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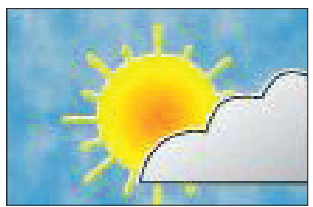
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TxDOT will hold TIP public meeting here

Special to the Herald
 ABILENE — Texas Department of Transportation officials have announced the Abilene District will be hosting two public meetings to provide all interested citizens' information concerning the rural portion of the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
 The TIP is a staged multi-year program of projects proposed for funding

by federal and state sources during the next four years.
 The first meeting will be held Tuesday, June 15, in Big Spring. That meeting will be in the ballroom of the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. The second meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, in the Haskell High School auditorium. Registration for both meetings will begin at 6 p.m. with the meeting start-

ing at 6:30 p.m. The same information will be presented at both meetings.
 The meetings will provide an opportunity for interested individuals and groups to offer their views, concerns and comments on the goals, objectives and impacts of the TIP.
 Those wishing to present testimony at either of the meetings regarding the 2011-2014 Rural Transportation Improvement Program will need to

complete the response cards that will be available at the registration table.
 Instead of, or in addition to speaking at the meetings, attendees may choose to provide written statements and/or exhibits. Written comments should be presented either in person or by mail to the TxDOT/Abilene District, Attn: Blair W. Haynie, 2011 2014
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Manster!

Randy White will keynote SA's dinner

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 Former Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Randy "Manster" White will be the keynote speaker Thursday when the local Salvation Army presents its annual dinner.
 Set for 6 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, the evening promises to be an enlightening and entertaining time, according to Carla Ingram, regional resource development director for the Salvation Army's West Texas Region.
 "Randy will be our guest speaker during the dinner," said Ingram. "Anyone who knows anything about professional football knows what a force he was on the playing field."
 According to Ingram, tickets to the dinner are currently available, but area residents planning to attend shouldn't wait until the last minute.
 "The number of tickets is limited," she said, "so if you wait until the last minute to get yours, there's a chance you might get left out. There will only be 200 tickets sold, and they are \$30 each. We also have corporate sponsorships available for \$200. The corporate sponsorships provide tickets for eight people."
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Forsan's Lady Buffs celebrate their second consecutive Class 1A state softball championship, flashing No. 1 signs after receiving their medals at McCombs Field in Austin after their 5-0 win over Blue Ridge Saturday.

Routine agenda awaits city council

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 The Big Spring City Council is scheduled to meet Tuesday evening to consider a number of routine agenda items.
 Among the consent items to be considered during the meeting is final reading of an interlocal agreement between the city and Howard County for reallocation of funds from the Justice Assistance Grant Program Award and for the county to use the funds for the

combined law enforcement technology program.
 Lt. Terry Chamness, spokesperson for the Big Spring Police Department, recently met with Howard County commissioners to fill them in on the change in the grant, which has been shared by the two government agencies for several years.
 Also on the agenda, the council will consider:
 • First reading of an ordinance decreasing the
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Mental health training scheduled

By AMY VIDAL
 Special to the Herald
 West Texas Centers for MHMR and Howard College are offering Mental Health First Aid June 29-30 to people who are interested in knowing how to respond to people with mental health problems.
 The two-day class will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Howard College. Classes are free and available to the first 25 respondents. To register for this class please contact the Howard College Registrar's Office at 264-5106.
 Mental Health First Aid helps those experiencing mental health problems before they can get professional help and support, said West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW.
 "It is similar to 'First Aid' and 'CPR,'" Smith said. "It is designed to give members of the public key skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a men-

tal health crisis. It is not geared toward professionals in the mental health field, but they can learn from this training."
 Mental health problems — such as depression, anxiety, impulse control and misuse of alcohol and other drugs — are common in the United States, Smith said. More than one in four American adults will have a mental health problem in a year.
 The National Council on Community Behavioral Healthcare has begun working with communities throughout the nation, including West Texas Centers for MHMR to implement Mental Health First Aid to arm the public with skills to help individuals who are developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis.
 The clinical and qualitative evidence behind the program demonstrates that it helps the public better identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness, thus improving outcomes for in-

dividuals experiencing these illnesses.
 Participants of Mental Health First Aid are introduced to risk factors and warning signs for mental health or substance use problems; engage in experiential activities that build understanding of the impact of illness on individuals and families; and learn information about evidence-supported treatment and self-help strategies. Participants receive a course manual and a certificate at the completion of the course.
 Participants from all walks of life are encouraged to attend the Mental Health First Aid training. Participants from past nationwide trainings have been from the following community groups:
 Educators and School personnel, College and University personnel, Human Resource professionals, Members of Faith-based Communities, Homeless Shelter staff and volunteers,
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Obituaries

Hervey Barron Perry

Hervey Barron Perry, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather of Cedar Hill, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, June 5, 2010.



Hervey graduated from high school in Watervalley, Miss., in 1941. He entered the Army Air Corps in October 1941. He flew combat missions in the Pacific Theater as a B-24 gunner, before returning stateside to serve as a gunnery instructor. He was discharged in October 1945.

He graduated from Hemphill Engineering School prior to working at Cosden Petroleum Refinery for 35 years in Big Spring.

Hervey is survived by his wife of 64 years, Kathryn; two daughters, Carol Webster and husband, Tom, of DeSoto and Lana Bruington and husband, Brent, of Jenks, Okla.; three grandchildren, Erin Belcher and husband, Evan, of Spring, Shannon Murchison of Tulsa, Okla., and Eric Bruington of Jenks, Okla.; two great-grandchildren, Ethan and Emily Belcher; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at Little Bethel Memorial Park in Duncanville. Visitation is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Jaynes Memorial Chapel in Duncanville.

Paid obituary

Arna Maxson

Arna Maxson, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, June 4, 2010, in a local hospital. Memorial services were held Saturday, June 5, 2010.

Arna was born Aug. 27, 1928, in San Jose, Costa Rica, where her parents were missionaries. She moved to the United States when she was 17. She then moved back to Central America and later moved her family to Mississippi. When Hurricane Katrina hit, they moved to Big Spring to start over again.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Maxson and wife, Carmen, and Robert Maxson and wife, Laura, all of Florida; three daughters, Carla Hepker and husband, Larry, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Sharon Maxson and Dorothy Maxson-Lopez and husband, Delmiro, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Margot Coppage of Big Spring and Mildred Tillitson and husband, Merle, of Oregon; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Rosa Maxson; and one grandson, Leroy Guindon.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

