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City settles, by 4-2 vote, hotel waiver

Duncan, Olson say it isn't 'fair' to other businesses

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council agreed to waive permit fees for the ongoing renovation of the Settles Hotel on a 4-2 vote Tuesday night, as newly-elected members Mayor Tommy Duncan and Councilman Craig Olson both opposed offering the economic development incentive.

According to city officials, the building permit fees necessary for the renovation of the Settles Hotel — a \$20 million project Big Spring native Brint Ryan took on more than two years ago through the Settles Hotel Development Company — would total less than \$50,000.

And while there was an understanding between the SHDC and city of Big Spring developed during the



Local musician Jody Nix finds an appreciative audience as he plays his fiddle for children taking advantage of the first day of Big Spring Independent School District's Summer Lunch Program Monday in the high school cafeteria.

State funding cuts may get deeper

Howard College may have to rip another 10 percent from budget

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Even more budget cuts may be in Howard College's future.

On the heels of a state-mandated 5 percent reduction in expenses in the current budget cycle comes word that Howard, along with other community colleges and state agencies in Texas, must prepare for the possibility of even more cuts as the state

struggles to recover from the recent economic downturn.

HC recently instituted the 5 percent reduction in its current budget, which runs through August and learned in the past two weeks that even more cuts may be required, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

"On top of the 5 percent reduction, (state officials) are asking us to submit a supplemental report showing how

"When you look at the 5 percent reduction ... certainly that was difficult. But when you're looking at even more cuts, you're talking about serious measures that will entail serious considerations on how we're going to go forward in the future."



Sparks

we could reduce our future appropriations request by an additional 10 percent for the upcoming biennium," Sparks said. "In essence ... by the end of the 2012-2013 budget cycle, we could find ourselves working with 15 percent less

in aid from the state than we had when the current budget cycle began."

Sparks said further cuts are only a possibility at this time and wouldn't be finalized until the next session of the Texas Legislature in 2011. Still, even the possibility of further decreases in state aid have college officials duly concerned.

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Three people are killed in two Texas natural gas explosions

BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — An explosion in the Texas Panhandle that killed two men was the second deadly blast in the state in two days involving workers who have accidentally hit natural gas lines.

The blast Tuesday involved a crew that was removing caliche — commonly used in cement — from a pit for a dirt-contracting company, Lipscomb County Sheriff James Robertson said in a news release. The explosion happened when a bulldozer struck a pipeline in a remote area of the Texas Panhandle

near Darrrouzett, about 270 miles northeast of Lubbock and just a few miles from the Oklahoma border.

A day earlier, one worker was killed when a utility crew accidentally hit and ruptured a natural gas line in rural Johnson County, about 50 miles southwest of Dallas.

Fred Haag, chief operating officer of Oklahoma-based C&H Power Line Construction Services, said that crew followed the proper procedures in locating the line before digging. The crew was drilling a hole for an 80- to 120-foot utility pole when the gas line was struck and rup-

tured, sending a massive fireball into the air that burned out about two hours later after the gas flow was shut off.

Haag said the crew already had a survey map showing gas lines in the area but also made calls to verify the line location.

Robertson declined to identify the employer of the men killed Tuesday. He did not release the men's names because relatives had not been notified.

Denver-based DCP Midstream shut off valves leading to the 14-inch pipeline, allowing the fire to burn out about four hours later, spokeswoman

an Roz Elliott said. She said the pipeline fed one of the company's processing plants.

Three other workers were injured in the Panhandle explosion. One was hospitalized in Oklahoma City in critical condition but was expected to survive. Two others escaped with injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

Rhonda Cochran said she could see the flames as she was driving from Booker to her home in Darrrouzett.

"They were huge," she told the Amarillo Globe-News. "I was eight miles away from

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Obituaries

Lola A. Sparks

Lola A. Sparks, 98, of Big Spring, died Monday, June 7, 2010, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 10, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Sharon Wiese, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

She was born Dec. 8, 1911, in Victor and married Jack Sparks Sr. on Feb. 17, 1932 in Eastland. He preceded her in death Jan. 11, 1985.

Mrs. Sparks came to Big Spring in 1936. She was a homemaker.

She attended the First United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Questors Sunday School Class and had served as president of the class.

Survivors include one sister, Naomia Bauernschmidt of Squaw Valley, Calif.; a grandson; three great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; numerous niece and nephews; and extended family and friends.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Jack Sparks Jr.; her parents, Luther and Olivia Gallaway; six brothers, Sidney Galaway, M.L., George, Robert "Bob", Neill and Vernon Gallaway and one sister, Lottie Duval.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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

Alvin C. Parrish

Alvin C. Parrish, 87, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, June 9, 2010, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Ray Coleman

Ray Coleman of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- DEALY BLACKSHEAR, 59, of 1705 Yale, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – more than four ounces, less than five pounds.

- JOANN OLIVIO RODRIGUEZ, 39, of 1217 W. Third St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for no driver's license (three counts), failure to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility (three counts) and child passenger without safety seat.

- FRED RUBIO SR., 44, of 621 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

- ALYSSA ARSIAGA, 19, of 1201 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for operating a motor vehicle with an expired license plate and no driver's license.

- CRISTA COKER, 20, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for operating a motor vehicle with an expired license plate, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear (two counts).

- CURTIS WAYNE CULVER, 27, of 624 McEwen St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for speeding, failure to maintain financial responsibility – second offense and failure to appear.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of N. Aylesford.

- THEFT was reported:

In the 100 block of Highland Cove.
In the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- FRED RUBIO, 44, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- DEALY BLACKSHEAR, 59, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – more than four ounces, less than five pounds.

- JOANN RODRIGUEZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license (three counts), failure to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility (three counts) and child passenger without safety seat.

- ALYSSA PETRA ARSIAGA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of displaying an expired registration and no driver's license.

- CRISTA CAROLYN COKER, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and displaying an expired registration.

- JANIE AGUILAR, 43, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

- JUSTIN PUENTE, 19, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of bond – protective order.

- CURTIS WAYNE CULVER, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check and charges of speeding, failure to appear and miscellaneous Class C.

- LARRY KERA FRIEDMAN, 54, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a Bucks County warrant for sexual abuse of a child.

- MARVIN LEE WILLIAMS, 34, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.

- VANESSA VIERA, 29, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a fireworks violation.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Donley. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Rocco Road. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of S. Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Big Spring State Park. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 9000 block of E. Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Make plans now to have an entry in rodeo parade

Once more with feeling ... there's no better term one can apply to the sport of rodeo than tradition. and that's especially true in this community where we anxiously await the opening performance of the 77th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's three-day run from Thursday through Saturday June 17-19, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

In fact, every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

And if you haven't done so already, it's time to be making plans for your entries in the rodeo parade that officially kicks off the festivities at 5:30 p.m. on June 17. It's time, because the deadline for entries is only a few days away — Monday.

Participants in the parade will again snake their way through downtown Big Spring, using the same route as last year when street construction was taking place on Main and Scurry streets.

The rodeo will begin at the intersection of Third and Owens Streets, move west on Third until turning south one block on Scurry and then heading east on Fourth Street, ending at Owens.

The pot's sweetened with prize money for the best parade entries.

The five divisions are for floats, riding clubs, custom and classic cars, bicycles and tractors.

The entry deemed best by judges, regardless of division, will win a \$100 prize this year, while the second-place entry will receive \$75. A \$50 prize goes to the entry finishing third.

In addition, the top entries in each of the five entry categories will receive plaques.

Let's make this the best rodeo parade we've ever had. Anyone can enter, all you need to do is fill out a parade entry form, which has been, and will continue to be included in numerous editions of the Herald.

Just fill them out and return them to our office.

So shine up those books, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join in the parade. Saddle up your horse or put a new coat of wax on that custom or classic automobile. Maybe a group of you would like to enter a float. We'd even like to see plenty of decorated bicycles and a posse of stickhorses in the procession.

