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Aquatics center cost trimmed

Removing \$450,000 slide is biggest single factor, officials tell council

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
City Manager Gary Fuqua announced Tuesday night the aquatics center project has been pared down by approximately \$500,000 thanks to in-house labor and design changes, dropping the esti-



Fuqua

ated price tag from \$4.2 million to \$3.7 million. Fuqua addressed the Big Spring City Council during Tuesday's meeting, saying efforts by the city

staff, the architects involved in the project and a city pool committee yielded what Mayor Tommy Duncan requested during a recent special meeting, a reduction in the overall price of the project. "We're looking at reducing the cost of the pool from ap-

proximately \$4.2 million to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3.7 million," Fuqua told the council. "We'll save approximately \$500,000 for our taxpayers. In doing that, we have instructed the architects to begin drawing up the specifications. Those speci-

fications will come back to the city council for approval, and then we'll go out on the bid process. We're trying to do that as hastily as we can because we're trying to get the pool open by next May. We're

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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE...



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Crews with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scene of a grass fire adjacent to State Highway 350 approximately five miles northeast of Big Spring Tuesday afternoon. The fire, which was quickly contained, caused only moderate damage and no injuries were reported.

Pay boost to make ISD competitive, officials say

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
Big Spring Independent School District officials say a recently adopted salary schedule will help bring the district more competitive in hiring and retention of staff.

BSISD trustees recently gave their OK to plans to give all district employees a raise during the coming school year. Year-round employees will see those raises reflected in their July paychecks, while others will notice the raises in September. "Everybody in the district is getting a raise," said Sandra Waggoner, BSISD chief financial officer. "Overall, it averages out to a 3 percent increase in salaries." The Texas Association of School Boards assisted Big Spring in compiling the new salary schedules. "The (school) board voted last year to let TASB help us with our pay schedules,"

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Defining 'border security'

The fact is, it's pretty much all in the eye of the beholder

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — You wouldn't know it from the public debate, but the U.S.-Mexico border is more fortified now than it was even five years ago. Far more agents patrol it, more fences, barriers and technology protect it and taxpayers are spending billions more to reinforce it. Despite those efforts, calls for increased border security are elbowing out cries for an overhaul of U.S. immigration laws and inducing Congress and the administration to spend even more money on border enforcement. Securing the border remains the prerequisite for any

other immigration reforms. That leaves on hold any decision on whether border security might be improved by forcing illegal immigrants to come forward, get background checks and comply with other rules in exchange for legal status. Also pushed aside is any consideration of whether more visas for temporary foreign workers would reduce illegal immigration and make better use of law enforcement resources. "Once we get the border se-

cured, then we can support a lot of things," Senate Minority Whip Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said earlier this month. "Until then, it's going to be very difficult." That sentiment is shared by both Democrats and Republicans this election year. But border security is in the eye of the beholder. There's no agreed-on definition of what constitutes a secure border and no budget for how much more to spend to achieve it. Is it when the entire south-

ern border of nearly 2,000 miles is fenced, or double-fenced? Is it when illegal immigration arrests are at zero or close to it? Is it when everyone who crosses the border can be identified? Is it when Army troops are sent to the border, as they were after Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa raided a New Mexico border town in 1916, or when the number of Border Patrol agents has quintupled? The White House will lay out plans for more border reinforcements when administration officials meet with Gov. Jan Brewer in Arizona

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Obituaries

LaVerne Gaskins

LaVerne Gaskins, 80, of Knott went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. She will be remembered for the love for her family and in her life example we experienced the loving touch of God.



She was born March 31, 1930, in Sparenburg to Gaston and Iva Martin. She married Joe Mac Gaskins on June 4, 1949, in Ackerly.

She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church in Ackerly. LaVerne graduated in 1946 from Ackerly High School and attended McMurry College in Abilene. She taught school in Ackerly, was a 4-H adult leader, an active member of Hyperion and a Howard County Fair Director. She was also employed at the post office in Knott.

Survivors include her loving husband, Joe Mac of Knott; a son, Kelly Gaskins and wife Teresa of Knott; a daughter, Kayla McDonnell and husband Tom of San Antonio; and a son, Van Gaskins and wife Manda of Knott; six grandchildren, Dustin Gaskins and wife Somer of Sand Springs, Katie Page and husband Jeremy of Dalhart, Clay Hart and wife Erin of Macon, Ga., Thomas McDonnell of Ft. Worth, Katherine McDonnell of Austin and Logan Gaskins of College Station; three great-grandchildren, Wiley and Tye Gaskins, and Bailey Page; a brother, G.W. Martin and wife Vernelle of Ackerly; a sister, Janelle Jones and husband Ralph of Denison; an aunt, Jessie Mae Rodgers of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Delmer Thompson and Jim Wright officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas 76708-3696; or a charity of one's choice.

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- STEFANO FERNANDEZ, 21, of Florida, was arrested Tuesday on charges of activities prohibited during certain hours and license required.
- FERMIN RUDY GUTIERREZ, 27, of 408 S. Benton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DIMAS ANGUIANO, 51, of 4009 Vicky, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 500 block of N.W. 10th Street.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1900 block of E. FM 700. In the 100 block of E. Marcy.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2400 block of S. Gregg Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.
- JACOB MICHA INGRAHAM-GARCIA, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering a police officer.
- ADRIAN FUENTES BARRERA, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.
- STEFANO FERNANDEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of activities prohibited during certain hours and license required.
- FERMIN RUDY GUTIERREZ, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DIMAS ANGUIANO, 53, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- PATRICK MICHAEL SHARP, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a Tom Green County warrant for driving while intoxicated and a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

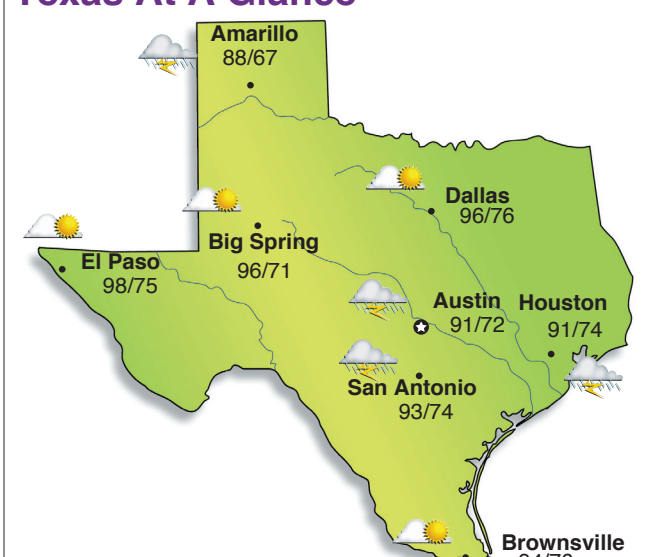
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Avondale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Muir. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. Service refused.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 6/24	Fri 6/25	Sat 6/26	Sun 6/27	Mon 6/28
96/71 Partly cloudy. High 96F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.	94/73 Partly cloudy. High in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	99/74 Mostly sunny. High in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	99/72 More sun than clouds. High in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	96/72 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:57 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:57 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	94	73	mst sunny	Kingsville	94	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	88	67	t-storm	Livingston	90	71	t-storm
Austin	91	72	t-storm	Longview	92	74	t-storm
Beaumont	91	74	t-storm	Lubbock	95	71	pt sunny
Brownsville	94	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	90	73	t-storm
Brownwood	96	72	pt sunny	Midland	97	74	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	93	77	t-storm	Raymondville	95	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	93	74	t-storm	Rosenberg	91	74	t-storm
Dallas	96	76	pt sunny	San Antonio	93	74	t-storm
Del Rio	95	75	pt sunny	San Marcos	92	73	t-storm
El Paso	98	75	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	75	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	95	71	pt sunny	Sweetwater	95	72	mst sunny
Gainesville	96	75	pt sunny	Tyler	91	73	t-storm
Greenville	94	74	pt sunny	Weatherford	96	74	pt sunny
Houston	91	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	97	74	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	95	74	pt sunny	Minneapolis	83	65	mst sunny
Boston	90	63	t-storm	New York	95	71	t-storm
Chicago	82	64	sunny	Phoenix	107	78	sunny
Dallas	96	76	pt sunny	San Francisco	69	53	mst sunny
Denver	90	63	mst sunny	Seattle	69	57	pt sunny
Houston	91	74	t-storm	St. Louis	88	72	pt sunny
Los Angeles	76	61	mst sunny	Washington, DC	98	75	t-storm
Miami	90	81	t-storm				

Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 12-17-21-23-30, Mega Ball: 24

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 28-29-32-33-35.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-9-6-8. Sum It Up: 24.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-9-3. Sum It Up: 17

Take Note

The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

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BP puts Bob Dudley in key Gulf clean-up role

LONDON (AP) — Embattled Englishman and CEO Tony Hayward on Wednesday handed over BP's handling of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill to an American executive brought up in one of the states affected by the disaster.