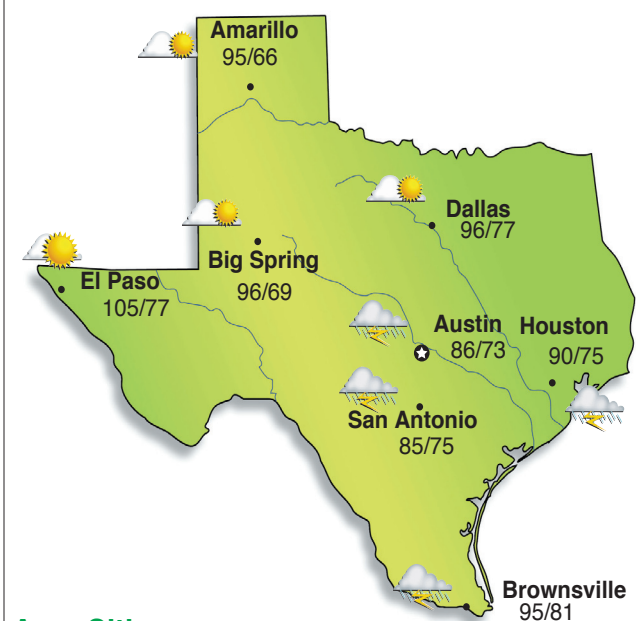
- RENE VALDEZ, 48, of 404 Father Delaney, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONNIE EUGENE LEAL, 20, of 1733 Purdue, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.
- MELISSA MARIA ESCANUELAS, 27, of 510 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- CHRISTOPHER AARON SALAZAR, 22, of 1602 Sunset, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than two ounces, less than four ounces.
- CORNELIO RAYMOND CHAVEZ, 52, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- THOMAS RIOS, 28, of 1321 Mulberry, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ERNESTO RODRIQUEZ, 35, of 1304 Ridgeroad, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- RAMON MAGALLANES JR., 17, was arrested Sunday on warrants for no safety belt and failure to appear.
- CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YBARRA, 22, of 1104 Pickens, was arrested Sunday on warrants for driving while license invalid, speeding and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- JAMIE ELISHA CASTILLO, 26, of 1207 Marijo, was arrested Sunday on a charge of animal at large.
- JOANNA NELL HERNANDEZ, 26, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated – open container, failure to identify – giving false information and driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.
- PRISCILLA PEREZ, 21, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 502, was arrested Sunday on a charge of forgery.
- CRYSTAL ROSE BAEZA, 23, of 704 San Jacinto, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported: In the 100 block of Lockhart. In the 2600 block of Fairchild.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1100 block of Pickens. In the 100 block of Runnels. In the 1200 block of E. 16th Street. In the 2100 block of Merrily. In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 900 block of N. Lamesa Highway.
- THEFT was reported: In the 800 block of Andree. In the 400 block of E. FM 700. In the 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of N. Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3300 block of E. Interstate Highway 20.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 6/8	Wed 6/9	Thu 6/10	Fri 6/11	Sat 6/12
96/69 Partly cloudy. Hot. High 96F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	98/70 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	99/70 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	99/69 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	97/69 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:51 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	72	pt sunny	Kingsville	91	77	t-storm
Amarillo	95	66	pt sunny	Livingston	92	72	t-storm
Austin	86	73	t-storm	Longview	95	74	pt sunny
Beaumont	92	76	t-storm	Lubbock	96	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	95	81	t-storm	Lufkin	94	74	t-storm
Brownwood	94	72	pt sunny	Midland	98	72	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	89	79	t-storm	Raymondville	94	79	t-storm
Corsicana	93	74	pt sunny	Rosenberg	90	75	t-storm
Dallas	96	77	pt sunny	San Antonio	85	75	t-storm
Del Rio	92	75	t-storm	San Marcos	85	72	t-storm
El Paso	105	77	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	76	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	99	72	pt sunny	Sweetwater	95	71	pt sunny
Gainesville	95	74	pt sunny	Tyler	94	73	pt sunny
Greenville	95	73	pt sunny	Weatherford	94	74	pt sunny
Houston	90	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	96	72	pt sunny

theft, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, aggravated robbery, theft of property (three counts), no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, minor consuming alcohol, failure to appear (three counts) and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- MELANIE DAWN PATTERSON, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JAMES LEE GREENHILL, 52, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- MARTIN DOMINGUEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear, disorderly conduct – language and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DERRICK WAYNE ANDERSON JR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of reckless driving.
- RUBEN RENE DOMINGUEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a probation violation.
- ANTONIO GONZALES JR., 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOHN FLORES JR., 45, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and obstruction/retaliation.
- JONATHAN DOUGLAS, 38, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- TRINITY LEWIS OWEN, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear, public intoxication and prohibited item in a correctional facility.
- RENE ANGEL VALDEZ JR., 48, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER SALAZAR, 22, was transferred

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Support Groups

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.
- HENRY JOHN RAYMOND, 36, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct – language, failure to appear, driving while license invalid and fictitious/altered/obscured vehicle registration.
- JOSHUA BASURTO, 17, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information and failure to attend school.
- ALEJANDRO ALFREDO VASQUEZ, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a dangerous drug, obstruction/retaliation and possession of white tail deer in closed season.
- ROBERTO CARILLO VASQUEZ, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of fugitive probation violation – North Carolina.
- ANSELMO ONTIVEROS JR., 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- PHILLIP G. MARTINEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana and charges of

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to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than two ounces, less than four ounces.

• JAMIE CASTILLO, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of animal at large.

• CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YBARRA, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and speeding.

• JOSHUA JOEL RIOS, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of possession of open container, violation of a promise to appear, failure to appear (four counts), driving while license invalid and ride not secured by safety belt.

• CARLTON KEITH SPIVEY, 32, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct.

• THOMAS RIOS, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• RONNIE EUGENE LEAL, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

• RAMON MAGALLANES, 17, was transferred to the county jail Sunday

by the BSPD on charges of failure to attend school, no seat belt and failure to appear.

• CALEB CHAVEZ, 17, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• MELISSA MARIA ESCANUELAS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• WILLIAM WALTER GRESSETT, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• LOWELL JOHN THOMPSON, 29, was arrested Sunday by Texas Parks and Wildlife on a charge of public intoxication.

• ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ, 35, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• JOHNNY FRANCO JR., 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOANNA NELL HERNANDEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – open container, failure to identify – giving false information and deriving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• CRYSTAL ROSE BAEZA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• PRISCILLA PEREZ, 21, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery.

• OSCAR MIER, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.

• ELIX CALVIN MARION, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.

• DANNY FRANK WILSON, 52, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• EARL P. HANKE, 52, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Young. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Jeffry. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the

1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported near the 164 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Wilson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Young. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Willia. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Goliad. 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 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of N. Salem.

COUNCIL

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number of city appointed members to the Conventions and Visitors Board from three people to two people, and increasing the number of at-large seats from two to three.

• First reading of an ordinance providing for a 20 percent penalty to defray costs associated with the collection of delinquent taxes.

• First reading of an ordinance calling for the city's continued participation in the steering committee made up of cities served by Oncor Electric and

authorizing the payment of 10 cents per capita to the steering committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Oncor Electric Delivery Company.

• Approval of a grant application in order for the city to jointly apply with Howard County for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice

Assistance Grant for the combined law enforcement technology program. Funding from the grant will be used to purchase additional software modules and for the Police Department and Howard County Sheriffs Office to acquire additional laptop computers.

• Approval of an

economic development Incentive agreement with the Settles Hotel Development Company to waive building permit fees.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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WHITE

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As one of the Dallas Cowboys' strongest players, White's reckless abandon on the playing field earned him the nickname "Manster" – half man, half monster. During his 14 years with Dallas, he was selected All-Pro eight times, to the Pro Bowl nine times and played in three Super Bowls, earning

MVP honors for Super Bowl XII.

White was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1994. He was a featured reporter for USA network's The Road to the Super Bowl and served as color analyst for the Cowboys' pre-season games. White entertains audiences with his charm and anecdotes of the sports and business world.

Ingram said the dinner will also include a silent auction featuring a pair

of prizes any Dallas Cowboys fan would love to have.

"We have two footballs autographed by Randy White that will be in the silent auction," said Ingram. "You can get your tickets by contacting the Salvation Army office at 267-8239 or call (432) 816-4537. We're really hoping to see a good crowd Thursday."

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MEETING

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Rural TIP, 4250 N Clack, Abilene 79601, no later than Friday, June 28.

If you have any questions regarding the meetings, contact Haynie, director of transportation planning and development, at 325-676-6810 or Mary Beth Kilgore, district public information officer, at 325-676-6806.

Counties in the Abilene District

include Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor.

Those having special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Abilene District Office at 325-676-6810. Requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the date of any public meeting they plan to attend. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate those needs, Kilgore said.

personnel and volunteers, Advocacy Group personnel and volunteers, and Caring citizens who want to learn more about mental illness.