As we've noted before, participation is the key when rodeo time rolls around, the the parade offers virtually all of us an opportunity to get in on the fun.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we maintain our focus, Lord, on You and Your word for our life.

Amen

America's crusade against workers

There's a well-established ritual in Washington governing workers' rights. When Republicans are in charge, they pursue a scorched-earth policy. This includes placing anti-union activists in charge of the Labor Department and the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), failing to enforce existing restraints on employer abuse, and seeking to unravel labor laws first enacted during the Depression.

Then when the Democrats get back in they tend to take labor for granted, getting by with as little correction of this boss-worker imbalance as they can get away with. Like the Republicans, they too seek to avoid alienating generous big donors. This sort of minimalist improvement is going on right now. Happily, there are some good new interim NLRB appointees and some added staff at the Labor Department. Unfortunately at this rate they will never catch up.

Democrats are unlikely to even call for a vote on the labor movement's top priority — a bill to strengthen an employee's right to unionize. Republicans have made plain that the Employee Free Choice Act is at the top of

their kill list, more important even than health care or Wall Street reform. Present law is skewed heavily against workers trying to organize and the GOP wants to keep it that way.

And on this issue, having pretty much blown the public relations battles over health care and finance, Republicans finally have the press on their side. Luckily for them, newspaper, TV, and magazine owners have no use for unions either. They just raise costs. Consequently, the plight of mistreated workers gets little of the sympathetic media coverage that mistreated patients or investors enjoy. Toyota can close its only unionized plant in the U.S., but its anti-union practices are never examined.

Neither is that pandemic economic virus of misclassifying employees as private contractors. Countless employers by now have discovered that they can get away with such cheating, and thereby avoid paying worker's compensation, unemployment, and Social Security taxes. It's a great scam.

Nor will you read or hear much about the giant employee underclass who toil so diligently and shamefully to keep prices down for you and me. Take farm workers. They aren't even covered by our minimum wage. Or home health aides or many restaurant workers. No paid sick days for them. They're even

rightly afraid to report injuries.

Gradually this callous treatment of lower-wage classes climbs up the economic ladder. By now plenty of middle-class workers, folks who would never support a union, have also found themselves mistreated. Layoffs and rule changes can strike quite suddenly. Without a union or government bulwark to protect them, even the highest-level employees can be treated like dirt.

For better or worse, the United States is far from alone in this anti-union crusade. Many nations, frequently our best Latin and Asian allies, are indeed worse. Labor leaders there, and the journalists who report on them, are often murdered. Fortunately, U.S. employers have pretty much forsaken that technique. Who needs it after all, when the law is so stacked on your side?

But even without new laws, the government could — if it chose — wield the power to influence employer practices by scrutinizing the behavior of its own suppliers and service contractors. Pressure there could alter the tone of management generally, and slow the speedy erosion of employment quality that is now common and growing in our republic.

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Halting offshore drilling would threaten the nation's economy, energy security

For nearly 40 years, oil rigs have been safely drawing natural resources from the depths of the earth's crust in the Gulf of Mexico. Up until the tragic explosion on the Deepwater Horizon in April, oil and gas development off the Gulf Coast has been conducted without major incident.

The resulting oil spill and the response by both the administration and the companies involved have justifiably frustrated many who are concerned about the environmental and economic impacts.

This accident could have far-reaching consequences, and we can all agree that proper safeguards must be in place to prevent another catastrophe from happening again.

However, I strongly disagree with those in Congress and in the administration who are calling for a drastic — and economically destructive — change in our energy policy in response to the oil spill.

This devastating but isolated incident must not result in an end to offshore energy exploration and development. Oil and gas remain a critical part of a balanced domestic energy portfolio.

Unfortunately, President Obama signaled a troubling shift in policy when he recently announced he will extend a moratorium on all deepwater drilling off our nation's coasts for six months and even shallow water drilling for some period, as well.

Delaying access to all Gulf water drilling places some of our most resource rich assets out of reach. Drilling in the Gulf of Mexico alone accounts for about 30 percent of domestic oil and 13 percent of natural gas production.

Of those abundant resources in the Gulf of Mexico, 70 percent of oil and 36 percent of natural gas are drawn from deepwater wells. Shallow water drilling poses little threat because the wells are more easily reached if a problem occurs.

Placing those resources off limits undercuts our domestic supply of energy, which will result in higher energy costs for all Americans. It also threatens thousands of jobs associated with oil and gas development along the Gulf Coast. Some of these jobs will move overseas; some will never return.

Furthermore, cutting off significant portions of our domestic energy places our national energy security at risk and could force us to increasingly rely on the costly oil of foreign regimes that do not have our best interests at heart.

With steep economic and national security considerations at stake, we cannot afford to significantly deplete our domestic resources.

Instead, we should take what we learn from the extensive investigations into the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill and apply those lessons to technical and procedural advancements in the oil and gas industry.

Government oversight should be improved. Guided by common sense, we can put into place a plan to restore domestic oil and gas production in the United States in the safest manner possible.

As well as improving technology and adopting more stringent safety measures, we should to look at other energy resources that aren't presently being utilized or are underemphasized in our energy portfolio.

Our most valuable untapped resource is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). It has even more potential than the Gulf of Mexico. This remote frozen tundra could be drilled with minimal impact on surrounding

life. ANWR is the size of South Carolina and the area drilled would be roughly the size of Dallas Love Field Airport.

The majority of Alaskans support drilling in ANWR and welcome the jobs and economic growth it would bring to their communities. Federal law, however, places ANWR's estimated 10.4 billion barrels of oil under lock and key.

The Deepwater Horizon incident also shows the importance of a comprehensive energy policy that is not limited to a single industry.

In the event that a given source of energy is taken offline for any reason, we must be able to rely on other sources to fuel our vehicles and power our homes and businesses.

Nuclear power is a clean, efficient, and inexpensive energy resource that should play an important role in America's energy future. Solar power, wind energy and advanced biofuels will also expand our energy portfolio and provide alternative resources to further ease our reliance on foreign fuel.

Emphasizing these industries will also create stable, lucrative jobs for American workers.

It can be human nature to react impulsively to a challenge as significant and daunting as the Gulf Coast oil spill. But human nature and common sense, unfortunately, are not always synonymous.

It is important that our response be prudent and thoughtful. We should take the opportunity to learn from the mistakes that were made and find ways to improve our existing energy policy.

I believe calls to halt offshore drilling are reckless and would be detrimental to our economy and our long-term energy security.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

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The winners of each category will be revealed to the public in our upcoming special section

"The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 27, 2010

Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted.



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- Mexican Food _____
- Pizza _____
- Sandwiches _____
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THANKS FOR VOTING!

Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: I have a toddler and another child on the way. I've been with my children's father for years, although we are not married. "Evan" does not have a job, and it seems as if he has no intention of ever getting one.

While I'm at work, Evan takes our son to his mother's house and stays until late at night. He says he doesn't like to sit around our apartment all day. I do not understand why his mother's house is any better.

If we get into an argument, Evan will leave for a couple of days. I don't know what to do because I love him and my kids need their father. -- Trying To Do the Right Thing

Dear Trying: If Evan takes care of the children, helps to keep the house orderly and cooks meals, it means he has a job no matter where he spends his time. If, however, he is dropping your son off at Mom's so he can go to the pool hall or play videogames with his friends, that's another story. You and Evan need to work this out together. Coun-

seling will help.

Dear Annie: I have three siblings. Our parents have willed half their property to us, with the remainder to go toward scholarships to the college we all attended.

I feel they should give all their property to us to be used as we see fit. None of us is in financial need, but this would be a nice addition. I have tried to get them to see my side, but they remain adamant. Because of this, I have not spoken to them for six months. This does not seem to be working. Do you have any suggestions? -- Stiffed in Iowa

Dear Iowa: Yes. Stop. Your parents' property belongs to them, which means they get to decide what happens to it when they die. You have no say in the matter, and pressuring them makes you seem greedy and ungrateful. Not speaking to them for six months because you didn't get your way is childish and manipulative. We hope you can be mature enough to apologize, and we hope they



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

will forgive you.