BP PLC confirmed that Bob Dudley is now the point man in the efforts to stop the oil gusher and deal with the economic damage it has caused.

In a sense, Hayward — who shocked Gulf residents when he said "I'd like my life back" and weeks later went yachting — will finally get his wish.

Dudley, who had led BP's operations in the Americas and Asia, was appointed president and chief executive of the newly created Gulf Coast Restoration Organization, effective immediately, and will

report to Hayward.

"In the near term, my focus will be on listening to stakeholders, so we can address concerns and remove obstacles that get in the way of our effectiveness. And we'll build an organization that over the longer term fulfills BP's commitments to the restore the livelihoods and the environment of the Gulf Coast," Dudley said.

The reorganization followed a series of humiliations in recent days for BP. Last week it bowed to President Barack Obama's demand that it set up a \$20 billion escrow fund to cover damages and to suspend dividend payments, followed a day later by a public thrashing for Hayward before a Congressional committee.

Hayward repeatedly apologized and expressed sorrow

for the oil leak caused by a fire and explosion on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig on April 20. Eleven workers on the rig died.

Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee were infuriated when Hayward denied direct responsibility for operational decisions which may have led to the disaster.

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going to shoot for Memorial Day weekend, and we may have to adjust that a little bit considering weather and other things."

The project — which has been the center of heated debate among city officials in the past several months — calls for a city aquatics center to be built where the municipal swimming pool stood until it was demolished last week.

According to Fuqua, the savings were the result of using city labor for portions of the project, removing some alternate bid items and scaling down some of the original design.

"We met with our swimming pool committee and the architect June 7, and our direction from the council at that time was to maintain the integrity

and entertainment value of the aquatic center but look at ways to trim the budget down and try to save as much money as we could," Fuqua told the council. "In working with the architect and members of the committee, one of the things we looked at was reducing the landscaping by half, which would save us around \$50,000. In doing so, that also brings in the size of the concrete decking around the pool area, which reduces the concrete to save some money there.

"Also, adjusting the way the fence is designed reduced that cost, and we looked at reducing the size of the bath house from 5,100 square feet to 4,625 square feet, a reduction of 475 square feet that will save some money. Another large item was the gutter system, which cleans the pool water. We went from the gutter system to a skimmer system, which will have a little more maintenance involved

but will save us quite a bit of money, especially because of the difference in elevation.

"As the council instructed, we also looked at things the city can do in-house. One major cost in the project is the removal of the rock. We will be removing that rock. Also, the city did the demolition work on the pool and the prior bath house. We were looking at building what we called the drop off zone, which is basically a circular roadway with a median that you would pull in to drop the children off while sheltered from any other traffic. The city looked at doing that. Also, the paving of the parking lot and some of the work on the volleyball court. That's just a few of the items. We'll be looking for other cost measures to save there as well."

Another casualty of the scale-down, according to Fuqua, was the bowl slide, which would have cost nearly \$450,000 on its own.

"Some of the things we removed from consideration that were alternates on our bid schedule (will also save money)," Fuqua said. "The first was the bowl slide. It would have been high impact entertainment, however, the price tag on it was very expensive, almost \$450,000. Another thing we removed is lighting at the stairs. As you know, here in West Texas it doesn't get dark until about 9 p.m., so we didn't feel like we would need to have that lighting.

"There was a historic replica of the big spring that was going to be designed into the landscaping, which we removed. In doing all of that, we left one alternate consideration in the bids, and that was a water crossing. If you've seen the pictures, that's the lily pads that went across. We left that in because there's quite a bit of entertainment value in that and it was an alternative on the original bid,

and we're hoping the bids will come in within budget."

The final design for the aquatics center is expected to be presented to the council sometime in the coming months, according to municipal officials.

The council gave the order not to open the existing swimming pool at the end of the school year in May 2009 after city officials learned the facility failed to meet federal requirements laid out in the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, as well as ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.

The Big Spring City Council unanimously approved the issuance of certificates of obligation totaling \$4.2 million to fund a new municipal aquatics center March 8.

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BSISD

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Waggoner said. "They did a market survey and revamped our schedules to get us more in line with other school districts in the area."

Based on TASB figures,

BSISD salaries placed well in the bottom half of pay schedules for 12 West Texas school districts, including Abilene, Ector County, Forsan, Midland, San Angelo and Snyder.

Using figures from those 12 districts, the median salary paid to a first-year teacher in 2009-2010 was \$36,170, com-

pared to \$34,250 paid at Big Spring. BSISD also fell behind the other districts in top-end pay to teachers — the average maximum salary of the 12 sampled districts was \$55,184, compared to \$51,470 locally.

On average, BSISD teachers will receive a raise of \$1,400 this coming school

year. Other district personnel — administrative, clerical/paraprofessional and auxiliary — also will receive modest pay increases, Waggoner said.

While the new pay schedules do not bring Big Spring into the upper echelon of teacher salaries in this area,

it is a definite step in the right direction, Waggoner said.

"This gives us a lot more flexibility in hiring and retaining personnel," she said.

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June 28.

President Barack Obama already has called for 1,200 National Guard troops in support roles, along with at least another \$500 million in spending on border security. For President George W. Bush, the number of Guard troops was 6,000. A Texas congressman has said no fewer than about 25,000 will do the job.

"One of the questions I think we need to talk about is whether securing the border is ever going to be reached ... in the sense of the Congress," Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told members of a Senate committee at a hearing in April, "or whether that goal post is just going to keep moving."

The rush to secure the border has gone awry at times. Amid similar demands for ramped-up security in 2006, Con-

gress contracted with Boeing Co. for an electronic "virtual fence." A sweeping immigration overhaul bill was stalled in Congress at the time.

The fence of cameras, radar and other technology has been plagued with problems and delays. It has cost at least \$15 million for 53 miles of electronic barrier.

Some border security that has been achieved in recent years:

- The number of Border Patrol agents has doubled to more than 20,000 since 2003, with most of those agents stationed at the U.S.-Mexico border. The Border Patrol's budget has grown from \$1 billion in the 2000 fiscal year to a requested \$3.58 billion for 2011, according to the Congressional Research Service.
- The combined budgets of two agencies — Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement — total about \$17 billion after steady

increases in funding in recent years.

- The U.S. has erected about 510 miles of fences and vehicle barriers on the nearly 2,000-mile southern border since 2006, adding to about 137 existing miles of fences and barriers built in previous years.

- Americans returning from Mexico and Canada now must show passports to cross the border and enter the U.S., under rules that took effect last summer.

Obama's administration has moved immigration investigators to the border and begun inspecting southbound train cargo to help stem cash and weapons flowing to Mexican drug cartels.

"I think people simply don't understand how much has been done in recent years, particularly over the last five or

six years, but somewhat going back into the mid-'90s," said Edward Alden, author of "The Closing of the American Border."

That's a result of the demand for increased border security, but Border Patrol Chief Michael Fisher said border security isn't an all-or-nothing proposition. At a recent hearing, he said the border and threats on it are dynamic and security must be, too. A portion of the border could have high levels of security, including fencing, but then face new threats from people using tunnels or ultralight planes to cross illegally, Fisher said.

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So far, border security has been addressed incrementally.

A compromise between those who want eased immigration and those advocating security first could mean trade-offs that benefit both sides. For example, employers might be persuaded to check the legal status of their employees in exchange for a visa program that ensures they have a stable work force.

While improving border security persists as

the priority, the population of undocumented immigrants in the U.S. remains unidentified and unknown.

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News in brief

Top general in Afghan war to see Obama to explain published complaints about president, aides

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the ramped-up war in Afghanistan at a precarious moment, President Barack Obama prepared to hear his top war commander explain biting published complaints about the commander in chief and his aides. Even before their showdown, the White House's rebuke of Gen. Stanley McChrystal suggested it would be hard for him to save his job.

On a summons from Obama, McChrystal flew to Washington from Afghanistan to see his boss in person Wednesday, first in the Oval Office and then in the president's regular monthly war meeting, in which McChrystal usually participates by videoconference.

Two military officials said McChrystal was prepared to submit his resignation. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

Obama was set to make an announcement on McChrystal's future soon after their face-to-face.

"I think it's clear that the article in which he and his team appeared ... showed poor judgment," Obama said Tuesday at the close of an unrelated Cabinet meeting. "But I also want to make sure that I talk to him directly before I make any final decisions."

