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3rd arrest emerges from raid

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A third arrest was made Tuesday in the recent investigation into illegal gambling in Big Spring, as officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Office prepare to turn the matter over to the county attorney's office.



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Wade promotion.

> Myatt's arrest comes after two arrests on similar charges were made during the past several weeks. Karla Kay Nix, 45, owner and manager of Bedazzled, was arrested June 9 on charges of keeping a gambling place, possession of gambling devices, equip-

ment or paraphernalia and gambling promotion. Nix was released on a \$6,000 bond, \$2,000 for each charge.

George Scott Emerson, 41, turned himself in to Howard County deputies June 21 on charges of possession of gambling device, keeping a gambling place, gambling promotion and possession of tobacco product where tax is due. Emerson is the owner of Gold Rush, and was released on a \$7,000 bond shortly after his arrest.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office made the arrest in

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Gift boxes tell soldiers 'thank you'

VAMC effort collects \$35,000 worth of items

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Thanks to the local VA Medical Center's employees' association, hundreds of U.S. soldiers stationed overseas will receive a welcome thank you this July 4 weekend.

As part of its Operation Soldier Holiday, the employees' association, with help



Hanslik

from local residents, is shipping almost 300 gift boxes to U.S. service personnel.

Iva Jo Hanslik, director of community relations for the VAMC, said the effort was a way of letting those stationed far from home know their service is appreciated. Spurred on by the employees' association,

boxes full of gifts ranging from CDs and DVDs to personal items such as tooth brushes and wash cloths were col-



Probe nets 5th suspect

Man locked up on aggravated robbery charge

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Police officials say a fifth arrest has been made as a result of the investigation into the June 5 home invasion in the 600 block of State Street.

Clifford Leon Anglin, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the **Big Spring Police Department** on a charge of aggravated robbery. Anglin was transferred to the Howard County Jail shortly after his arrest, according to law enforcement records. Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, said Anglin was taken into custody at a location near the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark without incident. "The arrest went smoothly," Everett said. "There were no injuries or anything like that as a result of the arrest." According to police reports, numerous suspects - witnesses stated there were between five and seven suspects involved — stormed the home of a Big Spring family, kicking in the side and front doors of the house at approximately 11 p.m. Everett declined to say

lected locally during the past month.

Response to the program has been overwhelming, she added.

"When we started this program, we established a goal of 60 gift boxes to ship out in time to get to our soldiers on the Fourth," she said. "Much to our surprise ... we collected 285 gift boxes."

Hanslik estimated that it cost between \$50 and \$125 to fill each gift box, meaning local residents shelled out upwards of \$35,000 to support the program.

Tuesday, soldiers from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo arrived at the medical center to collect the boxes and transport them to Dyess AFB in Abilene, where they will be shipped overseas beginning today.

Most of the packages are earmarked for

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring VA Medical Center employees and airmen from Goodfellow Air Force Base help to load packages bound for overseas military personnel Tuesday morning. Almost 300 packages were collected as part of the VAMC's **Operation Soldier Holiday.**

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Stargazing Party cancelled

Will return to Scenic Mountain next year, official says

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring State Park say they have cancelled the makeup date for the annual Stargazing Party but say the event will definitely be back next year.

The event - which gives are residents a chance to meet with

amateur astronomers and look at heavenly bodies through highpowered telescopes atop Scenic Mountain — was originally scheduled for mid-June, but was cancelled due to heavy cloud cover, according to Park Manager Ron Alton.

date — originally set for July 17 was set in early June, but because of staffing difficulties and low partygoer turnout during past makeup events, the decision was made to go ahead and nix the event this year.

"When we've done the makeup

Alton said the planned makeup See STARS, Page 3A



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Morris departure begins coaching search

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Marcus Morris is going from one group of Steers to another, and that leaves something extra on Phillip Ritchey's agenda this summer.

Ritchey is in the process of searching for a new boys basketball coach after Morris' departure to Graham High School.

Big Spring High School's athletic director admitted, however, it may be difficult to replace a coach who fit in so well with the community.

"Hits me like a ton of bricks because I like coach Morris a lot," Ritchey said. "Him and his wife and his family were just good people, No. 1. Then he was an excellent basketball coach.

"Just a great family, the kind of people we're trying to attract to Big Spring. It's hard to take when they leave."

Morris had as much impact on the court as he had on his peers and the proof can be found in last season's district championship run. The Steers won their first district title since 1989.

Morris said the decision to make the move was difficult, considering the relationships he's built in Big Spring.

But he also said the Graham Steers present a challenge he is excited about taking on.

"It was an opportunity that presented itself," Morris said. "It was a tough decision. It's one that I struggled with. Big Spring has been great. The Ritcheys have been great to work with, Mike Ritchey and Phillip Ritchey, as far as the athletic director and principal. It's tough to leave them and the other coaches behind. Big Spring is a good place."