Dear Annie: I read with interest the letter from "Raised in the Sun Belt," who had misgivings about seeing a dermatologist who left most examinations to his assistant. As a board-certified Mayo Clinic-trained clinical dermatologist with 30 years of practice, I agree with the writer that many of my colleagues, lured by lucrative dollars, are abandoning patients with medical problems to concentrate on cosmetic procedures.

Many cosmetically focused doctors dump patients on "physician extenders," otherwise known as physician assistants or nurse practitioners. They take 18 months to 24 months of general courses to assist a general practitioner, and specialty care is only learned from the supervising physician. The amount of training they receive is quite variable. They then see patients on their own. In many states, there is no law requiring the physician to be present at all.

More and more people are being cared for by those with less and less training. The result is misdiagnosis, mistreatment and increasing expense. There is no way a physician assistant can match the scope of knowledge the doctor possesses. In my experience, a PA doesn't know enough to adequately diagnose and treat dermatology patients.

The American Academy of Dermatology maintains that all new patients should be seen by the physician and any new problem should be

evaluated by the doctor. If the doctor's office looks like a showroom, the focus is on sales and cosmetics, not medicine. You're no longer a patient. You're a customer.

"Raised in the Sun Belt" is right to be wary. She should be seen by a well-trained medical dermatologist. Accept no substitutes. -- Deanna DuComb, M.D., Dermatologist

Dear Dr. DuComb: Thank you for weighing in. We appreciate the expert opinion.

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Poll: Money huge consideration in pet care

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When a vet told Nancy Gates that her dog Arabella had heart problems, needed surgery and it would cost \$500, she had no choice but to put her pet down.

"It was pretty straightforward because I had four young children to feed. The vet said surgery was my only option. I did not want my dog to suffer," she said.

Gates, 41, of Cotati, about 50 miles north of

San Francisco, made that decision 11 years ago but said nothing has changed. She still couldn't afford high-priced health care for her current pets, an 11-year-old cat, Cocoa, and an 9-year-old golden retriever Sadie. And Gates isn't alone.

Money is a consideration for the majority of people when dealing with the cost of health care for animals, according to an Associ-

ated Press-Petside.com poll conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media.

While most pet owners, 62 percent, would likely get vet care if the bill was \$500, the percentage drops below half when the cost hits \$1,000. The number drops to 35 percent if the cost is \$2,000 and to 22 percent if it reaches \$5,000.

Only at the \$500 level are dog owners (74 per-

cent) more likely than cat owners (46 percent) to say they would likely seek treatment. In the higher price ranges, the two are about equally likely to seek vet care.

"Grief gets complicated when we can't do everything we would have liked to do for our animal," said veterinarian Jane Shaw, director of the Argus Institute in the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

That's especially true in hard economic times, when spending money you don't have on an an-

imal can have a lasting impact on children, the mortgage, grocery bills, heating bills.

"Euthanasia is always sad but when finances have to be considered, when you feel there is a possibility you didn't or couldn't do the right thing, you feel guilty," Shaw said. "We are at a point where we are talking about basic life needs or survival needs."

Terry Cornwell, 55, of Newport, Ore., has had to put down a couple of pets, but none was harder than a dog that was diagnosed with cancer.

"My income decides a

lot of my expenses," she said.

So far, her current year-old cocker mix, Buddy, and her 8-year-old cat, Boo Kitty, have had few health problems.

Cornwell would do everything she could, but if a vet told her surgery was her only option and she had to have the money up front, "I would be done. There would be nothing I could do about it."

Cornwell does worry, though. So do one in five pet owners who said they fret a lot about being unable to afford seeing a vet.



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Why not check this out?

At the Howard County Library

Please remember, the library is closed Saturdays through August.

As you may or may not know, the television show Law & Order is going off the air.

Munch, the dour and depressing detective who segued over from a canceled Baltimore police drama Homicide: Life on the Streets,



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

has written a book — “I Am Not a Psychic!” (F BEL R).

Munch, I mean Belzer, sees a conspiracy in going to lunch with his ex-wife! Among the characters in this mystery are a long dead starlet (i.e. Marilyn Monroe) and a congressman (I think JFK was involved with her) — anyway, it seems to be quite a conundrum that TV cop Belzer has to solve. I haven't read it, but it does sound good enough to while a hot afternoon away with.

“Romancing Miss Bronte” (F GAE J) by Juliet Gael is the story of Charlotte Bronte and is a fictionalized account of how she escaped into a seemingly happy marriage.

As you know, she wrote “Jane Eyre.” In a review from Booklist, biographers have long examined the emotional life of Charlotte Bronte, as revealed in her novels (notably Vilette) and correspondence.

Here first-novelist Gael takes a fictive look at the last decade of the author's life, during which the Bronte sisters — Anne, Charlotte and Emily — published poetry and novels as brothers Acton, Currer and Ellis Bell, and Currer's “Jane Eyre,” took the literary world by storm.

But the emphasis here is on Charlotte's unrequited love, first for her French professor, and later for her publisher and the man whose love for her grows over the years. When curate Arthur Nicholls summons the courage to propose, Charlotte must overcome her father's objections to the match and decide between a marriage lacking the passion displayed in her novels or a single life.

Gael sprinkles Charlotte's actual letters into this portrayal of the poverty and isolation of the Bronte family, and the tragedies that beset it, in language that seems true to the times. A moving view of a literary giant and the emotion that fueled her work. Michele Leber wrote the review.

Another great thriller from Steven Hunter: “I, Sniper” (F HUN S). Bob Lee Swagger is asked to examine the data from the assassination of four famed 1960s radicals. Under some “perfect” circumstances, the FBI determines that famed Vietnam war sniper Carl Hitchcock

is responsible for the kills. However, Hitchcock commits suicide — case closed. Or is it? Read and find out.

“Tammy Wynette: Tragic Country Queen” (WN T) by Jimmy McDonough brings to life the country music icon. This a fateful plunge into the world and mind of an ambitious, brilliantly talented and relentlessly striving woman from the Mississippi/Alabama border region who was never able to handle the success she sought and won.

Her fame was such that it gave her no rest, and she never learned to hide the worry and fear that left dark circles below her tired eyes.

Wynette was one of the great voices of American music; her personal life was one of the great self-inflicted tragedies of the half-century.

As Wynette once said, “I believe you have to live the songs.” She did. In full. This book offers an intense but understanding and sympathetic story of Wynette, who lived a life far beyond the triumph of her songs, and yet a life that was a tragedy and an integral part of her music. This review is from Amazon.Com.

Charlotte Chandler socialized with Kath-

erine Hepburn on George Cukor's estate. Hepburn allowed Chandler to tape the conversation and along with direct sources from friends, actors/actresses that Hepburn had worked and many others. They all agreed that Hepburn knew where she was going, hence the title of the biography: “I Know Where I'm Going: Katharine Hepburn” (B HEP K). I encourage you to check this out. It's a fitting tribute to one of the great actresses in American film.

