation of more than 338,000 Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

**On this date:**

In 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms (vohrms) because of his religious beliefs and writings.

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on the remaining charges.

In 1908, the first major oil strike in the Middle East occurred in Masjid-i-Suleiman, Persia (Iran).

In 1938, the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress.

In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the

Great Seal of the United States that had been presented to the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow. (The U.S. withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)

In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

In 1994, Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley were married in the Dominican Republic. (The marriage, however, ended in 1996.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor James Arness is 87. Actor Alec McCowen is 85. Sportscaster Brent Musberger is 71. Rock singer-musician Levon Helm (The Band) is 70. Country musician Gates Nichols (Confederate Railroad) is 66. Rock musician Garry Peterson (Guess Who) is 65. Singer Stevie Nicks is 62. Actress Pam Grier is 61. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 61. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 61. Former astronaut

Sally K. Ride is 59. Actress Margaret Colin is 53. Country singer-songwriter Dave Robbins is 51. Actor Doug Hutchison is 50. Actress Genie Francis is 48. Comedian Bobcat Goldthwait is 48. Singer Lenny Kravitz is 46. Actress Helena Bonham Carter is 44. Rock musician Phillip Rhodes is 42. Actor Joseph Fiennes (FYNZ) is 40. Singer Joey Kibble (Take 6) is 39. Actor-producer-writer Matt Stone is 39. Contemporary Christian musician Nathan Cochran is 32.

**Thought for Today:** "Talent is what you possess; genius is what possesses you." — Malcolm Cowley, American author and critic (1898-1989).

Answer to previous puzzle

HOLD	CAPS	STRAW
ARIA	ALOE	IRATE
PLANT	MOLE	MOTOR
PLEASE	FORGIVE	ME
HOT	OLE	
SHAVEN	HOLE	PTA
KOREA	FOWL	TEAS
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MESS	UFOS	HASTE
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IT WAS ALL MY FAULT		
PHASE	AIMS	THAT
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DWELT	ANNA	SHED

## Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Largest Greek island
  - 6 Coffee allure price
  - 11 \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
  - 14 Actor Quinn of Michael Collins
  - 15 Hawkeye Stater
  - 16 At lunch, perps
  - 17 All-inclusive
  - 19 "Yuck!"
  - 20 Levelheaded
  - 21 Carnival doll
  - 23 \_\_\_ time (golf-course slot)
  - 24 Idaho product, informally
  - 25 Wanting company
  - 29 Spot for a bite
  - 32 Be gaga over
  - 33 Lusterless finish
  - 34 Put the cuffs on
  - 37 Canaveral org.
  - 38 Teen idol Cyrus
  - 39 Sandwich filler
  - 40 Spot on a 24 Across
  - 41 Oregon's capital
  - 42 Eccentric
  - 43 Make alterations
  - 45 Monocles, basically
  - 46 Russell of Gladiator
  - 48 Young fella
  - 49 Up-to-the-minute
  - 51 Academic conferences

- DOWN**
- 1 Pop singer
  - 2 Ceremonial act
  - 3 Forbidden-fruit site
  - 4 Bagpipers' toppers
  - 5 Qualify
  - 6 Grocery path
  - 7 Learning method
  - 8 Have a tab
  - 9 Test grade
  - 10 Mouseketeer
  - 11 All-inclusive
  - 12 Saul Bellow
  - 13 "Not listed above"
  - 18 Toe the line
  - 22 Kids' card game
  - 25 Short street
  - 26 Jazz singer
  - 27 All-inclusive
  - 28 Epoch
  - 29 Hay bundler
  - 30 Agenda entry
  - 31 Sloppy digs
  - 33 Venus de \_\_\_
  - 35 Start a poker pot
  - 36 Serenades the moon
  - 38 Prefix for adroit
  - 39 Get some sun
  - 41 Nogales naps
  - 42 Canopy support
  - 44 Leave slack-jawed
  - 45 Easter entrée
  - 46 Chin feature
  - 47 Showed anger
  - 48 French city
  - 50 Tunnel charge
  - 51 Agitated state
  - 52 The Simpsons bus driver
  - 53 Male deer
  - 54 Wee bit
  - 55 Iowa State city
  - 58 Pizza order

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