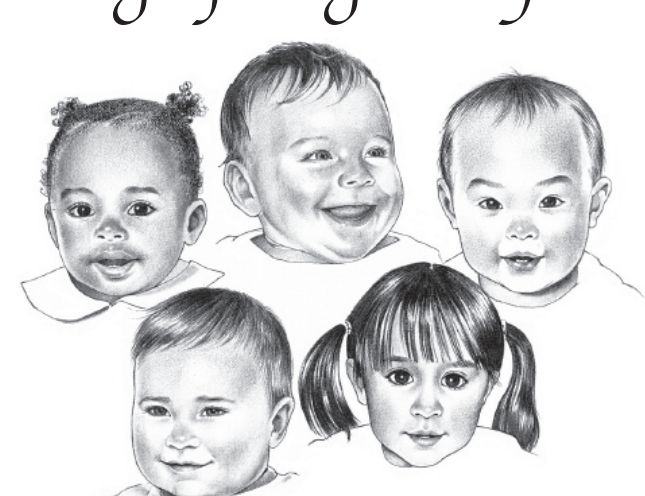
For more information on Mental Health First Aid, visit www.thenationalcouncil.org or to register for the free training, contact Howard College Registrar's Office at 264-5106.

TRAINING

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Law Enforcement personnel, Substance Abuse professionals, Service organization volunteers (such as Rotary, Kiwanis, etc.), Victim Services

2010 Big Spring Baby Contest



Did you or someone you know have a baby in 2009 or 2010

If so, they are eligible to participate in the "2010 Big Spring Herald Baby Contest" which will be printed on Sunday, June 27th. To enter your baby simply fill out the information below and bring the photo, information to the Big Spring Herald before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16th and your baby will be entered into the contest. Bring \$15 to have baby's photo published.

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OTHER VIEWS

Merit selection of judges deserves real consideration

Right up until his death in July 2007, former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hill was a tireless and informed advocate for judicial reform. Hill sought an alternative to the partisan system that he felt had come to be ruled too much by contributions from those seeking special favor in Texas courts.

Hill learned about the pitfalls of this system firsthand, during his service on the Texas Supreme Court in the 1980s. A legislative committee investigated ethics on the court, and the State Commission on Judicial Conduct publicly chastised two associate justices. CBS television's 60 Minutes then focused on the large amounts of money that lawyers who practice before the court pour into judicial campaigns, prompting Hill to resign in 1988 to seek judicial selection reform to end the election of judges. He did so ably — but ultimately unsuccessfully — in a variety of forums, including numerous contributions to the Chronicle's Outlook pages.

No doubt, Hill would be pleased to learn that his cause has been taken up by a truly distinguished national legal figure: former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. In an opinion article published in Sunday's New York Times, O'Connor made a compelling argument for wider institution of a merit selection system, now used by two-thirds of the states.

The plan she advocates would work this way: A nonpartisan commission would choose and recommend several candidates to the state's governor, who would choose one for appointment to the bench. Retention elections, using a simple yes or no vote, would determine judges' continuation in office.

Texas' partisan election system for judges is still in crying need of reform. The defects are plain to any voter paying close attention: 1) partisan election sweeps too frequently remove capable, experienced judges from the bench; 2) donations from special interests can tip the outcome of elections and too often play a role in steering important court business such as appointments for ad litem and lawyers; 3) many judges already come to the bench via an appointment process that is wholly political.

It would be a fitting memorial to John Hill — and a benefit to Texas — if O'Connor's reform proposal were to bring change here.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we stay grounded, Lord, by walking with You.

Amen

What are you looking for?

Who doesn't long for a good day, a good time and a good life? Have you ever considered that a good outcome may be more obtainable than you think?

My life has been filled with unexpected "good" outcomes. However, lately I'm finding it difficult to venture forth toward some daring goals, fearing the uncertain success of these goals. A recent photograph has given me reason to reexamine my approach.

A Facebook friend posted a photograph inviting everyone to give it a look. At first glance, it was a forest setting with a close-up of a bush. I assumed I was supposed to be seeing something not so obvious. And sure enough, the more I studied it, there appeared to be a snake hiding under the bush.

My friend suggested we click on the photograph to enlarge it for a more thorough examination.

To my surprise and delight, the enlarged photograph made it easy to see an adorable rabbit peering out from under the bush — not a snake.

It turns out that my friend had been encouraged to take the photograph of this rabbit by a group of children who were playing several feet away.

These children had no trouble seeing this adorable rabbit even at the distance they were from him. My friend looked in the direction he was directed and couldn't see anything until he put his camera in full zoom and

scanned the setting for several minutes.

The interesting thing for me was that after knowing this photograph was of an adorable little rabbit, every time I saw the smaller image, I had no trouble whatsoever seeing the rabbit. I don't know how I ever thought I saw a snake!

I'm reminded of a psychology class I took in college. The book had a photograph with the question under it — What do you see? About half the students in my class answered they saw an old lady, and the other half were certain the photograph was of a young woman. I was in the first group.

After it was pointed out that the photograph was of a young woman, I could see her — no longer seeing the old lady.

Somehow, I think these photographs hint at how our perceptions — and perhaps our assumptions and expectations as well — impact what we see and experience. I can't help but think that perhaps our attitudes and perceptions can also impact and change an outcome and change it for the better.

Perhaps, too, there is a lesson to be learned from the children who saw the rabbit. While my friend could at first see nothing and I at first saw a snake, all of the children had no difficulty seeing the rabbit.

Even though my childhood had more than its fair share of sadness and difficult times, I have no memory of being afraid that my days were going to be bad ones.

On the contrary, my memory of childhood days was that they were carefree, worry-free and hope-filled. And I believed with absolute certainty that anything was possible!

Yes, I think children generally look at their lives through rose-colored glasses — or as the French would say, "La Vie en rose" — literally translated as "Life in pink."

So maybe the notion of self-fulfilling prophecy is true when it comes to reaching for goals. Perhaps whether our goals are accomplished or not has everything to do with what type of glasses we are wearing while we endeavor to reach them — rose-colored ones being the most ideal.

Wearing rose-colored glasses while going for our dreams enables us to envision the up-side and bright-side of our journey. And I would venture to say that a brighter and lighter view would make for a more pleasant ride, too. But I also think that maintaining a more positive outlook would help us keep expectations lofty, attitudes sunny, assumptions favorable and perceptions promising.

How could we not therefore accomplish that which we hope for?

I think if my friend and I had been wearing rose-colored glasses when we first looked at the rabbit, we would have seen him and most definitely would not have mistaken him for a snake!

I think I'll get some of those rose-colored glasses and look for the good and what's possible every day — including what's possible with my daring goals!

At the very least, I'll see and experience "pinks" instead of the "blues."

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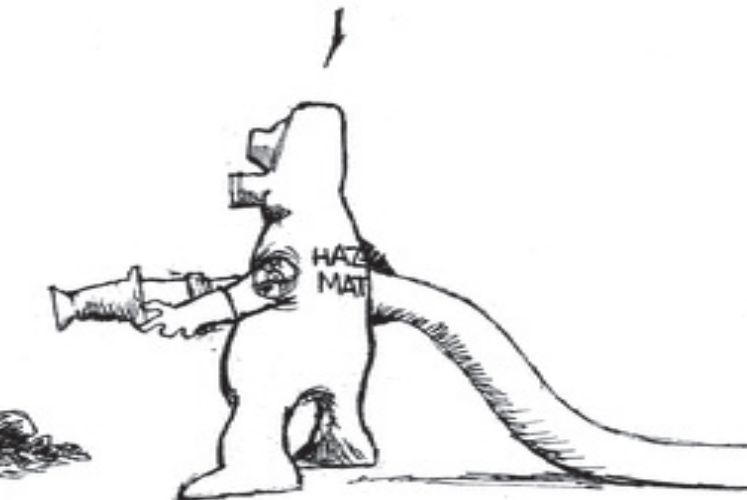
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Academic diversity on the court

I don't think President Obama should have nominated Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court. Don't get me wrong; It's not that I think she's too conservative. That would be the granola/Birkenstock wing of the Democratic Party.