Judge who nixed Gulf drilling ban has oil, gas investments, sits on secret wiretap court

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Louisiana judge who struck down the Obama administration's six-month ban on deepwater oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico has reported extensive investments in the oil and gas industry, according to financial disclosure reports. He's also a new member of a secret national security court.

U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman, a 1983 appointee of President Ronald Reagan, reported owning less than \$15,000 in stock in 2008 in Transocean Ltd., the company that owned the sunken Deepwater Horizon drilling rig.

Feldman overturned the ban Tuesday, saying the government simply assumed that because one rig exploded, the others pose an imminent danger, too.

The White House promised an immediate appeal. The Interior Department had imposed the moratorium last month in the wake of the BP disaster, halting approval of any new permits for deepwater projects and suspending drilling on 33 exploratory wells.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in a statement late Tuesday that within the next few days he would issue a new order imposing a moratorium that eliminates any doubt it is needed and appropriate.

Tea parties and anti-establishment themes emerge in handful of primaries and runoffs

WASHINGTON (AP) — South Carolina Republicans nominated a tea party-backed Indian-American woman to run for governor and a conservative

black man to run for Congress from the former Confederate state. Another incumbent congressman lost. So did a Senate hopeful chosen by Washington Democrats.

Themes of the November midterm elections popped up in the handful of primaries and runoffs held Tuesday in four states, the latest cluster of contests to determine matchups for the midterm congressional elections just over four months away.

It's shaping up to be an anti-establishment year, with angry voters casting ballots against candidates with ties to Washington and the national political parties.

Perhaps no other contest illustrated that better than GOP state Rep. Nikki Haley's race for governor.

A state legislator with the backing of tea party activists and Sarah Palin, the Indian-American woman overtook the state's old-boy network by beating Rep. Gresham Barrett, a four-term congressman.

Preacher says alleged Jamaican drug lord was captured on way to turn himself in to U.S. marshals

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Hunted by security forces across Jamaica, reputed drug baron Christopher "Dudus" Coke sought out a preacher's advice and tried to turn himself in to U.S. marshals. He was caught by police at a highway checkpoint before he could get there.

Now, Jamaica's top police officer is appealing for cool heads, urging Coke's gangland supporters to allow the law to take its course following his arrest Tuesday. Last month, fighting between security forces and gunmen loyal to the man dubbed by U.S. authorities as one of the world's most dangerous drug lords killed 76 people.

"I would like to appeal to the families, friends and sympathizers of Christopher Coke to remain calm," Police Commissioner Owen Ellington said after the capture of Jamaica's No. 1 fugitive, who eluded the bloody police offensive in his West Kingston slum stronghold.

Security forces "are taking every step possible to ensure his safety and well-being while he is in our custody," Ellington said Tuesday night, adding that legal proceedings against Coke should get under way quickly.

The 42-year-old Coke, who faces trial in New York on drug-trafficking and gunrunning charges, is said to fear suffering the same fate as his father, a gang leader who died in a prison fire in 1992 while awaiting extradition to the U.S. on drug charges.

Strikes at China supplier plants force Toyota, Honda to suspend some car assembly

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Corp. said Wednesday they stopped production at some of their car assembly plants in southern China after parts suppliers were hit by more labor unrest.

The fresh walkouts at the Japanese car makers are slowing output and adding to costs at a time when both companies have been ramping up production to meet strong demand.

Chinese migrant workers, the backbone of the country's industrial sector, are becoming increas-

ingly vocal in demands for higher wages. Several auto-related labor disputes have erupted recently in the Guangzhou region, where both Toyota and Honda have manufacturing bases with local partner Guangzhou Auto Group.

Honda, Japan's No. 2 automaker, said production at one of two auto assembly plants at its joint venture Guangqi Honda Automobile Co. was suspended. Honda said it was unclear when the plant can resume production.

The shutdown was due to a shortage of parts supplies caused by the strike. But Honda declined to give further details, including the name of the affected parts supplier.

Parents of abducted Israeli soldier say state abandoned son; pledge campaign for his release

JERUSALEM (AP) — The parents of an Israeli soldier whose kidnapping led to the Gaza blockade are accusing the government of abandoning their son now that it has eased the closure.

A primary goal of the blockade has been to put pressure on Gaza's Hamas rulers to free Sgt. Gilad Schalit, who was captured by militants in 2006 in a raid that killed two other soldiers.

Now, his parents are wondering how the nation's leaders, who have balked at Hamas' demands to release notorious Palestinian killers, plan on bringing him home.

"We are asking where Gilad stands in this equation. We are asking where is Gilad, our son?" Noam Schalit said this week in parliament, where he launched a new lobby to push for his son's release.

The lobby is just one of the new steps the family is taking to keep their 23-year-old son on the radar after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu eased the blockade following an international uproar over Israel's deadly raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla.

Fed is sure to keep rates at record lows to try to strengthen weak economic recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — To sustain the fragile economic rebound, the Federal Reserve is sure to leave interest rates at record lows and is likely to repeat a pledge to keep them there for a while.

The Fed ends a two-day meeting Wednesday with policymakers having cause for optimism as well as caution. The economy has been growing again for nearly a year. Manufacturing activity is picking up. Businesses are spending more. And Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has expressed confidence that the nation won't fall back into a "double dip" recession.

At the same time, the recovery remains vulnerable to threats: Europe's debt crisis, an edgy Wall Street, cautious consumers, a fragile housing market and high unemployment.

"The effect of European developments on the U.S. economy is likely to be modest, so we expect the tone will be cautious but certainly not dire," said Michael Feroli, economist at JPMorgan Chase Bank.

The Fed is certain to leave its key bank lending rate at between zero and 0.25 percent. The rate has remained at that level since December 2008.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Last week, our 22-year-old grandson flew in for a visit from college. We celebrated with lots of barbecues and swimming.

The entire family was here for the weekend — our older son, his live-in girlfriend and her 17-year-old daughter, along with our younger son, his wife and their three teenage girls.

On the morning of my grandson's departure, he noticed that a \$100 bill from his wallet was missing. He also found a hair barrette on the floor near the dresser.

The 17-year-old is the only child who wore barrettes. But our 16-year-old granddaughter has a history of lying.

None of the bedroom doors has a lock, and with all the confusion of changing clothes after swimming, anyone could have entered the bedroom and stolen the money.

We reimbursed our grandson for his loss, but here is our dilemma: Our sons were notified of the missing \$100, but they both said they did not believe their children were involved.

We don't know if either of the girls in question was told.

Do we broach the subject next time we are in the company of either of the girls, or should we

just let it go and do a better job securing our money when they are in the house? — *Saddened*

Dear Saddened: Four teenagers and four adults were guests in your home, and any one of them could have taken the money.

You have notified your sons, and the rest is up to them. Unless you want this to become an issue every time you see the family, you will have to let it go.

Sorry to say, the next time the kids visit, you might want to lock up any rooms that have valuables in them.

Dear Annie: My husband has subscribed to adult magazines since the early 90s.

I have no problem with that, but I hate that he collects the magazines and stores them in dozens of boxes in our garage, taking up space we could use for other things.

At any given moment, there are 10 such magazines in bathrooms frequented in some cases by guests, and also by our growing children.

I have spoken to him about this, and he either changes the subject or tells me to stop nagging. He says the magazines will be collectors' items one day. Is this true? Could I just toss them? I am ready to take



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

whatever action is necessary to get the magazines out of my home, even if it means I have to do it without his knowledge. I know more will take their place. — *Hate the Trash*

Dear Hate: It's possible these magazines may someday be worth money, but probably not as much as your husband believes. Suggest he check out their value online, and if he still plans to sell them, they need to be in good condition, not scattered around the house.

Tell him to rent storage space elsewhere, or you will throw them out. Then he can decide how much they are worth to him.

Dear Annie: Your response to "Concerned Grandparent" really aggravated me. She asked whether a 7-year-

old girl was right to tell Dad that she saw her mom kissing another man.

I agree that a 7-year-old couldn't possibly know what sort of response is appropriate. However, you blamed Dad for not controlling his emotional outburst, which was directed at the child. At no point did you address the cheating wife.

She is the only guilty party in the entire mess. The father's reaction was understandable.

But it's the mother who caused the problem. Quit covering for the bad behavior of cheating wives. — *Lafayette, Ind.*

Dear Lafayette: No one's covering for anybody. The question was how to help the child.

After three years, Dad still cannot control his reaction in front of his daughter, which makes her feel responsible. The entire family needs help.