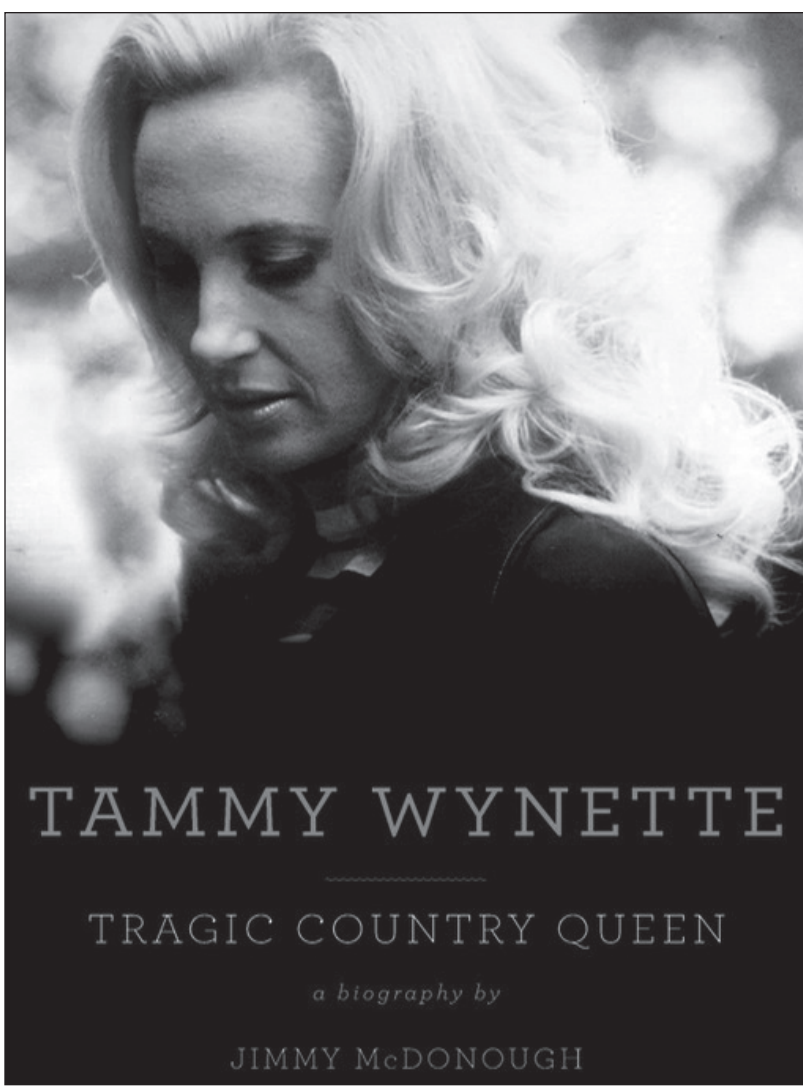
From today's (or yesterday's) headlines is Jenny Sanford's account of her life with Gov. Mark Sanford of South Carolina. It is a poignant story of the mother of three sons and a woman who withstood much heartbreak. The title is “Staying True” (B SAN J).

Other biographies are

“Betsy Ross and the Making of America” (B ROS B) by Marla R. Miller; “Literary Life: A Second Memoir” (B McML) by Larry McMurtry; “My Life Outside the Ring” (B HUL H) by Hulk Hogan; and many more. Please check the New Book Binder for a complete list.

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Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.



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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Art of Artifice

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
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♥ K Q 8 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ J 7

WEST
♠ J 8 2
♥ 10 9 7 6 2
♦ —
♣ K Q 10 9 5

EAST
♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ J 3
♦ 10 9 8 6
♣ A 8 2

SOUTH

♠ A Q

♥ A 5

♦ A Q J 5 4 3

♣ 6 4 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	

Opening lead — king of clubs.

A bridge table is one of the few places where a swindle can be legally perpetrated. Not only that, but when the scheme succeeds, the perpetrator is often roundly congratulated by his opponents as well as his partner.

Take this case where South failed to make what appears to be an iron-clad five-diamond contract. It's not easy to see how he failed to make 11 tricks, but down he went, and we suspect he would have had lots of company.

The play started with West leading the king of clubs. There would have been no story to tell if East had allowed the king to win, but instead he overtook the king with the ace and returned the eight!

These first two plays by East naturally created the impression at the table that he had started with the A-8 doubleton. So West, after taking the trick with the queen, returned the ten of clubs at trick three.

Now put yourself in South's shoes. He felt sure East could ruff the third club, and he had no idea, of course, that the opposing trumps were divided 4-0. So he very understandably ruffed with dummy's king and was surprised to see East follow suit with the deuce.

When declarer next led a diamond to the ace and West showed out, South knew he had been had. Now saddled with an unexpected trump loser, he had to go down one.

Although it might be argued that South should not have fallen victim to East's deception, full credit must be given to East for his well-thought-out scheme. Generally, it's unwise for a defender to fool his partner, but East realized that in this case no harm could come from West thinking he had a doubleton club. And when West dutifully led the third club, declarer fell right into the trap.

Tomorrow: An error of convenience.

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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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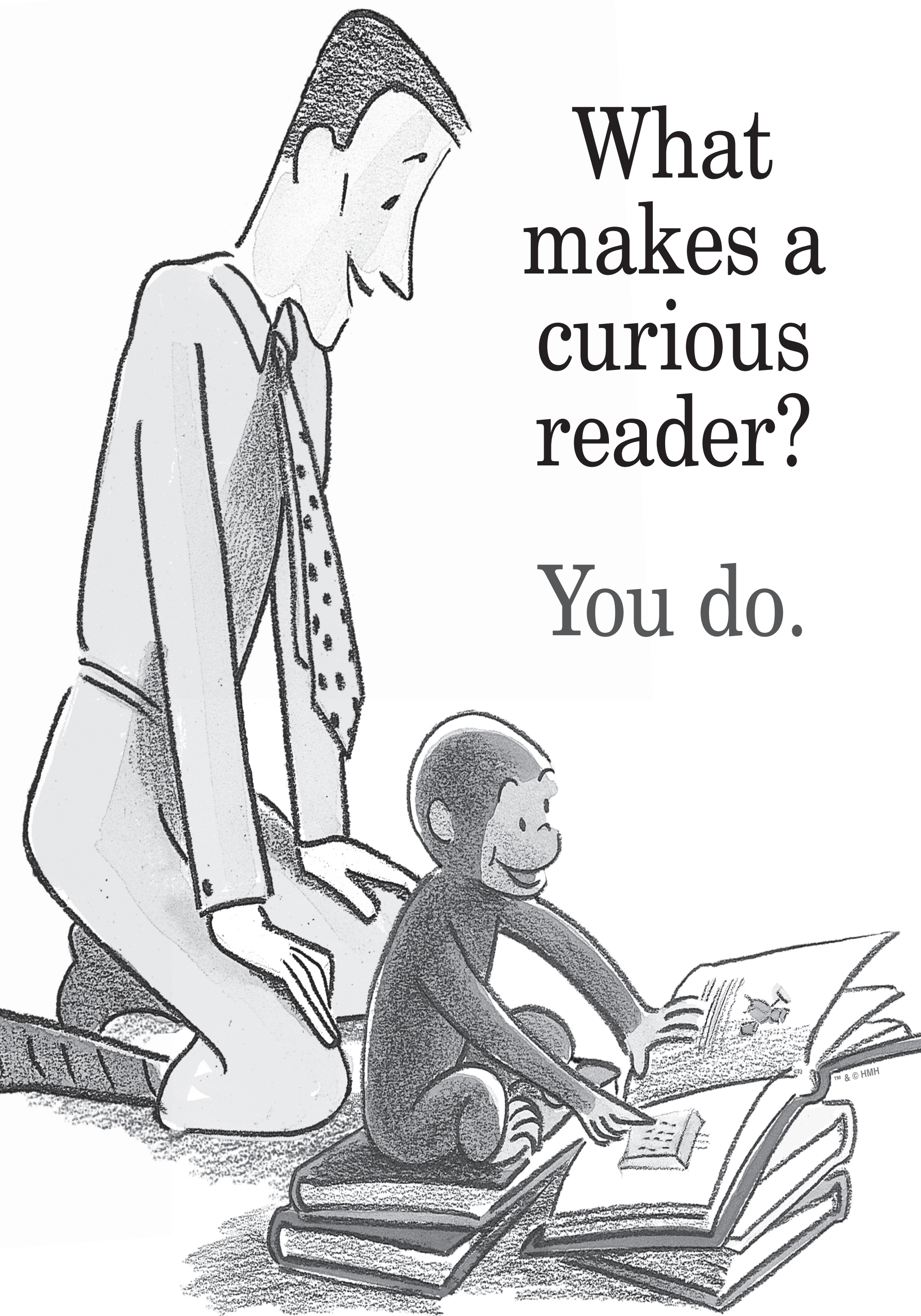
In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



His personal party

There is no doubt of actor Kevin Costner's ability to connect with fans of his movies. But the Academy Award-winning actor is now calling on his musical roots to connect with people on a more personal, in-person basis touring with his band Modern West. Plus, taming a tantrum and lemon herbed chicken.