And it's certainly not because I think she's too liberal. That would be nuts.

I'm against her because she went to Harvard.

Do you realize that if she is confirmed, everybody on the Supreme Court will be a product of either Harvard or Yale? All nine of them.

That's ridiculous. I know, they're both supposed to be really good schools but, really, they're not that good. To those who think they are I have but two words: George Bush. He graduated from Yale and got an MBA from Harvard. If that's an example of the kind of minds those institutions of higher learning turn out, I'd rather take my chances with a graduate from the Oelwein (Iowa) School of Law and Storm Door Technology.

And what about Michigan, Wisconsin, Cal-Berkeley, Duke, or Texas? You couldn't find a graduate of one of those places who is fit to sit on our highest court? There are dozens of good law schools in this country.

Why fill the Supreme Court with graduates of only two of them?

It's institutional nepotism, is what it is. Obama went to Harvard and the three presidents before him all went to Yale. They think you shouldn't be on the Court unless you know the secret Yale-Harvard handshake.

I don't. I believe in diversity. Not ethnic diversity so much; I really don't care much whether a justice is of Hispanic, Italian, or Latvian pedigree. I don't even care much about their religion, so long as they don't take it too seriously. (It is the "deeply religious" one must avoid at all costs. Whatever the religion—Muslim, Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish—its deeply religious practitioners would as soon burn you at the stake as look at you.)

No, what I'm talking about is intellectual diversity. I'd like to see a Court whose members offer differing perspectives (four of the current members, counting Kagan, grew up in New York City), who represent various philosophical universes.

What would be wrong with having an atheist on the Court, or at least an agnostic? I think he or she would be at least as qualified to judge issues of the separation of church and state as people who grew up religious.

Same with abortion. Why leave the question to a Court whose majority is instructed by their church that abortion is murder?

And don't tell me that intellectual diversity doesn't make any difference, because all the justices should be doing is execut-

ing the text of the Constitution without regard to their personal views. Strict constructionists, they call themselves.

Strict constructionists, my foot: There's no such thing, certainly not among the gang who stepped into the Florida election in 2000 and handed victory to George Bush in a decision so blatantly partisan that they said it shouldn't be used as precedent. Everybody is a judicial activist; it's just a question of which way their activism rolls.

If I were picking a Supreme Court nominee I'd choose one who:

1. Went to a good school west of the Hudson River.

2. Had, at some time in his or her life, worked for tips. It is a great experience for learning about human nature.

3. Possessed a sense of humor. I don't expect a justice to do standup, mind you, but it would be nice to have one with a sense of irony.

4. Was a skeptic, but not a cynic. The former questions everything; the latter rejects it out of hand.

5. Would under no circumstances sign an opinion, then say it should not be used as precedent. Setting precedent is what the Supreme Court does. It's why it exists.

Having said all of that, I'd probably vote for Kagan, were I a senator. She's the best we can get, given the system we've got.

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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: My son and his wife live across the country. I see them once or twice a year. They have two children. My 13-year-old grandson can do nothing right in his father's eyes, and the 11-year-old girl can do nothing wrong.

I have witnessed what I consider severe verbal abuse toward my grandson. I would like to talk with my son about his behavior, but he is extremely sensitive to criticism. I know his reaction would be to ostracize me for an extended period of time. Then I'd never get to see my grandchildren or be able to help.

I just returned from a

visit, and my son's behavior appears to be having an effect on my grandson's health.

The boy made himself sick worrying about having a cavity. He missed 10 days of school over the winter with headaches and stomachaches. I told my son and daughter-in-law that I think the reason my grandson is sick all the time is that he is



KATHY MITCHELL
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stressed. I don't think it went over well.

I worry my son expects perfection from his child. His wife is aware of the situation, but as far as I can see, she doesn't curtail it. The

most she did was give my son a disapproving look, after which he stopped berating the boy.

My grandson tells me, "It's not that bad." My granddaughter says it

scares her when Daddy yells at her brother. I've told my grandson he can get help by talking to his school counselor or a teacher. Should I just butt out? -- Grandma in the South

Dear Grandma: Your best ally is your daughter-in-law, who seems to be the only one with any influence over your son. Call her. Tell her you can see that she is a good mother and you hope she will work with her husband to be a better parent. The way he treats his son will not only have a lifelong impact on the boy's emotional well-being, but will adversely affect his daughter, as well. Sug-

gest she talk to her pediatrician about it.

Dear Annie: My cousin, "Daphne," wears a lot of black. She seems perfectly happy with her life, but she is cutting herself. She showed me the marks on her arms and legs.

Daphne said I absolutely cannot tell anybody. But I'm worried about her health. Should I tell her parents and get in trouble with her? She's my favorite cousin, and I don't want to end up on her bad side. What should I do? -- Helpless

Dear Helpless: Cutting is not only physically damaging, but is an indication of emotional distress. It's good that Daphne is confiding in you, and we hope you will allow her to discuss the things that are bothering her. Urge her to talk to the school counselor or a favorite teacher. Both of you can also check out kidshealth.org, which has information on cutting. If Daphne refuses to seek help through the school and won't stop cutting, tell your parents what is going on. Although she may be upset with you, please care enough to help her anyway.

Dear Annie: My husband and I disagree with your advice to "The Family Thorn," whose sister-in-law gets

offended at every family gathering. You told her to stop letting Tonya marginalize her from the family.

We, too, had a family thorn -- a cousin who, for 30 years, managed to be slighted and offended at every family function. Our relatives revolved around this self-centered, toxic behavior, even more so after she married into significant money.

Her petulant behavior at my grandfather's funeral did it for us, and we exited this drama. We now share time with people who are supportive and encouraging, and our children are nurtured. And the rest of the family is stuck with that whiner. -- Happy in the Deep South

Dear Happy: Most people would prefer to stop being a victim rather than give up on the family. But we're glad this worked for you.

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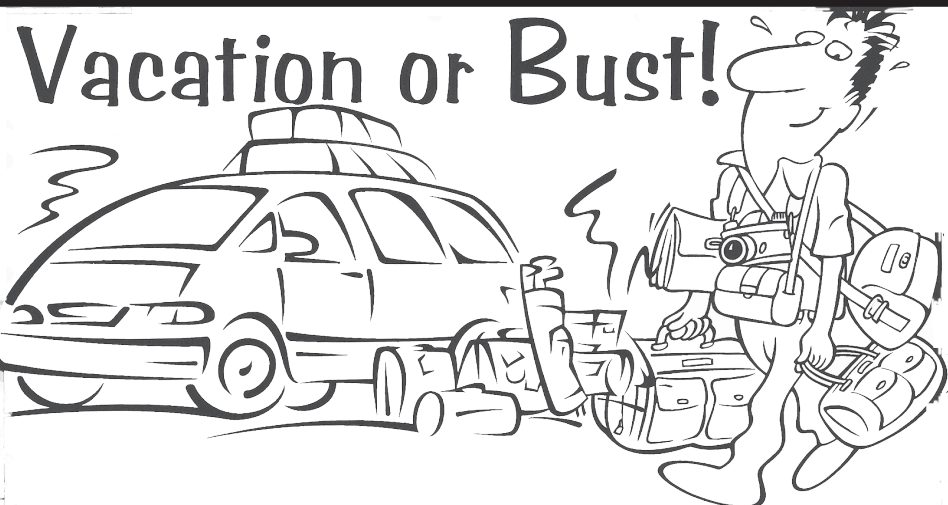
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Bufs' historic run ends in regional final

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Forsan baseball coach Jason Phillips would much rather be preparing for his program's first appearance in the Class 1A state championships.