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By Steve Becker

Avoiding the Danger Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 5
♥ 10 4
♦ A J 10 7 6 3
♣ K J 4

WEST EAST
♠ K Q J 9 4 2 ♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ A Q 6 ♥ J 8 7 3 2
♦ Q 8 2 ♦ K 9
♣ 6 ♣ 7 5

SOUTH
♠ 8
♥ K 9 5
♦ 5 4
♣ A Q 10 9 8 3 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ 2 ♠
3 ♣ Pass 5 ♣

Opening lead — king of spades.

The most interesting hands for declarer are the ones where the contract is neither assured nor hopeless.

These are the hands that test his mettle as he seeks the best path in an uncertain situation.

Take this deal where South reaches five clubs. As soon as dummy is tabled, he can see that the outcome is in doubt and that there is work to be done.

His initial assessment discloses that he has a diamond loser and possibly two heart losers, depending on the location of the ace. However, since West is very likely to hold the heart ace for his vulnerable overall

at the two-level, the loss of two heart tricks is a strong probability.

Declarer's next step is to formulate a plan that will enable him to avoid losing two heart tricks. There is an excellent chance to set up dummy's diamonds for discards, but East is apt to gain the lead with a diamond while this is being done, and his heart return will then sink the contract.

At about this point in his deliberations, it should occur to South that he may be able to establish the diamonds without allowing East to obtain the lead. Accordingly, he allows West's king of spades to hold the first trick!

This unusual play achieves the desired goal. It permits declarer to develop the diamond suit without interference from East. And it does so without the loss of an extra trick, since it merely exchanges a diamond loser for a spade loser.

Let's say West leads another spade. South discards a diamond on the ace, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs a diamond. A trump to dummy and another diamond ruff then establishes three tricks in the suit. The last trump is drawn, ending in dummy, and three hearts are discarded on the good diamonds to make the contract with an overtrick.

West can stop the extra trick by cashing the heart ace at trick two, but cannot defeat the contract after South's inspired duck.

Tomorrow: Double trouble.
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PARENT'S CORNER

Try, Try Again

Last week I wrote of the saying: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Don't give up too easily; persistence pays off in the end.

Following the publishing of this column I received a call requesting the origin of the proverb. Somewhere I remember reading that this was first attributed to Robert the Bruce while he was hiding from the English following some battle.



DARRELL RYAN

He was on the verge of checking it all in when he spied a spider trying to spin a web or climb up a wall and despite continual setbacks kept trying and thus inspiring the Bruce to renew his battle.

I couldn't find any proof of this interesting tidbit of history but as I researched, I found a poem by Edward Hickson (1857), that I would like to share with you.

Try, Try Again:
 'Tis a lesson you should heed,
 Try, try again;
 If at first you don't succeed,
 Try, try again;
 Then your courage should appear,
 For if you will persevere,
 You will conquer, never fear,
 Try, try again.
 Once or twice though you should fail,
 Try try again;
 If you would at last prevail,
 Try, try again;
 If we strive, 'tis no disgrace
 Though we do not win the race;
 What should you do in the case?
 Try, try again.
 Time will bring you your reward,
 Try, try again.
 All that other folks can do,
 Why, with patience, should not you?
 Only keep this rule in view;
 Try, try again.

In 1840 an American educator, Thomas Palmer, published the "Teacher's Manual", where he wrote a maxim used to encourage American schoolchildren to do their homework but is now applicable to any kind of activity: 'Tis a lesson you should heed, try, try again. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.'

Of course there is always the attitude that if at first you don't succeed, destroy all the evidence that you ever tried or at least don't take up skydiving!

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Limping man surprised to discover he'd been shot

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Tracy Durham remembers hearing the pop. But the gunshot wound the Illinois man discovered after a neighbor asked about his limp? That was a surprise. The 48-year-old Durham told police he thinks he was shot by a friend during a party late Sunday at his home. Police say Durham recalled calling the

friend's girlfriend ugly. The Peoria man then heard a pop as he took a drink from a bottle of whiskey. But police say he felt no pain. Durham told officers he went to sleep around 3 a.m. Monday and discovered the wound about four hours later. Police questioned Durham while he was being treated at a local hospital.

A Decade In Sports

2000-2009

Who do you think is the most influential sports figure for the past decade from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan & Howard College?

Here's your chance to nominate them in the categories listed below. All areas in the ballot must be completed for your nomination to count. Ballot must be turned into the Big Spring Herald at 710 Scurry, Big Spring, TX 79720 by Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Coach Of The Decade

Name: _____
School: _____
Year/Years Attended: _____

Why You're Nominating Them? _____

Male Athlete Of The Decade

Name: _____
School: _____
Year/Years Attended: _____

Why You're Nominating Them? _____

Female Athlete Of The Decade

Name: _____
School: _____
Year/Years Attended: _____

Why You're Nominating Them? _____

Sports Team Of The Decade

Name: _____
School: _____
Year/Years Attended: _____

Why You're Nominating Them? _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



America's song

Originally titled "Defence of Fort McHenry," Francis Scott Key's patriotic four-verse poem was eventually renamed "The Star-Spangled Banner" and became our country's national anthem in 1931. Plus, how to compost and peach shortcake.

AmericanProfile

Why not check this out? At the library

Bruce Feiler was a young father when a seven-inch tumor was found on his leg. Instantly fearing that his two daughters would not remember him if he should succumb to the disease, he came up with this: six men would be chosen to be present in the lives of his children. "The Council of Dads" (362.196 FEI B) is Bruce's legacy to his children.



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"Scent of the Missing: Love & Partnership" (636.708 CHA S) by Susannah Charleson is her story as a handler of a dog in search and rescue. After grueling training, Susannah was given Puzzle, a strong, bright Golden Retriever who was more interested in working than lazing around the house. This is their story of searching for a teen gone missing, an Alzheimer patient wandering in the cold and the fearsomely sad task of searching for debris from the space shuttle Columbia.

Are you ready for a luscious coffee table book to read and reminisce over? "Taming the Land: The Lost Postcard Photographs of the Texas High Plains" (OVER-SIZED 770.976 MOR J) by John Miller Morris is abso-

lutely beautiful. You must check this out for a photographic history of the Staked Plains.

This will be an interesting book: "Colossus: Hoover Dam and the Making of the American Century" (627.820 HIL M) by Michael Hiltzik. Hiltzik uses the building of the mighty dam to tell the story of America's efforts to come to grips with social and economic changes. The dam did come a high cost and one might wonder if it really improved life.

Tim LaHaye and Greg Prashall have a new series out — the End Series. The first book is "Edge of Apocalypse" (F LAH T). Clive Cussler and Jack DuBrul have written "The Black Sea" (F CUS C). It has the combination of Antarctica, natural gas exploration, the Japanese and it all coalesces into an exciting tale.

Phillip Margolin has a new one out, "Supreme Justice" (F MAR P); returning are Dana Cutler and Brad Miller from "Executive Privilege." Plans are afoot to manipulate the Supreme Court to ensure that an appeal from an obscure case in Oregon cannot be heard. Pretty interesting and fast-paced action.

Lee Child has the newest Jack Reacher novel available: "61 Hours" (F CHI L). In a bus headed to a warmer climate, Reacher is pulled into a situation that only he can help with. Another excit-

ing Jack Reacher book.

Susan Wittig Albert's newest China Bayles mystery is here: "Holly Blues" (M ALB S). When China's husband's ex-wife shows up at her

shop in Pecan Springs, China is willing to give Sally another chance. However, life catches up with Sally in the form of a murderous ex-boyfriend and stuff goes to pot in a hurry. China is left with trying to save two teenagers, Howard the dog and solve a 10-year old murder. Earlene Fowler's Agatha Award winning series, the Benni Harper Mysteries, has a new one out: "State Fair" (M FOW E). It is Fair time in San Celina and the pigs, sheep goats, steer judging along with the rodeo has arrived. Benni is in the midst of it, when a local cowboy is found dead in the exhibit hall. This is another great book from Fowler.

"The Bourne Objective" (F LUS E) by Eric Van Lustbader is here. Jason Bourne is

facing down mercenaries in Africa when he witnesses the murder of art dealer Tracey Atherton. A fragment of memory



surfaces and he remembers that Atherton gave him a strangely carved ring. This ring is being tracked by powerful people who wish to possess it. Bourne will come up against Russian mercenary Arkadin in a showdown. Another thriller in the tradition of Robert Ludlum.

New Biographies now in: "Tiger: The Real Story" (B WOO T) by Steve Helling.

Helling is a writer for People magazine and according to the book flap has drawn on heretofore unknown sources to "create a never-before-seen portrait of the golfer." We'll see.

Another sports icon has a new biography out. "The Last Hero: A Life of Henry Aaron" (B AAR H) by Howard Bryant showcases one of baseball's heroes. Bryant reveals how Aaron navigated the tough life in segregated America. When he broke Babe Ruth's homerun record, death threats were made against him. Hank was a sports hero in the truest sense of the word.