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Honors pile up for area softball, baseball teams

From Staff Reports

With the high school softball and baseball seasons wrapping up, the last of the area All-District honors continue to pour in.

From District 4-4A, Big Spring baseball landed five on the all-district list. Coahoma baseball had seven make the 7-2A All-District team, with two earning individual awards.

With Forsan softball capturing a second straight state title Saturday, the Lady Buffs had six players make the 2-1A All-District team, along with the district's MVP and Co-Offensive Player of the Year.

The Steers' senior outfielder Martin Yanez and freshman utility player Max Pappajohn made first team all-district. Junior catcher Jacob Acosta, senior outfielder Michael Felton and

senior designated hitter Mike Enriquez made the second team.

"Obviously, you wish you could have every one of your kids there," Big Spring Head Coach Burt Otto said. "You think that they're deserving, but the other people that made the list from other schools were very worthy of the honor. We're happy to have two first-teamers and four second-teamers."

Coahoma seniors Chance Hart and Josh Paniagua led the way on the all-district team — Hart was named offensive most valuable player, while Paniagua was defensive MVP.

Hart hit nine home runs and batted in 45 runs while hitting at a .478 clip this season.

"Chance is just a good hitter," Coahoma Head

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File Photo

Big Spring outfielder Michael Felton attempts to catch a fly ball during one of the Steers' games earlier this season. Felton, along with four other Steers earned all-district honors. Coahoma baseball and Forsan softball players also earned all-district honors.



Photo Courtesy of Brian Ivanchan

The Cardinals finished third in the Big Spring Little League Tournament on Tuesday. The Championship game will be played at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. If necessary, a second championship game will be played at the same time Friday.

Smith taken in MLB Draft, others still wait

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Burch Smith has a good problem on his hands.

With the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft taking place this week, Smith was taken by the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday, leaving him with the chance to play professional baseball.

The other option? Continue to play collegiate baseball at the University of Oklahoma next season, something else the Howard College sophomore pitcher wants a shot at.

"It's obviously been a dream of mine to play professional baseball, but also Big 12 baseball. It's almost just as appealing. So I think either



SMITH

way, I can't go wrong." What-ever Smith decides to do, he'll have a chance to showcase his skills on a bigger stage. This year's draft is almost deja vu for Smith, however. Smith was drafted by the Indians in 2009 as well.

This time, he was taken with the 600th overall pick in the 20th round. Smith said already having a relationship with the organization makes the draft experience easier

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Bryant, Fisher lead Lakers to 91-84 victory in Game 3, 2-1 series lead

BOSTON (AP) — Derek Fisher rallied his teammates with a motivational speech on the bench during the break before the fourth quarter.

Then he went out and showed them how it's done.

"Derek, he's our vocal leader. He's the guy that pulls everybody together and is always giving positive reinforcement," Lakers guard Kobe Bryant said after Fisher made five baskets in the final period to lead Los Angeles to a 91-84 victory Tuesday night over the Boston Celtics and a 2-1 lead in the NBA finals.

"That's what he does. That's what he's been doing extremely well. He has a knack for saying the right thing at the right time."

Bryant scored 29 points and Fisher had 16, including 11 in the fourth quarter after Boston cut a 17-point first-half lead to one point.

Game 4 is Thursday night in Boston, and a Lakers victory would put them within

one win of avenging the loss to their longtime rivals in the 2008 finals — not to mention the eight other times the Celtics have won an NBA title at the Lakers' expense.

"Our thoughts are really just still on how disappointed we are, or were, losing that second game on our home court. I think that had more of our attention and focus than what happened in '08," Fisher said. "We didn't doubt our ability to win here. ... We understand when you want to be the best, you have to win wherever, whenever."

Bryant had 25 points after three quarters, but he did not score for the first 10 minutes of the fourth. That's when Fisher took over, hitting four out of five Lakers baskets to help them reclaim the home-court advantage they lost when the Celtics won Game 2 in L.A.

"Derek Fisher was the difference in the game," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "He's

just a gutty, gritty player and he gutted the game out for them. I thought Kobe was struggling a little bit, and Fisher — he basically took the game over. ... I don't know what he had in the fourth quarter ... but most of them were down the stretch."

Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum had 10 rebounds apiece for Los Angeles.

Kevin Garnett, who had just six points in Boston's victory Sunday, had 25 in Game 3. But Allen, who had 32 points in Game 2, missed all 13 field goal attempts — one shy of the NBA finals futility record — many of them while Fisher was guarding him.

"It's a hell of a swing, I'll tell you that," Rivers said. "It's basketball. That's why you can't worry about it. He'll be back in the gym tomorrow and getting ready for the next game. ... It happens to the best of us."

The Celtics had high hopes after splitting the opening

two games in Los Angeles, but the "Beat L.A.!" chants at the TD Garden couldn't help them overcome poor shooting.

And it couldn't stop Fisher.

Fisher, 34, came into the league with Bryant in 1996 and has a history of clutch shots, from the heave with 0.4 seconds left to beat San Antonio in the 2004 playoffs to the late jumpers in a series-winning victory over Orlando in Game 4 of last year's finals. The Lakers went on to beat the Magic in five games, earning their 15th NBA title — second only to Boston's 17.

"I think as you grow in this game and you put in the work that's required to still be around 14 years later, you start to recognize that being in this moment, on this stage, it's not a given. It's not something that happens every season," Fisher said. "Five or 10 years from now, when I'm long gone, I would have hated to feel like I didn't just

do everything I could have to help my team. Things have worked out well, and we have two more wins to get to really put a nice cap on it."

The Lakers opened a 37-20 first-half lead, but Boston cut the deficit to four late in the third quarter and then made it 68-67 early in the fourth on consecutive drives by Glen "Big Baby" Davis and Rajon Rondo. With a chance to take the lead, Allen was called for an offensive foul away from the ball.

Fisher then scored four of the Lakers' next five baskets to give them a five-point lead with about 4½ minutes left. He scored another with 49 seconds left before being flattened by Davis, among others, and adding the free throw to make it a three-possession game.

"He saw the opening and went and made a very bold play. ... It was imperative that it goes in for us to win," Phil Jackson said.

Sports in brief

Best of the Rest registration begins

Signups for the 30th annual Best of the Rest Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 26-27 at Comanche Trail Golf Course, have begun.

The tournament, a two-person partnership, will be held in different flights — championship, president's and Best of the Rest. Format will be two-man low shajmble for the championship and president's flight and two-man scramble for the best of the

rest.

The tournament is open to the first 80 paid teams and prizes will be paid on scores from Saturday, Sunday and total, organizers said.

Food will be available on the course each day.

Entry fee is \$200 per team. For more information, contact the CTGC pro shop at 264-2366.

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 Spring Little League meeting

Big Spring Little League will have an end of the season board meeting at 2 p.m. June 13 in the First Baptist Church dining hall area. Anyone interested may attend. Elections of officers also will be conducted for the 2010-2011 season at this meeting.



File Photo

Burch Smith pitches in one of Howard College's games earlier this season. The Tyler Robert E. Lee High School product was taken by the Cleveland Indians with the 600th overall pick in the 20th round. He now has the choice to pursue a career in professional baseball or play at the University of Oklahoma next season.

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to handle. He said he already built a relationship with Kevin Cullen, one of Cleveland's scouts.