But with Stamford ousting the Bufs in the regional final this weekend, he has a chance to look back and celebrate Forsan's other historic accomplishments this season.

The two losses in the Class 1A regional final ended the Bufs' season, but Phillips said he has a lot to be proud of.

That may hold true. The regional final is the deepest Forsan baseball has ever been and the run caps off another successful year for the program.

"I've been coaching 16 years," Phillips said. "I've coached football,

baseball and it's the most enjoyable single season I've ever had. A lot had to do with the wins and the losses. We win 28 games, which is unbelievable, we only lost three. Probably more importantly, it was just the group of guys. It's just a special group of kids, they're fun to be around."

The Bufs just ran into a team that had an answer for their offense.

Forsan lost the first game of the series 13-3 Thursday and dropped the second game 6-4.

Phillips said his team played better in the second game, but Stamford's mistake-free baseball was too much.

Along with the end of the season, District 1-2A honors were released.

Evan Burton was named Offensive MVP, Dylan Lowery is Co-Pitcher of

the Year and Zane Herrin is Co-Defensive Player of the Year. Payton Parker, Ryan Flores, Elgen Suazo, Foster Burchett made First-Team All-District and Patrick Robles and Zach Dykes made the second team.

While he is proud of all his players, it's the seniors, Burton, Flores and Dykes, Phillips will miss.

"I'm proud as heck for those guys," Phillips said. "All three, just great kids. Good baseball players, but great kids. I think it was a fun ride for those guys. We were down to eight teams out of like 250. That's special. Unfortunately all of us wanted to play one year longer. But it didn't happen. Some things just aren't meant to be I guess."

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Forsan's Payton Parker pitches in the Bufs' Class 1A regional semifinal against Haskell. Parker made the District 2-1A First Team. Forsan's season ended Saturday with a 6-4 loss to Stamford.

Heading back to Boston:

Allen leads Celtics past Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Pau Gasol swatted Kendrick Perkins' hook shot right back where it came from, Rajon Rondo scooped it up. Boston's slick point guard leaped to the rim and scored before Gasol even knew what hadn't hit him, giving the Celtics a fourth-quarter lead they didn't relinquish in Game 2 of the NBA finals.

While Ray Allen's finals-record eight 3-pointers gave the Celtics some glitz, Rondo's triple-double exemplified much of the grit in their 103-94 victory Sunday night, evening the series before the teams headed to Boston.

The Celtics' starting guards somehow held together a choppy, foul-plagued game in which their big men were roundly outplayed by the Lakers, who blocked a finals-record 14 shots and scored relentlessly down low in another foul-choked final game.

But Gasol and Andrew Bynum couldn't block any of the shots that mattered most: Those 3-pointers by Allen, who scored 27 of his 32 points in the first half, and 10 fourth-quarter points from Rondo, whose 19 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists somehow still didn't cover his impact on this equalizer.

"They both were terrific," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "We needed points, and Ray gave them to us. Rondo did a

terrific job finding him. ... He's our quarterback, and he does a lot of stuff for us. He was special."

Game 3 is Tuesday night, the first of three straight in Boston.

Kobe Bryant scored 21 points while battling more foul trouble for the Lakers, who couldn't catch up to Boston's dynamic guards in Los Angeles' first home playoff loss since last season's Western Conference finals, ending a 12-game streak and a 9-0 start to these playoffs. Gasol had 25 points and eight rebounds for the Lakers, and Bynum added 21 points and six rebounds.

The Lakers' aura of invincibility at Staples Center didn't make it through the fourth quarter. Bryant picked up three fouls while shooting poorly in the first half. He committed his fifth early in the fourth quarter, keeping him shy of 30 points for just the sixth time in the postseason.

"It's a series," Bryant yawned. "You're trying to stay even-keel. You don't get too high, don't get too low after a win or a loss. You just go into the next one and take care of business."

That's exactly what Allen and Rondo did after mostly forgettable performances in the finals opener. While Allen scored just 12 points through constant foul trouble, Rondo started slowly and never catalyzed the Celtics' offense

with the same flair he showed while growing into the Celtics' biggest offensive threat in these playoffs.

Although it wasn't as gaudy as his monstrous 29-point, 18-rebound, 13-assist Game 4 in the second round against Cleveland, Rondo's 10-point fourth quarter against the Lakers looms among his largest achievements — particularly if Boston gets rolling toward its 18th championship this week.

"The best part about getting a triple-double is getting a win," Rondo said. "That's pretty much it. It would be pointless to get a triple-double and lose the game."

Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett weren't much help to Allen, who hit seven 3-pointers before halftime alone, tying the finals record for a full game. With his eighth 3-pointer midway through the third quarter, Allen broke the record for a full finals game he shared with Kenny Smith and Scottie Pippen — and though he didn't hit another under tight defense, Rondo took charge.

"There's no better place, moment, time ... to win a game, and to win in a great fashion," Allen said. "I don't know what record it is that people are telling me that I got, but it's great to have, great to be able to look back on it and say I did that. This is definitely our time."

Rays avoid sweep at Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — John Jaso and Matt Garza made it much easier for Tampa Bay to bear the heat in Texas.

And the Rays, despite a slumping stretch, are going home still with the best record in the majors after avoiding a weekend sweep with a 9-5 Marlon victory over the AL West-leading Rangers on Sunday.

"We were all dripping. That was an excruciating game regarding the elements," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "The weather was so good that it was bad. I'm really proud of the way we handled these last couple of days."

It took 4 hours, 6 minutes to play nine innings with the temperature in the low 90s the entire time. That was after another game in bright sunshine Saturday

when it was even hotter.

A day after becoming the first Rays catcher ever to lead off, Jaso batted first as the designated hitter. He drove in a career-best five runs and had three hits to help Garza (6-4) win for the first time in a month.

Carlos Pena also homered with Tampa Bay (37-20), which has a two-game lead over the New York Yankees in the AL East. The Rays had a season-best gap of six games in the division before their current 5-8 stretch, though they broke even on the six-game trip and have a majors-best 22 road wins.

"It was great to win at the end of the road trip," Jaso said. "It lifts your spirits going home."

Tampa Bay plays 19 of its next 31 games before the All-Star break at Tropicana Field.

Jaso had a two-run homer, a two-run single and an RBI double.

He even provided a lighthearted moment during the long day when he fell down making a wide turn of second base in the fifth, then was easily thrown out trying to advance.

"I blew a flat tire out there," he said. "Everybody was laughing."

Garza threw 108 pitches, allowing four runs over 5 2-3 innings.

The big right-hander was 0-3 his previous five starts since May 5, when he reached five victories faster than any pitcher in Rays history.

B.J. Upton scored three runs and had three hits, with another hit taken away by a scoring change. Upton's RBI single in the sixth gave the Rays a 5-3 lead.

Astros cruise past Cubs for 6-3 victory

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros will take a little bit of momentum on the road.

Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer and Pedro Feliz added a two-run single, helping the Houston Astros to a 6-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Sunday.

"To be able to get on the board like we did," Astros manager Brad Mills said, "and then when it looked like they were trying to come back into the game a little bit, Pedro got that two-run single up the middle."

It was enough to give Houston the win, and to make Mills feel good

about the Astros' 10-game trip that starts Monday in Colorado.

Brett Myers (4-3) pitched well into the seventh inning, scattering eight hits while allowing only two earned runs and striking out six. He left with two out and two on, but reliever Wilton Lopez got the final out of the inning to end the threat.

Matt Lindstrom pitched the ninth to earn his 13th save in 16 chances.