We also have "Reggie Jackson" (B JAC R) by Dayn Perry and "Steinbrenner: The Last Lion of Baseball" (STE G) by Bill Madden; the story of legendary Yankee's owner, George Steinbrenner.

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1. **PUSH FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT:** Comes on very strong, "I've never loved anyone like this before!"
2. **JEALOUSY:** Excessively possessive, calling constantly, visiting unexpectedly.
3. **CONTROLLING:** Interrogates you on your whereabouts or who you've talked to, checks the mileage on your car keeps control of the money and insists you get permission to go anywhere.
4. **ISOLATION:** Tries to limit your contact with family and friends, deprives you of a phone or car, may insist that you quit your job or prevents you from working.
5. **VERBAL ABUSE:** Constantly criticizes you or says things that hurt your feelings.
6. **THREATS OF VIOLENCE:** "I will break your neck", then later says, "I didn't really mean it, I was just kidding!"
7. **BLAMES OTHERS FOR MISTAKES:** It is always someone else's fault when things go wrong.
8. **SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS:** In a matter of minutes, goes from loving and affectionate to explosively violent.
9. **MAKES EVERYONE ELSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS FEELINGS:** "You make me angry. You hurt me when you don't do what I tell you. If you had just done what I said, I would not have had to hit you!"
10. **HYPERSENSITIVE:** Carries on about injustices of every day life.
11. **PLAYFUL USE OF FORCE DURING SEX:** Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex.
12. **RIGID SEX ROLES:** "Serve, honor and obey."
13. **UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS:** Expects you to be perfect and meet their every need.
14. **PAST BATTERING:** Admits to hitting partners in the past but justifies the abuse.
15. **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND TO CHILDREN:** Punish or kills animals. Expect children to do things beyond their ability or teases them until they cry.

*A combination of three or more of these behaviors may indicate a potential batterer.

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Forsan ranks fourth in Texas Lone Star Cup



File Photo

Forsan's Ty Johnson, middle, competes at the UIL Track and Field Championships in Austin. Forsan High School was ranked fourth in the UIL's Texas Lone Star Cup, which uses a points system to rank the best schools by class based on its academic and athletic programs.

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Just as it is preparing to move into Class 2A status and finish renovating some of the sports stadium on campus, Forsan High School received something extra to be proud of Tuesday.

The school was ranked No. 4 in the UIL's Texas Lone Star Cup, which ranks the best schools in the state based on extracurricular activities — such as athletics — and academics.

The ranking comes on the heels of Forsan's baseball and softball teams doing well this year, along with the continued success of the school's marching band.

"Things have been going well," said Terry McDonald, Forsan High School's athletic director and assistant

principal. "It's a great honor for our students and our staff to be recognized by the UIL. Out of the 200-plus some odd Class A schools that are in the state, it's nice to see that what you're doing is being recognized and maybe what you're doing is right."

McDonald described the Texas Lone Star Cup as ongoing tabulation of points by the UIL on all academic and athletic contests the school participates in. Categories the UIL considers include the marching band, team tennis, cross country, football, academics and one-act plays. District and state championships help score points, McDonald said. There are 10 schools from each class that are ranked according to the total points.

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Hamilton, Rangers extend streaks in 6-3 victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — As well as Julio Borbon has been playing for the Texas Rangers, he is still in awe of slugging teammate Josh Hamilton.

Together, the outfielders kept the Rangers' winning streak going at home.

Hamilton extended his hitting streak to 17 games with a home run and a double, Borbon hit a go-ahead three-run homer and the AL West-leading Rangers stretched the majors' longest winning streak to nine with a 6-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates in a homestand opener Tuesday night.

"It's amazing the stretch he's going through," Borbon said of Hamilton. "Looking at him and the way he goes about it, he's out there enjoying and having fun. ... It's

something for him to remember, and he's definitely helping us out as a ballclub to get some wins."

Borbon, the leadoff hitter to start the season before early struggles sent him to the bottom of the order, is hitting .429 (27 for 63) over his past 18 games. That raised his average from .233 to a season-high .294.

And that still isn't as good as Hamilton, who has hit .485 (33 for 68) in his career-best hitting streak that is also the longest active in the majors. He is up to .339 for the season.

"I feel like everything I'm doing in practice and my routine is helping me prepare for the game," Hamilton said. "I don't have to think about it, I just react."

Michael Young also hom-

ered in his first home game since becoming the franchise's career hits leader last week at Florida during the Rangers' eight consecutive victories on the road.

"We're a team right now," Hamilton said. "That's a good place to be."

Borbon's second homer of the season, after Hamilton doubled, put the Rangers up 4-2 in the fifth.

"You have to give Julio credit for the way he's battled, the way he's hung in there, and the way he's put it together," manager Ron Washington said. "He has got a lot of confidence right now. ... That was a big three-run homer, it really was."

An inning later, Hamilton homered onto the grassy hill in center for his 17th of the season and majors-best

eighth in June.

Hamilton, an All-Star starter the past two seasons, moved up to third this week in the AL All-Star fan voting. He moved ahead of teammate Nelson Cruz, who slipped to fourth.

Tommy Hunter (3-0) struck out six without a walk in his inning. He threw 68 of his 88 pitches for strikes while allowing three runs (two earned) and nine hits.

Rookie Neftali Feliz worked the ninth for his AL-best 20th save in 22 chances after Darren Oliver worked two perfect innings.

Ross Ohlendorf (0-6) is winless his past 15 starts, 10 this season, since a victory on Aug. 18 against Milwaukee.

Ohlendorf retired the first 10 Rangers batters before Young's one-out homer in the

fourth.

The last 10 hitters the Pirates' right-hander faced, including Young and Borbon, went 5-for-8 with two walks for four runs.

"It's been frustrating," Ohlendorf said.

"He looked like he was throwing well," manager John Russell said. "And then he fell through the trap and made some mistakes."

The Pirates, who had won two in a row since a 12-game losing streak, led 2-0.

Pittsburgh has now lost 12 straight road games.

Neil Walker had a one-out double in the first and scored on a single by Garrett Jones, who has an NL-best 12-game hitting streak. Pedro Alvarez had a leadoff single in the fourth and scored on a throwing error.

Serena Williams, Nadal off to good start, win Wimbledon openers

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Serena Williams finished with an ace and a curtsy, showing she's ready for the queen and a lot more at Wimbledon.

The defending champion won her opening match Tuesday, relying on an overpowering serve to beat 17-year-old Michelle Larcher de Brito of Portugal 6-0, 6-4.

Williams won all 27 points on her first serve and hit 15 aces, the last on her final shot. As the crowd applauded her victory, Williams curtsied, mindful Queen Elizabeth II is expected to visit Wimbledon for the first time since 1977 on Thursday.

Williams plays her second-round match that day and has been practicing her curtsy.

"I want it to be more natural," she said. "Right now it feels really forced. Seems like I've never done a curtsy before, which may be true. But I'm looking forward to nailing it."

The queen may also get to see top-ranked Rafael Nadal, who advanced by beating Japanese wild card Kei Nishikori 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. It was Nadal's first match at Wimbledon since he became the 2008 champion; he missed last year's tournament because of knee tendinitis.

"For me it was a very special moment to come

back to this, probably the nicest Centre Court in the world," Nadal said. "I'm enjoying a lot to be back in my favorite tournament."

Neither French Open women's finalist survived the first round. Roland Garros runner-up Samantha Stosur, ranked a career-high sixth, lost to qualifier Kaia Kanepi 6-4, 6-4. Surprise French Open winner Francesca Schiavone was beaten Monday.

"No doubt it's a quick turnaround," Stosur said. "The champions of the game can do it back to back. That's the kind of pedestal that you want to try to look up to and try to get to yourself."

Maria Sharapova, the 2004 Wimbledon champion, needed only 54 minutes to beat lucky loser Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-1, 6-0. No. 3-seeded Caroline Wozniacki swept Cathie Azarenka 6-1, 6-1.

Former top-five player James Blake, returning from a three-month layoff because of a right knee injury, lost to Robin Haase 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

"The knee is not great," Blake said. "If it doesn't get better soon, I'm not sure how much longer I want to play in pain." No. 6 Robin Soderling, runner-up at the French Open the past two years, beat American Robby Ginepri 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. No. 18 Sam Querrey of the

United States won. No. 4 Andy Murray, No. 9 David Ferrer and No. 10 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga also advanced.

Williams played first on Centre Court and remained unbeaten in opening Grand Slam matches. She's 43-0 in the first round at major events.