The next step for Smith will be trying his hand in the Texas Collegiate League this summer. He said what happens there could determine if he'll be wearing OU's crimson colors next spring.

"That's kind of the dilemma I'm in right now," said Smith, who went 11-2 with a 2.50 ERA at Howard College last season. "They want to see me pitch a couple times in the TCL. So I'll probably have to start throwing again to get back into pitching shape. I've taken three weeks off. So it'll probably be about two weeks and then I'll make a

couple starts in the TCL this summer and they're going to follow me and then, sometime later this summer we're going to sit down and kind of negotiate."

Smith isn't the only Hawk looking to get drafted.

With today being the last day of the 2010 MLB Draft, Howard College baseball coach Britt Smith pointed out players such as Joe Leftridge, Blake Barnes and Nathan Burns as possible draftees.

Having players get drafted is nothing new to the program though, Britt Smith said.

It's not hard to find the most recent Howard College Hawks who have been drafted. Outfielder Runey Davis was drafted by the Chicago Cubs and pitcher Hunter Hill was taken by the Tampa Bay Rays in 2009 and both decided to sign with their respective teams.

It was Leftridge who decided to come back to Howard College.

"We've had plenty of guys that have come through and been drafted," Britt Smith said. "It's just a matter of are you getting the money that you need to sign. Most of our guys are qualifiers and they all place school as an option. A lot of them end up going to a Division-I school out of here if they don't get enough to sign."

While Burch Smith said it may take time to get back into pitching shape, good health is on his side and, even with the time off since the season ended, it shouldn't be an overwhelming obstacle getting in mid-season form.

"I was fortunate enough to be healthy all season," he said. "I didn't have any injuries. I think from an arm health standpoint, I'm in a good position."

Lewis, Guerrero lead Rangers past Mariners for 7-1 victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — Even with a high pitch count early in the game, Colby Lewis gave the Texas Rangers the quality start they needed.

Lewis allowed four hits over seven innings despite throwing 80 pitches through the first four, and Vladimir Guerrero homered to help the Rangers beat Felix Hernandez and the Seattle Mariners 7-1 on Tuesday night.

Lewis (5-4) had lost four of his previous five decisions before getting back on track against the Mariners, striking out five and walking three.

He retired 10 of his last 12 batters to take some pressure off an

overworked bullpen that had thrown 11 1-3 innings over the previous three games.

"We all know the bullpen has been taxed a little bit," Lewis said. "That's just one of those deals where you want to give them a break. I'm used to going deep in games."

Lewis finished with 119 pitches and has thrown at least 102 in each of his 12 starts this season.

Seattle totaled six baserunners in the third and fourth innings, but the Mariners were only able to come up with one run against Lewis — Rob Johnson's RBI single in the fourth.

"(Lewis) worked

around some stuff that could have been damaging to him," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

Lewis settled down with a perfect fifth that included a first-pitch groundout by Chone Figgins and strikeouts of Ichiro Suzuki and Milton Bradley.

"We let (Lewis) back in that ballgame pitch count-wise," Seattle manager Don Wakamatsu said. "That allowed him to pitch three more innings. Maybe (the Mariners were) overly aggressive, maybe not hitting the ball for base hits."

Seattle had Franklin Gutierrez on third with two outs in the sixth, but

shortstop Elvis Andrus made a nice play in the hole on Josh Wilson's grounder to preserve Texas' 2-1 lead.

The Mariners had problems handling Lewis' off-speed pitches.

"We had several opportunities to get him out of the ballgame, but credit to him for keeping us off-balance," Wakamatsu said.

Andrus went 3 for 5 with two RBIs for the Rangers, who ended a two-game skid.

Guerrero's 422-foot, two-run drive in the seventh was his team-high 13th homer, stretching Texas' lead to 7-1 and chasing Hernandez (3-5).

Hernandez, who went

19-5 and was the AL Cy Young Award runner-up in 2009, had won four of his previous five decisions against Texas.

But he's struggled in his last two outings against the Rangers, allowing 12 runs in 10 1-3 innings.

Hernandez gave up seven runs and eight hits in six innings with five strikeouts and three walks, consistently falling behind Texas batters.

Josh Hamilton got the Rangers' offense rolling with a first-inning, two-run double off the tip of the glove of left fielder Michael Saunders.

Andrus extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a first-in-

ning single but he made an error in his third straight game, throwing wildly to first on a routine grounder in the third.

The Rangers gave Lewis some breathing room with a three-run sixth on rookie Justin Smoak's run-scoring single and Andrus' two-run double to make it 5-1.

Hamilton liked the way the Rangers kept up the offensive pressure as the game wore on.

"When we get a lead, we get a little too comfortable, we get a little too relaxed instead of playing balls out," Hamilton said. "I was hoping we weren't going to get comfortable."

Late scores give Braves 7-5 win over D-backs

PHOENIX (AP) — Any team with 21 baserunners is tough to beat.

The Atlanta Braves stranded 14 of them yet still came away with a 7-5 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday night.

Troy Glaus doubled in the go-ahead run, his 45th RBI, in the eighth inning off Esmerling Vasquez (0-2), then Melky Cabrera traced home from third on Juan Gutierrez's wild

pitch in the ninth.

Cabrera was 3 for 5 with a triple, an RBI and a run scored.

Kelly Johnson had three hits, including a home run, and three RBIs for Arizona. Justin Upton and Mark Reynolds also homered for the Diamondbacks.

"That was kind of two of offenses doing it two different ways," said Atlanta's Chipper Jones, back after missing five games with an inflamed right ring fin-

ger. "They scored whenever they got hits because they hit it out of the park. It took us like three hits to score one. Fortunately, we had a ton of hits."

Atlanta starter Kris Medlen singled, walked twice and scored two runs.

He left after five innings with a strained left shoulder, the result of a headfirst slide just ahead of Upton's throw from right field for a run that tied it at 4.

HONORS

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Coach Shane Fuller said. "What's notable about him is that he doesn't try to hit a pitch he can't. He'd foul off pitch after pitch after pitch until he finally got one he could hit."

Paniagua had a perfect fielding average this season and had seven assists from the outfield.

"Desire and heart are his two biggest assets," Fuller said. "He hustled after everything. He's a good athlete to begin with, but he would try to make every play."

The Bulldogs' senior pitcher Ray Gutierrez, junior infielder Dakota

Griffith, senior outfielder Lupe Abrego and freshman designated hitter Jarred Doport made the district's first team. Junior catcher Adrian Amaro, senior first baseman Lane Douglass and junior infielder Keaton Martin made the second team.

The Bulldogs finished the 2010 season tied for second in District 7-2A with an 18-9 record.

The Lady Buffs were led by their senior ace Amanda Longorio, who was the district's MVP and sophomore shortstop Ambra Hill, who nabbed the Co-Offensive Player of the Year honor.

Seniors Brittney Romer, Shelby Jones, Kelsey Jones and soph-

omore Ashley Buzbee made the first team. Senior D'Amberley Averette and junior Miranda Park made the second team.

In addition to the All-District honors for Forsan, the Lady Buffs had Longorio, both Shelby Jones and Kelsey Jones, Hill, Park, Buzbee and Kevy O'Brien make the Class 1A All-Tournament team following their win against Blue Ridge on Saturday.

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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.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 9). Your dreams are lofty. Then again, the resources, talent and perfect strategic plan are in your possession at this very moment — you only need to believe. Do what

you can with what you have, and make huge progress through the next seven weeks. September brings a windfall. Loving commitments are sealed in November. Pisces and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 2, 11, 21 and 19.