"Hopefully I can go out and keep pitching and make the game as close as possible and get our hitters in the dugout as quickly as

possible," Myers said. "Today, they got a pretty good rhythm. It's my job to get them in there quick."

The four runs constituted a rare outburst for the Houston offense against Randy Wells (3-4), who entered the game 2-0 in three career starts against the Astros and had not allowed an earned run against them in 20 2-3 innings.

Wells left after only 5 1-3 innings and hasn't won since April 30.

"He's fine. He'll keep starting," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "We just need to talk about how to settle down in the first inning."

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 Champions — 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.

- 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, con-

tact the ATC at 264-3662.

Coahoma Ragball Tournament

COAHOMA — The school's annual ragball tournament runs from June 25-June 27 and will take place at Coahoma High School. If anyone is interested in being an umpire, call Amy Lang at 263-5615.

Big Sping Little League meeting

Big Sping Little League will have an end of the season board meeting on June 13, 2010 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church dining hall area.

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Elections of officers will also be conducted for the 2010-2011 season at this meeting.

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♠ A Q 3 2
♥ K Q
♦ A K 3
♣ A K 10 5

WEST
♠ 7 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ Q J 10 8 6
♣ J 9 8

EAST
♠ J 10 9 6
♥ J 10 9 7
♦ 5 2
♣ 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K 8 5
♥ A 6 4 2
♦ 9 7 4
♣ Q 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♣ Pass
5 NT Pass 6 NT

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

North-South cards, they reached six notrump following a series of artificial exploratory bids.

Stansby won the diamond lead with the ace and could count 11 top tricks. A favorable division in either spades or clubs would yield a 12th. However, Stansby saw a way to give himself an extra chance.

So he cashed the K-Q of hearts and A-K-Q of spades, West parting with a diamond on the third spade. Next came the A-Q of clubs, the heart ace and a diamond to the king, West following with the eight.

At this point, Stansby placed West with the missing J-10 of diamonds for his opening lead, marking East with a doubleton originally. East was also known to hold the jack of spades among his three remaining cards. The question was whether East's other two cards were both clubs or whether East had a club and a heart.

In the former case, the winning play was to lead dummy's last spade, forcing East to win and return a club from the jack into dummy's K-10. In the latter case, declarer had to cash the club king.

Unfortunately, Stansby opted for the endplay. East won the spade and cashed his good heart to sink the slam. At the other table, the Brazilian declarer cashed the three top clubs at the outset. When the jack fell, the slam was home.

Tomorrow: What can defeat me?

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Those who play with fire don't always get burned. If they are quick enough, they can escape harm, though that doesn't make it a smart game. This is something to think about as the sun

sails through bright Gemini and the moon rides the passionate energy of fiery Aries. It points to youthful flirtations and exciting exchanges of wit. Do be careful!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can enchant the one you have your eye on. Whether this relates to business or pleasure, wanting to win this person over will help you get clear about who you are and the specific gifts you have to offer the world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Doing things in the optimum moment requires you to be observant, intuitive and confident enough to make a move. The confidence comes from knowing that you have the goods.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your intelligence is indisputable. But having the right game plan will make the biggest difference in your ability to benefit from your keen mind. Keep honing your strategy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are people currently employed as ant catchers, who capture live ants and transport them to plastic ant farms. If this job exists, then perhaps the thing you are thinking of doing for extra income is also absolutely plausible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You could explain, but it might be wiser not to. Saying less allows everyone to move on to more constructive things. Besides, it will benefit you to maintain your mysterious persona.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You see a void. Dare to dream up what belongs in that space. Then think about this for a while: The thing you dream never can or will be in the world unless you put it there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wherever you go, you bring a gift with you. Because you are prepared to contribute, you'll have an advantage over those who have not thought so far ahead — which will be most people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A bit of memorabilia that has been valuable to you only for sentimental reasons may also have a monetary value now. This and other interesting developments will happen in your realm of finance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21). There have been times when you were not as popular and you struggled for recognition. Now you are popular and others struggle for your attention — it's a challenge to give it to so many.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're feeling very generous, but should you really give huge gifts that you can barely afford? Only if they are absolutely the perfect thing. In that case, you won't regret it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The world is ultimately just. Crimes are not always punished in the expected way, but eventually justice is served. And the same goes for rewards. You'll spend the day getting points in your "good karma" ledger.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In the interactions you have with those around you, life will be constantly renewed. That's why as the day goes on the energy you expend will actually fuel you. You gather vitality as you go.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 7). You notice what others don't, and you'll turn these observations into opportunities to bring joy to the world. The next six weeks are marked with an increase of vitality and romance. You'll earn favorable reviews for the work you do in July. You tap into a new source of revenue in September. Reunions happen in November. Capricorn and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 6, 31, 29 and 33.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The brilliant Gemini rocker known as Prince is a master of many styles and disciplines of music and entertainment. His moon in Aquarius, a sign known for eccentric qualities as well as great powers of imagination, says that he's always pushing into the future without a worry or care as to what anyone thinks of his methods or style. His natal Venus in Taurus indicates a tenacious work ethic.

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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 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) that 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. 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.

Notice Issuance Date: April 27, 2010
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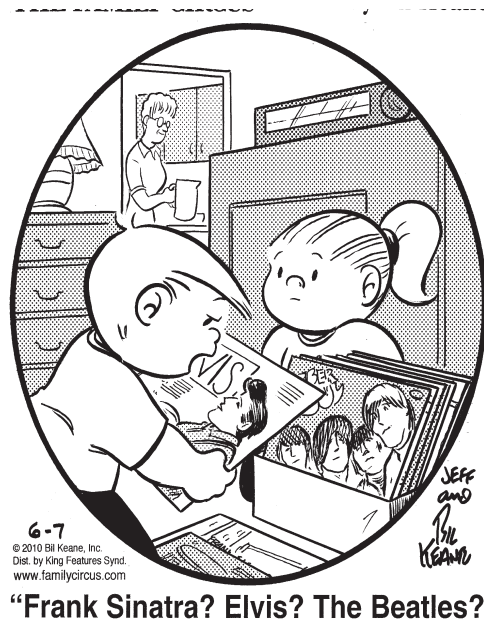
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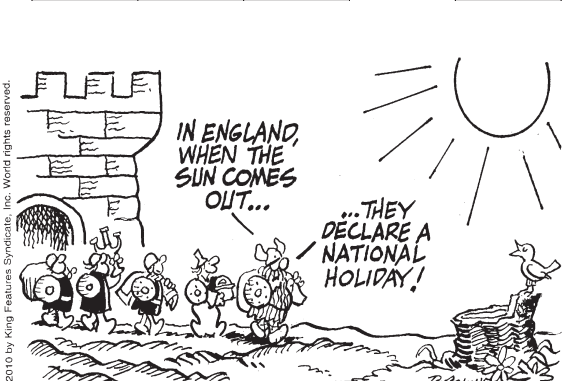
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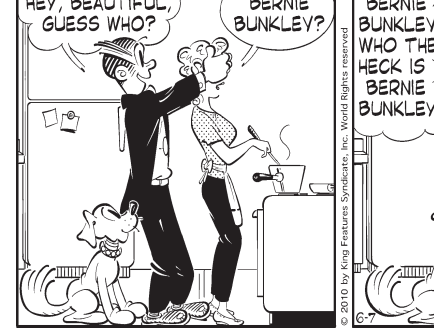
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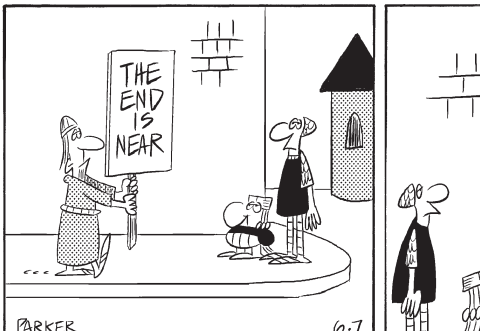
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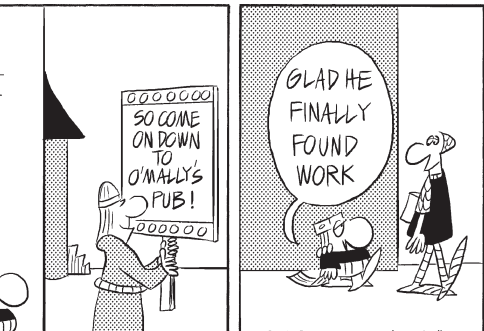
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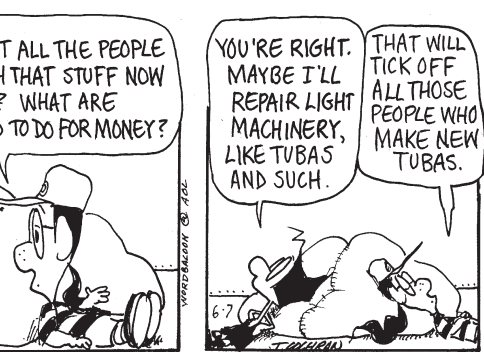
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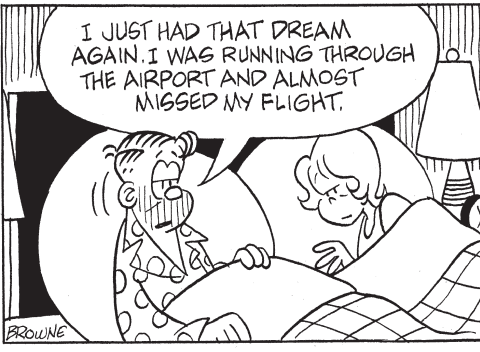
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, June 7, the 158th day of 2010. There are 207 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution calling for American independence from Britain.