For her return to Wimbledon on a warm, sunny afternoon, the three-time champion wore a cream dress with red trim. "Strawberries and cream," she said.

Larcher de Brito, ranked 148th, has three wins over top-20 players but was overwhelmed at the start, needing 33 minutes to win a game. The teenager then be-

gan to play better, and grunts that accompanied her shots grew louder. Last year, French Open opponent Aravane Rezaï complained that Larcher de Brito's noise was too loud, and the noise drew considerable attention from the British media at Wimbledon.

"Anything with my grunting, I don't want to answer," Larcher de Brito said. "I don't want to go down the same road again."

Williams grunted, too. There were some vigorous rallies down the stretch, with Larcher de Brito holding her own as both players scrambled

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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 shamble 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.

Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

The Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament takes place at 8 a.m. July 10 at the Comanche Trails Golf Course and will benefit Coahoma High School Athletes.

It is \$50 per person, four person scramble. Prizes

will be included. Call Rocky McCullough at 213-4868 or DeLoyd Hooser at 816-9051 for more information.

Cavern City Tennis Tournament

This is a USTA sanctioned tennis tournament for participants of all ages and those interested must be USTA members.

Fee for singles players is \$20 and fee for doubles teams is \$30. Open draw is 9 a.m. June 28 at the Rio Pecos Tennis Shop in Carlsbad N.M.

The entry deadline is 6 p.m. June 27. All first place winners get \$100, second place winners get \$50. Call tournament director Charlie Jurva at 575-887-1980 for more information.

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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 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 list 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
#6550 May 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31 and June 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2010

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
ConocoPhillips Company, 3300 N.A. Street, Building 6, Midland, TX 79705, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation, Settles, W.R. -A- 23. This well is vertical oil producing well. The well is located 3 miles West from Forsan, Texas, in the Howard-Glasscock Field in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval of 2142'-2482'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application, should be submitted, in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. (Telephone (512)463-6792). #6588 June 23, 2010

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Just as one man's trash is another man's treasure, one man's worst nightmare is another man's best day ever. The concept will be illustrated today, as the sun, newly exploring Cancer, and lucky Jupiter in the warrior energy of Aries square off. A statement will be made about what good fortune means to each person individually.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As much as others would like to help you, there are some things that are better for you to do on your own. You sense this about your current predicament, and you'll be glad for this opportunity to prove yourself independently.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A friend needs a favor, and you're in just the position to grant it. There have been times when you wanted to give, but this person didn't need anything you had. Now is your chance. Don't let this opportunity slip by.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll ask all of the right questions. Maybe you won't word them perfectly (indeed you might feel uncharacteristically awkward), but you elicit an informative response, and that's what counts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Like a hermit crab that has outgrown his shell, you'll line up a new home and prepare for the transition. This isn't necessarily about changing residence; rather, it's about finding a new niche.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's easy to love those who do as you say. The same goes for the ones who attract your interest and/or entertain you. Earn Karma points by also making the effort to love those who are difficult, stubborn and kind of a mess.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). For you to be happy, you have to stop trying to make others happy — at least for a few hours. Let them fend for themselves, and you'll be surprised at how many important things on your list you can get to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's true that you are often a visually oriented person. You also appreciate qualities like honor and loyalty, and the person who possesses these will be more beautiful to you than a supermodel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are a connoisseur of beauty and a paragon of good taste. So it's no wonder people are asking for your opinion now. They'll bring rough ideas and ask you to shape them. It's like you're a one-person focus group.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want to see your loved one happy and will do everything in your power to bring it about. Consider that sometimes the best thing to do is to back off and let your loved one find his or her own groove.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be dealing with a notoriously difficult personality. You have a way of getting on this person's good side, which will astound the others — and teach them something, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll hate the feeling that someone is looking over your shoulder, rating your performance and ranking your skills. Stay away from anyone who has a habit of correcting you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have interests that your close friends don't share. It will be important to your self-esteem, as well as to your personal development goals, to find someone who does enjoy this topic or activity.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 23). You become healthier as you set a series of small goals and systematically accomplish them. Next month you'll spend wonderful quality

time with one of your favorite people. A new interest has you developing your mind and memory in September. With a combination of skill and luck, you'll win a prize in November. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 25, 21 and 39.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Since The Empress, as you've said, represents the planet Venus, does The Emperor card in Tarot represent Mars?"

Precisely. When The Emperor card is upright, you get the benevolent leader who thinks big and gets things done — envisioning a country's infrastructure of highways, power and communication lines, etc., and putting people to work building bridges, dams, roads and buildings. On a smaller scale, this could be the CEO of a company, who holds the "big picture" in his head and hires the right people to effectively implement it. Or it could be the head of a household, who keeps the family running smoothly. This is Mars at his active best: initiating projects, pushing ahead and getting results. When The Emperor card is reversed — upside down — you get the tyrant. This is the dictator who rules the nation, or the home, with an iron fist. This is Mars in his "god of war" aspect. I always envision The Emperor of Rome. Some, like Claudius, did great things for the world, like creating aqueducts to bring running water into Roman homes. Others, like Claudius' predecessor Caligula, were amoral despots who cared more for power than people

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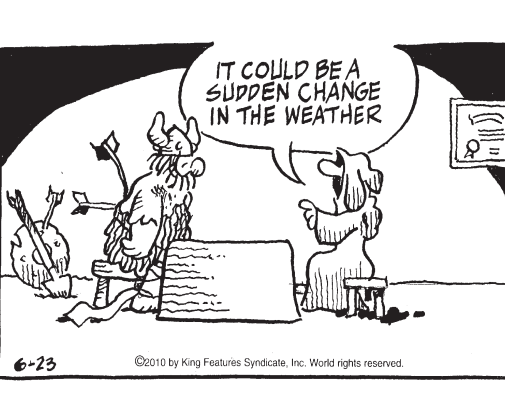
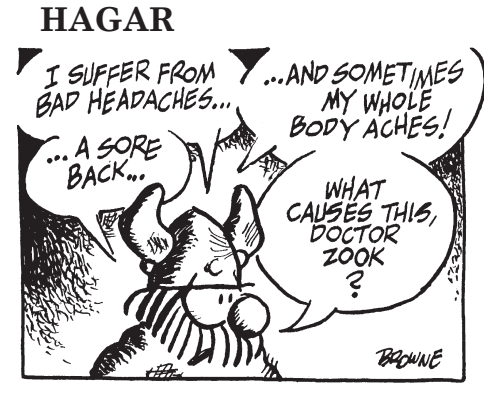
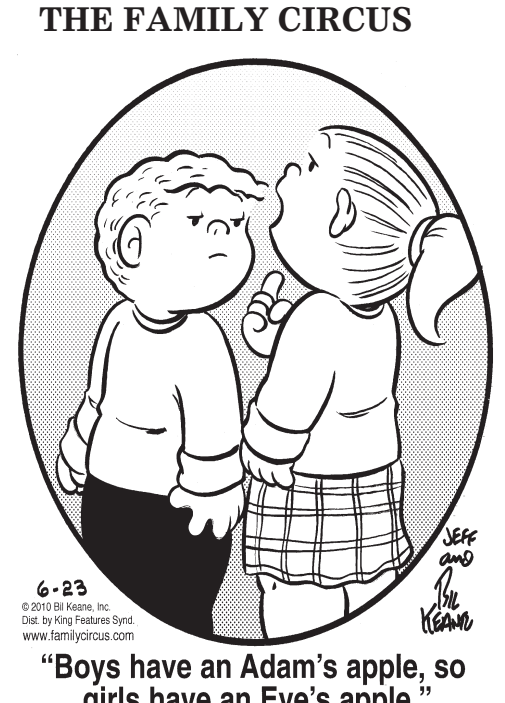
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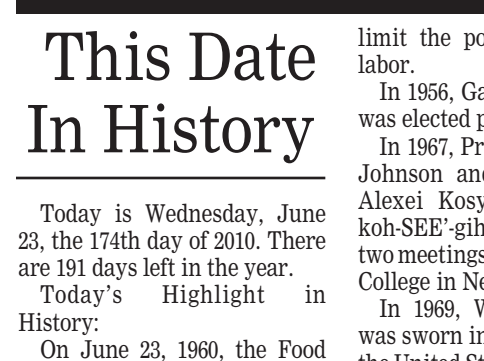
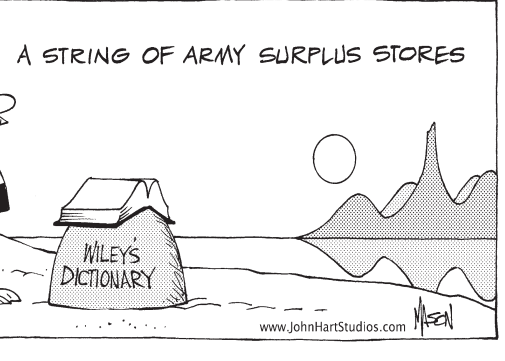
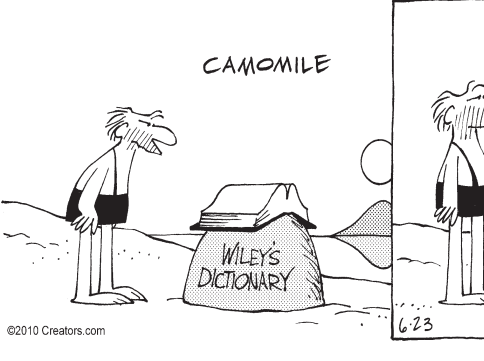