Morris said Graham is a good city with devote sports fans, like Big Spring. He said he was looking forward to coaching at Graham, which has a good tradition in basketball.

Morris' impact was on other sports as well. He also coached track with Mitch Woodard, specifically dealing with the long jumpers.

"If he feels it's a better job

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File Photo

Marcus Morris will be coaching at Graham High School next season, leaving Phillip Ritchey to search for a new Big Spring High School boys basketball coach. Morris led the Steers to their first district championship since 1989 last season. Morris also was

an assitant track coach at Big Spring High School.

Angels hold off Rangers 6-5 in Guerrero's return

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) -Vladimir Guerrero's standing ovation had been replaced by boos when he stepped to the plate in the ninth inning. Although Angels fans will always have a soft spot for the slugger, they realized Los Angeles' one-run lead could vanish with just one of his enormous swings.

Guerrero's homer and three RBIs earlier Tuesday night were classic Vlad — and so was the late strikeout that helped his former Angels teammates wrap up a big win in the AL West race.

Bobby Abreu hit a tiebreak-

ing, three-run double in the said Angels center fielder Tosixth inning, and Los Angeles overcame Guerrero's dynamic return in a 6-5 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Abreu delivered with a full count and two outs in the sixth for the second-place Angels, who ended Texas' eight-game road winning streak one shy of the franchise record. The Rangers lost for just the second time in 15 games despite a big night from Guerrero, who wasn't re-signed by Los Angeles last winter after six seasons.

"How do you think he looked? Vladdy looked good,"

rii Hunter, whose sprinting catch in the eighth kept Los Angeles' lead barely intact. "He helped those guys the best way he could.'

After exchanging pregame greetings and jokes with his former teammates in batting practice, Guerrero got the standing ovation he acknowledged craving when he stood at the plate for the first time. The 2004 AL MVP, who had 616 RBIs during six seasons with the Angels, stepped out of the box and acknowledged the ovation with a wave of his batting helmet before lining a

single.

"I got chills," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "It was a very nice moment. He did a lot of good things for the Angels, and they just showed their respect right there."

Guerrero drove in a run with a third-inning sacrifice fly before hitting an impressive two-run homer to center in the seventh off reliever Kevin Jepsen. But closer Brian Fuentes had the last word, fanning Guerrero for the second out of the ninth inning with a high 90 mph fastball on the way to his 14th save.

Joel Pineiro (8-6) allowed eight hits over six innings to win his fifth straight start for the Angels, who improved to 18-8 in June. Even after starting the season with two months of near-.500 play, the three-time defending division champions are 3½ games behind Texas, which had the best record in team history through its first 75 games.

"Offensively, defensively, pitching-wise, these guys are the real deal, and we see that," Hunter said.

Ian Kinsler homered for the

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Mike Napoli homered and

Fielder homers twice as Brewers beat Astros in 7-5 win

pen. I just have got to the homestand and has runs. "I don't know the ing the last three batters

MILWAUKEE (AP) — All of a sudden, Prince the Milwaukee Brewers Fielder is in the thick of the National League home run race — and his team is playing good baseball.

Fielderhomeredtwice, and starting pitcher Yovani Gallardo hit a home run and was good enough over six innings not good results hap-

to earn the victory as beat the Houston Astros 7-5 on Tuesday night.

"I have never been a guy to hit singles to left field. That just happens," Fielder said. "But when I see the ball and try to swing hard like I do, more often than

make sure I swing like I swing."

Fielder has hit 10 of his 17 home runs in June after a slow start and is one behind the league leaders: teammate Corey Hart and Arizona's Mark Revnolds.

helped Milwaukee to seven victories in nine games. On Tuesday, Milwaukee had four homers off Astros starter Brett Myers (5-6).

"We just hit the mistakes, I guess," said Fielder, who couldn't remember what pitches Fielder has hit four on he hit for his two home exact formula we used, but we were able to hit mistakes and hit them hard."

Gallardo (8-3), coming off a five-hit shutout over Minnesota, labored in six innings, giving up four runs, seven hits and two walks. He struck out five, includhe faced.

John Axford pitched a shaky ninth for his eighth save in as many chances. Michael Bourn singled with one out, and Lance Berkman drove him in with a twoout double, but Hunter

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Source: Mavs' star Dirk Nowitzki to test worth in free agency

DALLAS (AP) — Add Dirk Nowitzki to the bumper crop of talented free agents.

A person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Nowitzki has notified the Dallas Mavericks he is opting out of the final year and \$21.5 million on his existing contract. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team wasn't planning to announce Nowitzki's decision.

Mavericks president Donnie Nelson already has booked a flight that will have him overseas at 12:01 a.m. ET on Thursday — 6:01 a.m. in Germany — when free agency begins to show Nowitzki how sincere the club is about keeping its all-time leading scorer and rebounder.

He'd obviously scrap the trip if Nowitzki decides to be elsewhere, but the Mavs hope that being there sends a strong message.

"He is our No. 1 priority period," Nelson said.