On this date:

In 1753, Britain's King George II gave his assent to an Act of Parliament establishing the British Museum.

In 1769, frontiersman Daniel Boone first began to explore present-day Kentucky.

In 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.

In 1937, actress Jean Harlow died in Los Angeles at age 26.

In 1939, King George VI and his wife, Queen Elizabeth, arrived at Niagara Falls, N.Y., from Canada on the first visit to the United States by a reigning British monarch.

In 1948, the Communists completed their takeover of Czechoslovakia with the resignation of President Edvard Benes (BEH'-nesh).

In 1967, the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic opened in San Francisco.

In 1970, English author E.M. Forster died in Coventry at 91.

In 1981, Israeli military planes destroyed a nuclear power plant in Iraq, a facility the Israelis charged could have been used to make nuclear weapons.

In 1998, in a crime that shocked the nation, James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old black man, was chained to a pickup truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas. (Two white men were later sentenced to death for the crime; a third received life.)

Today's Birthdays: Movie director James Ivory is 82. Actress Virginia McKenna is 79. Singer Tom Jones is 70. Poet Nikki Giovanni is 67. Actor Ken Osmond ("Leave It to Beaver") is 67. Former talk show host Jenny Jones is 64. Actress Anne Twomey is 59. Actor Liam Neeson is 58. Actress Colleen Camp is 57.

Singer-songwriter Johnny Clegg is 57. Author Louise Erdrich (UR'-drihk) is 56. Actor William Forsythe is 55. Record producer L.A. Reid is 54. Latin pop singer Juan Luis Guerra is 53. Singer-songwriter Prince is 52. Rock singer-musician Gordon Gano (The Violent Femmes) is 47. Rapper Ecstasy (Whodini) is 46. Rock musician Eric Kretz (Stone Temple Pilots) is 44. Rock musician Dave Navarro is 43. Actress Helen Baxendale is 40. Actor Karl Urban is 38. Rock musician Eric Johnson (The Shins) is 34. Actor-comedian Bill Hader is 32. Actress Anna Torv (TV: "Fringe") is 31. Actress Larisa Oleynik (oh-LAY'-nikh) is 29.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Glide on snow
 - 4 Zesty flavors
 - 9 Steam bath
 - 14 Soda container
 - 15 Throw for ___ (stun)
 - 16 Shy
 - 17 Photo ___ (publicity events)
 - 18 Appliance tried out in a store
 - 20 Feel regret for
 - 21 Supply money for
 - 22 Wipes the chalk from
 - 23 Carved with acid
 - 25 Fit of temper
 - 26 Large bag
 - 27 Green veggie
 - 28 Restful resort
 - 31 Snake charmer's snake
 - 33 Penny
 - 34 "Cut that out!"
 - 35 Similar (to)
 - 36 Self-assurance
 - 37 Beech or banyan
 - 38 "Darn it!"
 - 39 Intense anger
 - 40 Weight-loss plans
 - 41 Look at
 - 42 Thorny flower
 - 43 Clothing-store department
 - 44 Cried
 - 45 Invites for
 - 48 Words on a dirty vehicle
 - 51 Snake's sound
 - 53 Heavy weight
 - 54 Aesthetically inappropriate

- DOWN**
- 1 "Four ___ and seven years ago..."
 - 2 Not working, as an engine
 - 3 Hiker's annoyance
 - 4 Lustrous fabric
 - 5 Hint at, with "to"
 - 6 Lunch time, often
 - 7 Well-behaved
 - 8 Flower-planting season: Abbr.
 - 9 Be the leading lady of
 - 10 Point toward
 - 11 Baseball officials
 - 12 Cairo's river
 - 13 Citrus drinks
 - 19 Part of Congress
 - 24 Antlers
 - 25 Sight or hearing
 - 27 Light brown
 - 28 Exam taken on a treadmill
 - 29 Writer of rhymes
 - 30 Gorillas, for example
 - 31 Be concerned
 - 32 Sign off on
 - 33 Shoreline
 - 34 Really reek
 - 36 Polite
 - 40 Sweet menu course
 - 42 Form into a new shape
 - 43 ___ of ceremonies (host)
 - 44 In one piece
 - 46 Sculpted figure
 - 47 Beginning
 - 48 Genie offering
 - 49 Prefix meaning "against"
 - 50 Prepare for a boxing match
 - 51 Pull with effort
 - 52 Spot of land in the sea
 - 55 "La la" preceder

FOOD CHECKS by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman

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Answer to previous puzzle

SCRUPLES	ARMADA
ELEPHANT	COATED
CASSETTE	HAROLD
RIP WEATHER	MIR
ERIN RITES	FIVE
TOTES LEI	DOZES
SLEETY DREAMERS	DEEP SAME
RECLINER	TENTHS
ELLEN DEN	STREP
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LOSING	TATTOOED
ENTREE	ANACONDA