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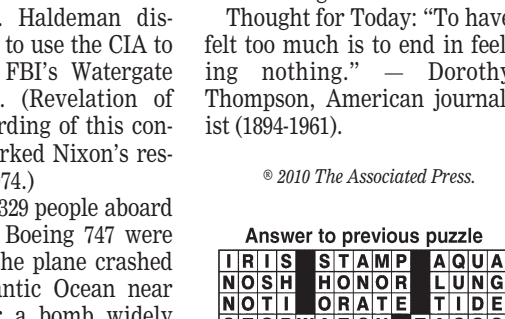


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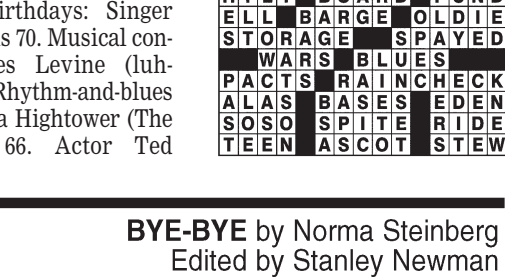
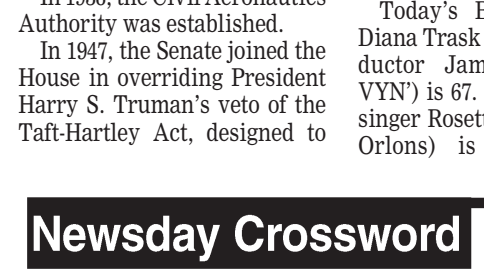
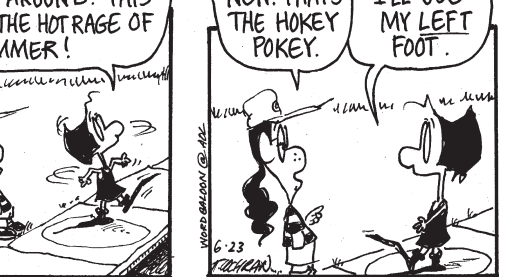


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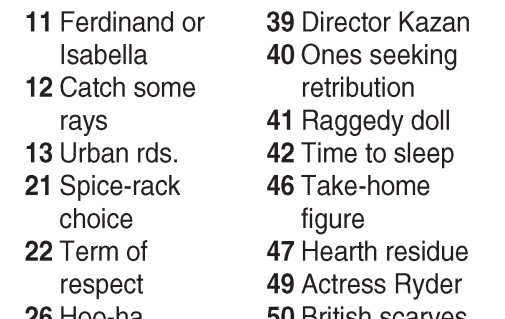
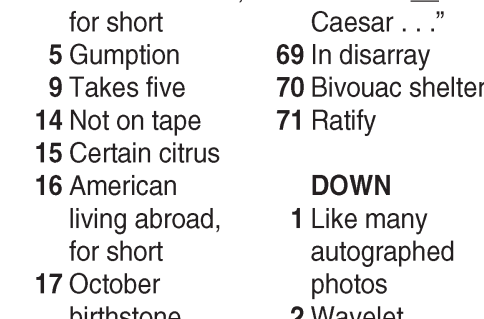
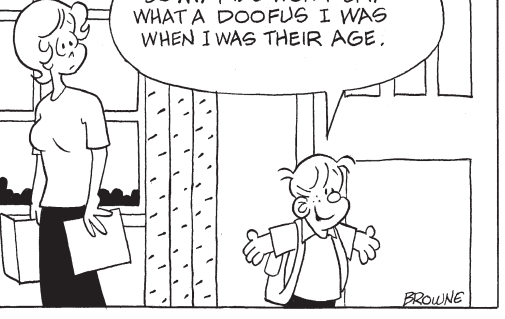
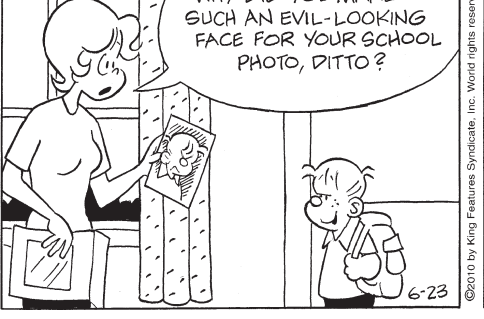


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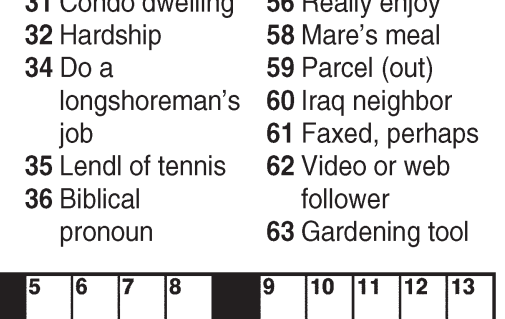
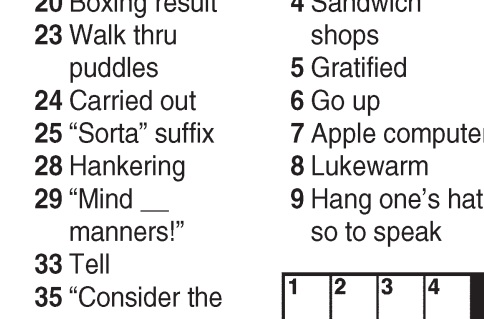


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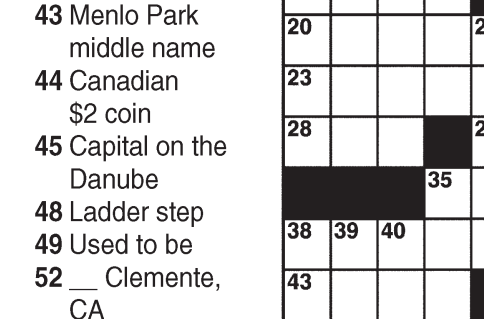
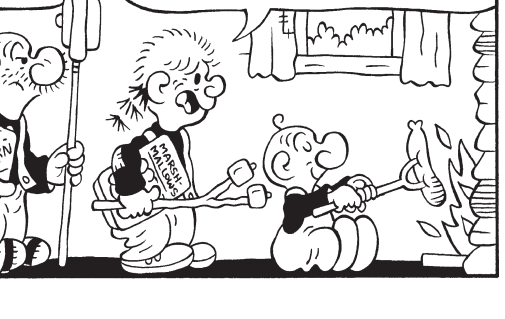
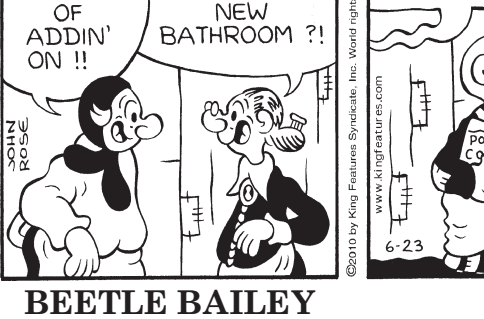


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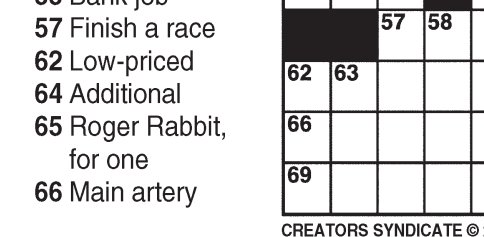
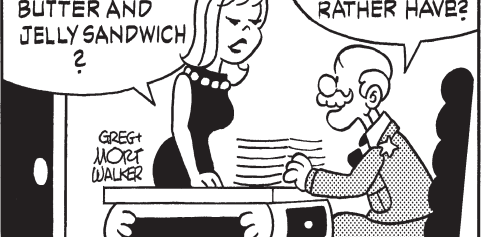


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Uruguay downs Mexico 1-0 to top Group A

RUSTENBURG, South Africa (AP) — Uruguay secured top spot in Group A with a 1-0 win over Mexico on Tuesday, although the Mexicans still advanced to the knockout round at the expense of host South Africa.