GEMINI'S
IN HISTORY: June 9 is the birthday of two men who changed popular music forever. Cole Porter, who was born in 1891, wrote hit Broadway musicals and pop songs that became standards of the 20th century. This intellectual Gemini wrote both music and lyrics and was heralded for his cleverness and skill in both areas. Porter was born under a soulful Cancer moon, revealing a tenderness and depth that defy the happy-go-lucky Gemini influences in his chart. His complexity and versatility no doubt helped him create the songs that are still constantly covered by artists today. Musician Lester William Polfus was born June 9, 1915, and became better known by the name Les Paul. This guitar legend, songwriter and inventor changed the way music is heard and recorded. As the pioneer of the electric guitar and inventor of multitrack recording, one could argue that he is the godfather of rock 'n' roll. Les Paul was born under the intellectual Gemini sun and with rebellious Uranus in the sign of invention and the future — Aquarius. His moon, Venus and Mars in Taurus is indicative of longevity and a tenacious work ethic. Indeed, in his 90s, Les Paul was still playing gigs.

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) 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. 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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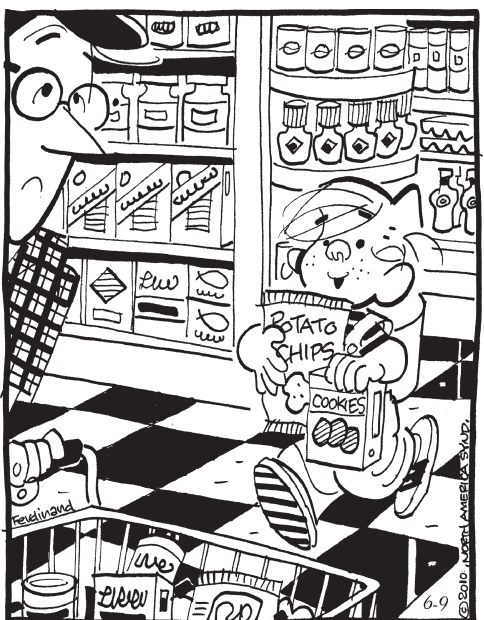
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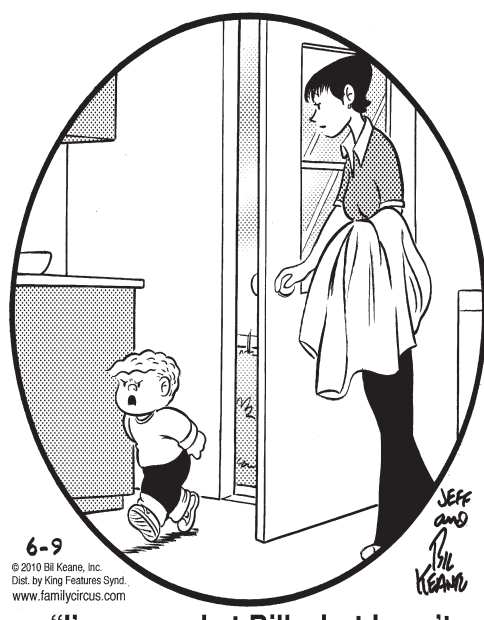
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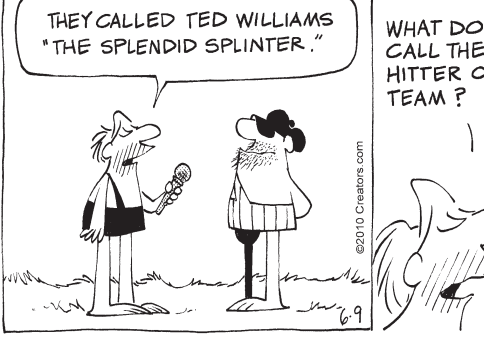
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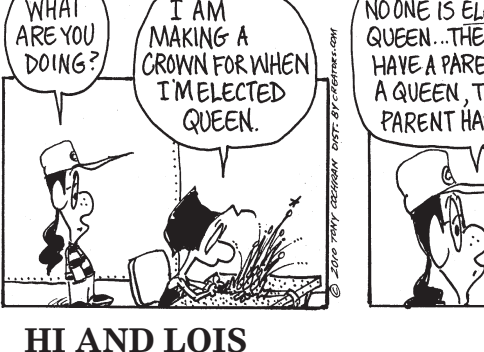
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, June 9, the 160th day of 2010. There are 205 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 9, 1954, during the Senate-Army Hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch berated Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy for his attack on Frederick Fisher, a junior attorney at Welch's law firm, asking: "Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?" On this date: In A.D. 68, the Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide. In 1860, what's considered the first dime novel, "Malaeska: The Indian Wife of the White Hunter" by Ann S. Stephens, was published. In 1870, author Charles Dickens died in Gad's Hill Place, England. In 1940, during World War II, Norway decided to surrender to the Nazis, effective at mid-

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 1 Bay Area cops' org.
 5 Opposite of fem.
 9 Coffeehouse order
 14 Mystery-novel plot element
 15 Ostrich's South American kin
 16 Mistake
 17 Equipment for a 27 Down
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 19 Serious play
 20 Sylvester's toon nemesis
 23 Potato parts
 24 Primary color
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 27 Southwestern snake
 31 Perform better than
 35 Double-reed instrument
 36 Black and white dunks
 39 ___ Lanka
 40 Longtime Thanksgiving parade toon balloon
 44 Ft. Lauderdale summer hours
 45 Pointed (at)
 46 Small snack
 47 Used-car purchase, e.g.
 49 Pined
 52 Begins to thaw
 55 Spy org.
 56 Identical
 59 Huey, Dewey and Louie's toon uncle
 64 Makes preparations
 66 "Explorer" of kids' TV

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 2 Imperfection
 3 Unswilled
 4 Like a ghost town
 5 Dr. Jekyll's alter ego
 6 Moby-Dick captain
 7 Calligraphy line
 8 Italian isle
 9 Went first
 10 Take into custody
 11 Breakfast-in-bed need
 12 Large, heavy book
 13 Historical periods
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 22 Sag
 26 Artistic inspiration
 27 Crew-team member
 28 Residence
 29 Car-horn sounds
 30 Leeway
 32 Be hospitable to
 33 Greek island
 34 In need of a break
 37 Fish eggs
 38 Oceanic swirl
 41 Ivy League school
 42 Exert, as power
 43 Truckers' devices
 48 Makes changes to
 50 Custard-filled dessert
 51 Assist
 53 Hot winter drink
 54 Make noises while napping
 56 Mineral springs
 57 Actress Jessica
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Miami tops Texas A&M 10-3 to reach super regional

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Yasmani Grandal broke out of a run-producing slump at an opportune time. Grandal, the ACC Player of the Year, belted a two-run double in the sixth inning which helped break a close game in Miami's 10-3 victory over Texas A&M for the Coral Gables regional championship Tuesday afternoon. The win advances the Hurricanes (43-18) to the best-of-three super regional series against Florida Friday night in Gainesville. The Gators won the Gainesville Regional

Sunday. Before he stepped up to face Aggies' right-hander Barret Loux, Grandal had not driven in a run in Miami's first three regional games. Grandal, who was drafted 12th overall by the Cincinnati Reds in Monday's major league draft, drove Loux's pitch to the wall in right-center field, scoring Frankie Ratcliff and Scott Lawson for a 6-2 Hurricanes' lead. Loux, who was drafted sixth overall by the Arizona Diamondbacks, then surrendered Harold Martinez RBI double that scored Grandal in

Loux's only inning Tuesday. "I didn't see it as a battle, I've hit against good pitching all year," Grandal said of his confrontation against Loux. "He's a great pitcher, has great stuff. "I guess I was the lucky one that came out on top today." The Hurricanes scored another three runs in the seventh for a 10-2 advantage. Chris Hernandez (10-3) pitched two scoreless relief innings with four strikeouts for the win. Sam Robinson relieved Hernandez and shut down the Aggies, pitching 4 2-3 innings, allowing one run and

striking out four. "I was excited to go in because I hadn't pitched all weekend," Robinson said. Aggies starter Ross Strippling (6-5) took the loss. The game resumed 14 hours and 26 minutes after it was called because of rain with two out and Texas A&M batting in the bottom of the second late Monday. The game had three rain delays, including a 22-minute delay Tuesday. Big 12 tournament champion Texas A&M ended the season 43-21-1. "They've got a very talented

team," Aggies coach Rob Childress said. "We had a chance to get to them and they didn't crack." Miami took an early 3-0 lead on Martinez's RBI groundout in the first and Frankie Ratcliff two-run single in the second. Texas A&M reduced the deficit to 3-2 on consecutive run scoring singles from Kevin Gonzalez and Caleb Shofner. The Aggies attempted to tie it after Andrew Collazo's single but Miami first baseman Scott Lawson took Chris Pelaez's throw from right field and threw out Shofner at the plate.