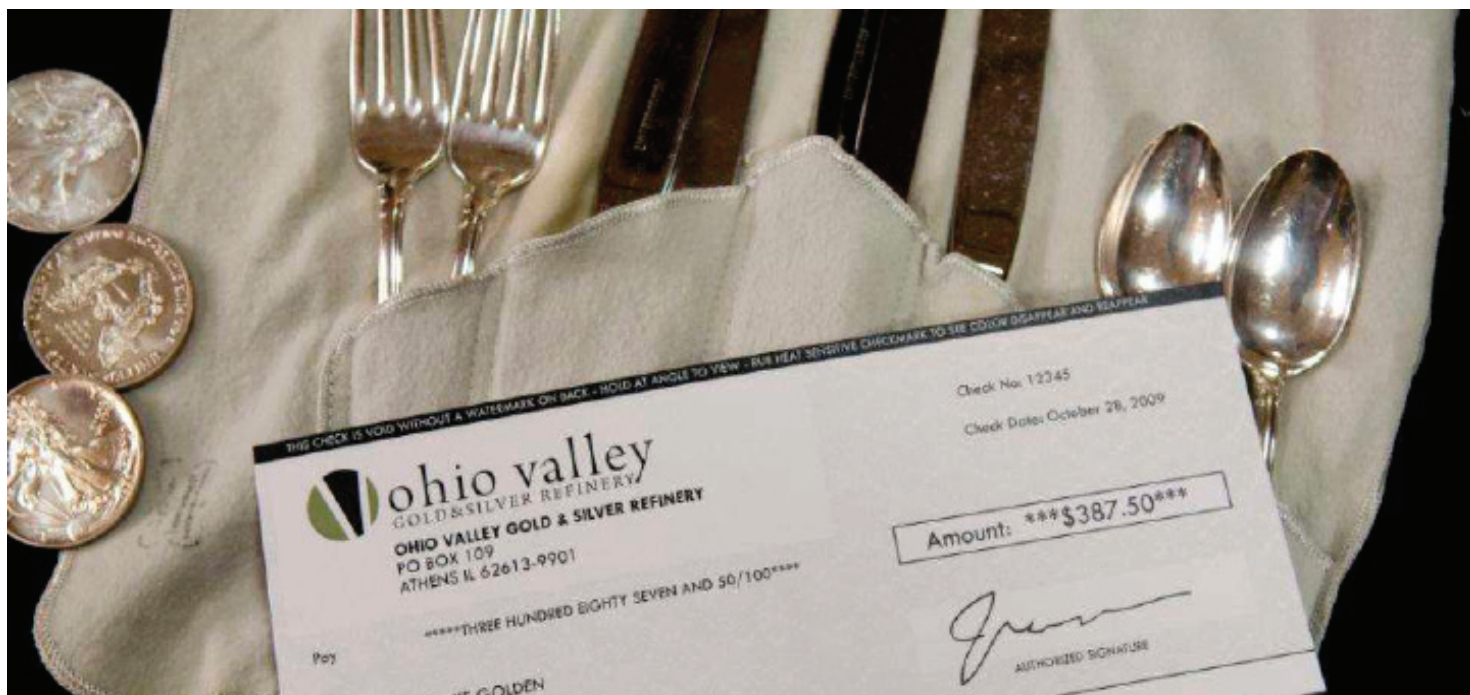
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Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery Arrives Today in Big Spring for a 5 Day Event!

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**
STAFF WRITER

Been following the gold and silver market lately? Well if you have a jewelry box or lock box full of gold or a coffee can full of old coins you should be according to Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson John Miller. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years" said Miller. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are setting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring" says Miller.

Starting today at 9am and every day this week through Friday, the Ohio Valley Refinery will be setting up a satellite refinery right here in **Big Spring** at the **Holiday Inn Express**. During their 5 day stay anyone can bring gold, silver or platinum items and turn them in for immediate payment, explains John Miller. "Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and this week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops, and laboratories" says Miller. "We are changing how business is done" he explains "we want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets". "Our teams visits various cities around the country hosting 5 day events allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. The turnout has been overwhelming" says Miller. "Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something they are so amazed what an old ring or gold coin is worth they go home and start digging around for more and telling relatives, friends and neighbors. It's like a feeding frenzy by the third day. People line up with everything from



Above: Refinery representatives will be on hand starting today and continuing through Friday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

gold jewelry to sterling silver flatware sets to old coins. I think during this bad economy everybody can use extra money but most people say they are taking advantage of selling direct to our refinery because of the higher prices we pay".

During this special event anyone is welcome to bring all types of gold, silver and platinum to the refinery and turn it in for instant payment. The types of items they will accept include all gold jewelry, gold coins, gold ounces, dental gold, old coins made before 1964 including Silver Dollars, halves, quarters and dimes, anything marked "sterling" including flat ware sets, tea pots, silver bars, silver ounces and all industrial precious metals.

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure if its gold or silver bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and

will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested and sorted. This only takes a few minutes using their expertise and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted to the cashier to collect your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour so bring something to read.

If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their special dealer programs. They can be reached during refinery hours at (432) 263-5400.

Ohio Valley Refinery will open for business Monday from 9am-6pm. The event continues everyday through Friday. No appointment is needed.

If you go:

WHO: Ohio Valley Refinery
Reclamation Drive

WHAT: Open to public to sell gold and silver.

WHEN: June 7th-11th

WHERE: Holiday Inn Express
1109 N Aylesford St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

TIMES: MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00am - 6:00pm
FRIDAY
9:00am - 4:00pm

SHOW INFO: (217) 523-4225

Silver and Gold Coin Prices Up During Poor Economy.

Collectors and Enthusiasts in Big Spring with \$200,000 to Purchase Yours!

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**
STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week starting Monday and continuing through Friday the International Collectors Association in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. The better the grade the more they are worth according to collectors I talked to. With the silver and gold markets high prices of older coins are too. Any coins minted before 1964 in the U.S. are 90% silver except nickels and pennies.

The coins worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now even well worn heavy circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy halves, Washing ton quarters, Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times the face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. This country didn't start minting coins until 1792 says Eades. Before that people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform

system of making change.

The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933 Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins.

Once all banks turned in this gold the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. Not all gold coins were turned in. Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and choose to keep their gold.

These gold coins are sought after collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchase including foreign coins, Indian head cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins as significant damage can be done and the coins value lessened.

Items we will accept include:

Scrap Jewelry
Dental Gold
Sterling Silverware
Sterling Silver Tea Sets
Silver Dollars
All Coins Dated before 1964
Industrial Scrap
All forms of Platinum

Items of Interest:

Vintage Guitars:

Martin, Gibson, Fender, National, Rickenbacker, Gretsch, Mandolins, Banjos and others

Pocket Watches:

Hamilton, Illinois, Waltham, Patek Phillipe, Ball, Howard, South Bend, Elgin and others
Wrist watches: Omega, Accutron, Longines, Hamilton, Breitling and many more

Old paper money: United States, Confederate States, Blanket Bills, \$1000.00 bills and more

Antique Toys: Trains, Tin wind-ups, Mechanical Banks, Robots, Pressed Steel trucks, and many more

War Memorabilia: Swords, Bayonets, Helmets, German, Confederate, Union, USA, and others

Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into the event this week via live database feed.

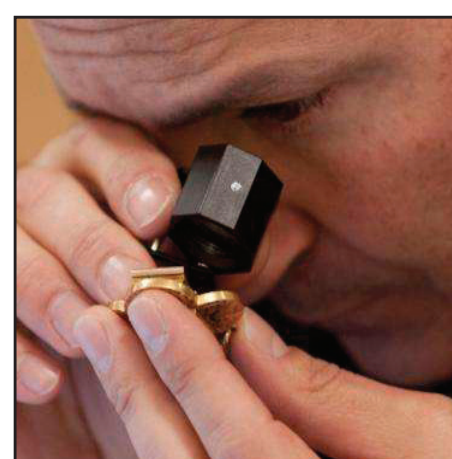
Local Residents are ready to cash in!

International antique buyers in town this week and ready to stimulate economy!

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of phone calls from local residents this week to the corporate office of the Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery pour in inquiring about items to be purchased all this week by the team of antique buyers that is on site with OVGSR.

The team of buyers this week are purchasing a vast array of vintage items (see below) along with coins, gold jewelry, and sterling silver items the refinery deals in. It is a Local shot in the arm for our economy. The spokesperson for the event expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week at the **Holiday Inn Express** paying local residents on the spot. The spokesperson for the company explained that these collectors are paying collector price for vintage items. It's a great way for people to get a great value for their items.



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