Luis Suarez scored the winner in the 43rd minute after running unmarked to the back post and heading in Edinson Cavani's cross for his first goal of the tournament.

Mexico advanced to the round of 16 thanks to better goal difference than South Africa, which beat France 2-1.

Uruguay and Mexico went into the last group game sharing the lead on four points and needed only a draw to advance but they both fielded attacking lineups. Even so, the game yielded few clear scor-

ing chances.

"The important thing is that we qualified in first place," Uruguay striker Diego Forlan said. "They controlled the ball well and in truth it was quite hard for us."

Uruguay, which didn't concede a goal in the first round to reach the knockout stage for the first time since 1990, ended the group phase with seven points.

"We had bad moments, but also good moments," Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez said. "I think it was a lack of experience."

Mexico and South Africa both finished with four points.

"It leaves a bitter taste," Mexico midfielder Rafael Marquez said. "We're all unhappy with this result and

with today's performance.

We'll have to improve now." Mexico coach Javier Aguirre preserved an attacking lineup that helped his team beat France 2-0 in its last game. Veteran striker Cuauhtemoc Blanco, at 37 the oldest outfield player at the tournament, replaced the injured Carlos Vela as Mexico retained its 4-3-3 formation.

Tabarez made just one change to the lineup that beat South Africa 3-0, bringing in defender Mauricio Victorino for Diego Godin.

The Uruguay coach said he had been "bothered" by talk before the game that the two teams might play for a draw.

"It's an insult to the coaches and players. Both teams came out looking for something," Tabarez said.

But the match was mostly subdued. Forlan, who scored twice and set up another goal against the host nation, never sparked, and the Mexicans fell far short of the quality they showed against France.

"We'll now attempt to regroup and recover and wait for our next rival, which we suppose is Argentina," Aguirre said of the team he expected to win Group B. "We'll put up a good fight."

Suarez, a constant menace for the Mexican back line, first threatened in the sixth minute when he pounced on a long downfield pass which two Mexican defenders failed to stop and shot across the face of the goal.

Mexico's best chance came in the 22nd when Andres Guardado, who replaced sus-

pending midfielder Efrain Juarez, fired a left-foot shot from 30 yards (meters) which bounced back off the underside of the crossbar.

Mexico went behind despite dominating possession, moving the ball easily around the pitch but failing to find holes in the Uruguay back line.

Mexico increased the pressure after the interval, and Blanco tested Fernando Muslera with a curling free kick the goalkeeper did well to hold.

But Diego Lugano almost extended Uruguay's lead with a close-range header that Oscar Perez couldn't hold and the Mexican defense bundled the ball out for a corner.

Francisco Rodriguez had Mexico's best chance to equalize in the 64th.

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along the baseline.

"She definitely packs a punch," Williams said. "It was good for me because most people that do play nowadays hit really hard. It was good to get someone that hit really hard early on."

Williams packed the bigger punch — she finished with 47 winners to six for Larcher de Brito, many on serves that reached up to 119 mph.

"It's not even about the pace, because I could deal with that," Larcher

de Brito said. "But she places it so well. When she aims for targets, she really hits that line or just clips that line."

In the final game, Williams hit a service winner and three aces to close out the victory. She said poor serving cost her when she was upset by Stosur in the quarterfinals at the French Open.

"I served so terrible my last match at the French," Williams said. "I went home and worked really hard on my serve. I was incredibly disappointed with it. Had a talk with my serve. I said, 'You know,

we got to do a little bit better.'"

Williams reached double figures in aces for the eighth time this year, most on the women's tour. She has won 58 of her past 59 matches against players ranked outside the top 100.

Nadal was in control from the start against Nishikori, and the Spaniard lost serve only once while committing just 16 unforced errors.

Nadal, who won his fifth French Open title this month, is seeded second at Wimbledon to six-time champion Roger Federer. The two could meet in the final.

IOC to hold off on US TV rights

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The International Olympic Committee is holding off negotiating the next round of U.S. television rights and could delay the high-stakes bidding again until next year because of the fragile state of the American economy and weakness in the advertising market.

Richard Carrion, the IOC official who handles the TV negotiations, said in an interview with The Associated Press that the unfavorable financial climate makes it unwise to seek

a deal now with U.S. broadcasters for the 2014 and 2016 games.

"We're in no hurry yet," Carrion said. "It's more the economic environment that shapes these things. We still see a fragile economy in the U.S. ... There is a lot of change going on in the market."

"When all that translates into some optimism on the part of advertisers, I think we'll make our move. But right now, I don't see it. Maybe not until next year."

By this time in the last

four-year cycle, the IOC had already secured two-thirds of its TV dollar revenues. This time, it is only about 10 percent, Carrion said.

"We have had the worst economic recession and financial market turmoil in the last 80 years," he said. "In that sense, it has made sense to wait."

The U.S. negotiations had already been postponed in 2009 because of the global financial crisis. The IOC had hoped to open the bidding sometime this year, but that now appears doubtful.

Lincecum throws 8 innings, Giants top Astros again with 3-1 victory

HOUSTON (AP) — Tim Lincecum is a little tired of talking about getting the best of Roy Oswalt. That's probably because it's already come up twice before this season.

Lincecum outpitched Oswalt in a matchup of National League aces, and the San Francisco Giants managed just enough offense for a 3-1 win over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

It was San Francisco's seventh straight victory over Houston this season and Lincecum's third of the year against the struggling Astros with Oswalt on the mound.

The two-time NL Cy Young Award winner improved to 5-0 in eight career outings against Houston and is 4-0 with a 0.85 ERA in six matchups with Oswalt.

Lincecum hoped questions about his recent success against Oswalt wouldn't come up after the game, but he knew they would.

"I don't really know," he said when the inevitable inquiries began. "It's just the way the cards fall I guess. He pitched well and just ended up in an unfortunate situation. It's just one of those kind of things where it's a battle be-

tween me and him and who's going to get the last laugh. It always seems to happen with us (winning) lately."

Lincecum (8-2) allowed seven hits and no earned runs over eight innings while striking out seven and walking two. Brian Wilson pitched a perfect ninth for his 20th save in 22 chances.

Lincecum finds it odd talking so much about Oswalt when he's never really spoken with him.

"No Christmas cards, no birthdays, nothing," he joked. "I think I've met him once or so but nothing more

than a friendly, 'Hi.' ... I remember saying I wanted to talk to him my first year just because of the comparisons, but I have never really gotten the chance to."

Juan Uribe scored when Pablo Sandoval grounded into a forceout in the seventh to put the Giants ahead 2-1. San Francisco tied it at 1 earlier in the inning on an RBI single by Pat Burrell. Aubrey Huff singled and Uribe walked before Burrell's hit.

"I thought that once we got one, if I could hold it, we had a chance," Oswalt said. "I threw some pretty good

pitches to Uribe, but when he walked, I knew that was pretty much the game right there. If I keep him off base, then I have a chance."

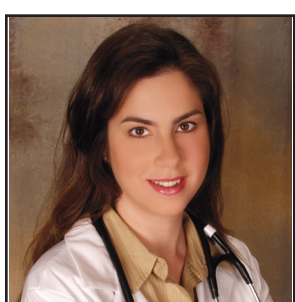
Oswalt (5-9) yielded six hits and two runs with five strikeouts in seven innings.

Houston prospect Jason Castro, a catcher selected with the 10th overall pick in the 2008 amateur draft, made his major league debut. With the season not going as they'd hoped, the Astros called up Castro and fellow rookies Chris Johnson, a third baseman, and Jason Bourgeois, an outfielder.

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
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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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In the Class 1A category, Forsan finished with 46 points behind Cayuga, Lindsay and Tolar High School, which finished with 68, 64 and 54 points, respectively.

Forsan High School tied with Lovelady and finished ahead of Albany, Canadian, Gruver, Martin's Mill and Sey-

mour.

From what he knows, McDonald said this is as high as Forsan has been ranked in the last few years.

He said it's a result of the support the school's programs have had during the last few years.

"The parents support what their kids are doing," McDonald said. "The parents are very supportive of the decisions that the school board and the school staff makes in each pro-

gram, whether it be academically or through the band or through our athletic programs. That makes our job as coaches and teacher a lot easier, to have that community support behind us."

The ranking may give some extra excitement to those supporters at Forsan. The school's athletic programs will compete in Class 2A next season. The football team will be coupled with teams such as Idalou and Coahoma.

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