Over-hyped?: Strasburg fans 14 in Nats debut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Poor Stephen Strasburg. Too much pressure to put on a 21-year-old kid. No way he could live up to the hype, right? Ha! Strasburg didn't fall short of the hype. If anything, the hype fell short of him. Fourteen strikeouts. Not a single walk. An electrifying performance, including an unforgettable final inning in which he struck out the side while all of Nationals Park roared with every pitch. Last year's No. 1 overall draft pick put on a dazzling display of power pitching in his major league debut Tuesday night, clocking 100 mph with his fastball and baffling hitters with nasty curves in the Washington Nationals' 5-2 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates. "He pitched," Nationals slugger Adam Dunn

said, "probably the best game I've ever seen pitched." Certainly it gets strong consideration as the best debut outing of all time. Only J.R. Richard and Karl Spooner struck out more in records dating to 1920 — 15 for Richard with Houston in 1971, 15 for Spooner with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1954 — but both had three walks and pitched complete games. If Strasburg hadn't been pulled after seven innings because of a tightly regulated pitch count, he surely would have passed them both. "I've been catching a lot of guys," said catcher Ivan Rodriguez, patting Strasburg on the shoulder, "but this kid is unbelievable." The right-hander allowed four hits and two earned runs, both scoring on Delwyn Young's homer to the first row

of seats in right field in the fourth inning. Rodriguez took the blame for calling that pitch, a 90 mph changeup. Strasburg was pulled for a pinch hitter after seven innings — 65 of his 94 pitches were strikes — and took a quick curtain call. After the game, his teammates pelted him with three shaving cream pies and made him wear the goofy silver "Elvis wig," a clubhouse ritual for the player of the game. "I thought I was going to be a lot more nervous than I was," Strasburg said. Maybe that's because he didn't leave much time for contemplation. Strasburg always pitches in a hurry — the game took only 2 hours, 19 minutes — and plate umpire Tom Hallion even suggested to him that he slow down his warmups because the

breaks between innings are longer in the majors. "The only thing I really remember is the first pitch — ball inside — everything else is just such a blur," Strasburg said. "At one point I lost track of how many innings I threw. "I was like, 'You know what? I'm just going to go out there and have fun.' It's amazing. "It's kind of like when you get married and everything. You kind of go into it wanting to remember everything — and once it's done, you can't remember a single thing." Strasburg should know. He was married in January. His family, gathered in the corner of the news conference room, joined in the laughter. When he left the podium, he gave hugs to all of them.

Astros beat Rockies behind Lee's 3 hits

DENVER (AP) — Brian Moehler recovered from a rough start and then teamed up with his bullpen to help provide a strong finish for the Houston Astros. Carlos Lee had a tie-breaking RBI single in the eighth inning among his three hits and the Rockies failed to build on their three-run first against Moehler as the

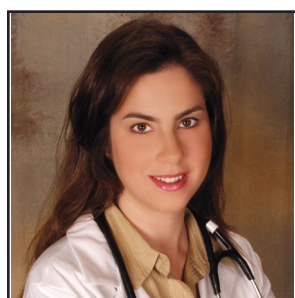
Astros rallied for a 4-3 win Tuesday night. "I can't explain tonight," said the Rockies' Clint Barmes, who was 0 for 2 with an intentional walk. "We hit him hard in the first, jumped him, and then couldn't put anything else together. We couldn't get anybody on base at the end." Moehler gave up four hits and all three

runs before registering his first out but then slammed the door shut over the rest of his six-inning outing. The Rockies failed to get a hit against the Houston bullpen over the final three innings, with Wilton Lopez (3-0) pitching a 1-2-3 seventh for the win and Matt Lindstrom getting three outs for his 14th save in 17 chances.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Office Closure

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It is with my deepest regrets that I am announcing the closure of my office, as of July 16th 2010. My last day to be available to patients will be July 16th.

Please take this time to begin choosing your new physician.

- Be reassured that your medical records will remain confidential and accessible at all times, even after our office closes, as they will be transferred to Family Medical Center.
- If you plan to choose a physician at Family Medical Center as your new family physician, no further action will be required to obtain or transfer records. These records will already be maintained with their staff. Otherwise, records are available as below:

Prior to July 16th, your records can be obtained by either:

- Choosing a new physician. At the new physician's office, ask to sign a request for medical records from our office. If we receive this written authorization before July 16th, a copy of your records will be directly transferred.
- Come to our office and sign a release to receive a copy of your records, before July 16th.

After July 16th, requests for records can be made to Family Medical Center as below:
Family Medical Center
2301 S. Gregg Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
Phone: (432) 267-5531
Contact: Kelly Hankins

Feel free to call our office during this transition for any questions or concerns. It has been a great pleasure providing for your health care needs. I wish future health and happiness to everyone.
Kim Bango, MD 10134

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Due to Popular Demand, Ohio Valley Refinery Event Extends through this Saturday in Big Spring!

They are paying out right on the spot for my stuff. Unbelievable!!

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**
STAFF WRITER

Spokesperson for the event said he expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week for vintage items and precious metals from local residents. Here are some examples of what is going on in the event that started Monday in the **Holiday Inn Express**.

One person sold an old Gibson guitar that was purchased in the 1960's for less than \$250.00 to a collector at the event for \$2175.00

Another person had a pocket watch collection that sold for

\$4600.00., with one of the watches in this collection bringing \$375.00 of the \$4600.00 talley.

A husband and wife brought in a box of old Jewelry, wristwatches, coins, and two German daggers from WW2 and left \$785.00 richer.

This is cool that something like this would come here to our town. Where else would this stuff ever be sold? The refinery has teamed up with the collectors for a 24 month tour of the United States, both big and small towns to dig up hidden gems.



"I'm glad I came in! I really need the money."
CLAUDIA MCDONALD says, who received \$825 for a gold coin minted in 1986.

Dozens cash in yesterday with jewelry, railroad watches and guitars. An estimated \$200,000 in Big Spring!

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**
STAFF WRITER

The first 2 days of the 6 day reclamation drive in **Big Spring** have been a hit with those looking to sell their gold and silver. Representatives were on hand Monday and Tuesday purchasing all types of unwanted and broken jewelry. An estimated 55 people left the event with over \$200 dollars from old class rings, wedding bands, herringbones, and gold teeth. Coins dated before 1964 were bringing big premiums as well. Silver dollars, halves and quarters arrived in large quantities. Lots of gold coins were also brought in. Rebecca Hughes walked away with over \$1200.00 after selling an original \$20 gold piece from 1888.

On the other side of the room were representatives from the Antique Association. They were purchasing all types of guitars, large currency bills dated before 1923, military items and pocket watches. One watch was purchased by a collector in Montana for \$835 dollars. There were piles of sterling silver items like old silverware sets and tea pots. One gentleman rolled a cart in with 3 boxes full of silver coins. Company officials reported spending over \$80,000 the first day of the event, alone. Brian Eades with Ohio Valley said "we have had an overwhelming turnout this first day and we expect to get busier every day this week". The event continues today and runs through Saturday. The event is free and the public is welcome.

If you go:

WHO: Ohio Valley Refinery
Reclamation Drive

WHAT: Open to public to sell
gold and silver.

WHEN: June 7th-12th

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

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

SHOW INFO: (217) 523-4225

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

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 Saturday 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.

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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.



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