Dallas had been discussing an extension with Nowitzki, but it would've been for only three years. He can get a four-year contract as a free agent, and perhaps a no-trade clause, something his existing deal lacks.

Nowitzki hitting the market could be a good thing for the Mavericks, but it also creates the chance he could leave, like his buddy Steve Nash did in 2004.

"We know what we hope will happen," Nelson said. "Come July 1, all kinds of unknowns may enter."

Mavs point guard Jason Kidd said last week he expects Nowitzki to stick around, but that he also wouldn't be surprised if Nowitzki allowed other teams to wine and dine him. Nowitzki has never been on the market, and was never

wooed by colleges because he went straight from a German club team to the NBA as a teenager.

"In some respects, it would confuse the marketplace, push things back for us," Nelson said. "But if there's a bug inside Dirk that wants to see what that's all about, then do it."

Then again, Nowitzki is a 32-year-old former MVP who accomplished pretty has much everything but win an NBA title. He's said many times that winning it all for another team wouldn't mean as much as doing it in Dallas,

and this could be a chance to do his part off the court.

A quick decision to return could turn him and Kidd into tag-team recruiters, especially for wing players like Dwyane Wade, Joe Johnson or even the biggest prize of all, LeBron James.

Getting them isn't as simple as owner Mark Cuban writing big checks.

Dallas lacks the salary cap room to sign a top-tier guy, so any major additions have to be of the sign-and-trade variety. Those require the

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Sports in brief

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.

State Representative Joe Heflin Golf Tournaments

This golf tourney will make its way to Big Spring on July 27 at the Comanche Trail Municipal Golf Course. Scramble is scheduled for 9 a.m. and lunch will be provided. RSVP to CassiDe Street at Heflin2010@yahoo.com or 806-675-1583.

Coahoma Ragball Tournament

There will be a ragball tournament July 9 and 10 at the Coahoma Little League Field. Sign-ups will continue at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the concession stand with games starting at 7 p.m. Contact Anthony Herrera at 213-1498 for more information.

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LOCAL

Obituaries

Maria Magdalena Alvear

Maria Magdalena Alvear, 68, died Tuesday, May 25, 2010, in Brownsville.



Maria lived in Big Spring for 17 years, where she worked as a nurses aide and was active in St. Thomas Catholic

Church Ladies Auxiliary. She is survived by her husband, Manuel Alvear; daughter, Marjorie Love; sons, Manuel Alvear Jr. and Joe Antonio Alvear; five grandchildren; sisters, Rosa Ramirez, Ester Villarreal, Dora Garcia and Janie Garcia; brothers, Javier Hernandez and Reymundo Moya Jr.

Visitation was held Sunday, May 30, 2010, with rosary held at Funeraria Del Angel Buena Vista. Mass was held Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Cathedral with interment at Buena Vista Burial Park.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Funeraria Del Angel Buena Vista in Brownsville. The family can be reached at (956) 517-9649.

Johnny Dean McCasland

Johnny Dean McCasland, 55, of West Tawakoni died Monday, June 28, 2010, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 2010, with visitation prior to service beginning at 5



p.m. Burial will follow Thursday, July 1, 2010, at 11:15 a.m. at DFW National Cemetery.

Johnny was born Jan. 29, 1955, in Odessa. He was the son of Gerald Dean McCasland and Fay Prichard Rutherford. Before Johnny's retirement he worked as a plumber. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Linda

McCasland of West Tawakoni; mother and stepfather. Fav and Jerry Rutherford of Horseshoe Bay: father and stepmother, Gerald and Alvin McCasland of Big Spring; daughter, Darla McKay of Lone Oak; brother, Blake Rutherford of Boyd; sister, Karen Craig and husband Jim of Abilene; several grandchildren; and a nephew.

Melvin Leon Sparkman

Melvin Leon Sparkman, 71, of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 24, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July



2, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Lay Minister Rose Dunn-Turner officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Melvin was born Jan. 29, 1939, in

Olney. He was a master heavy equipment mechanic. He served in the Korean War.

He is survived by a son, Stuart Steven Sparkman of Arizona; three

daughters. Elizabeth Ann Underwood of Alabama. Elaine Sparkman of Texas and Ronda Heath of Washington; three grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; 14 brothers and sisters, Martha Barbie of Apple Valley, Calif., Louise Travao of Stephenville, Wayne Sparkman of Pecos, Rodney Sparkman Jr. of Utah, Patricia Sparkman of Texas, Jimmy Sparkman of Alabama, Cynthia Chavez,

Police blotter

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

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

• HARASSMENT was reported in the 1500 block of Wood Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

• CLIFFORD LEON ANGLIN, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated robbery.

• THOMAS DEL BOLTON, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation

• JOHN WADE MYATT, 35, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of keeping a gambling place, possession of gambling device/equipment/ paraphernalia and gambling promotion.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of FM 820. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Rosemont. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of W. FM 700. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 171 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of

Support Groups

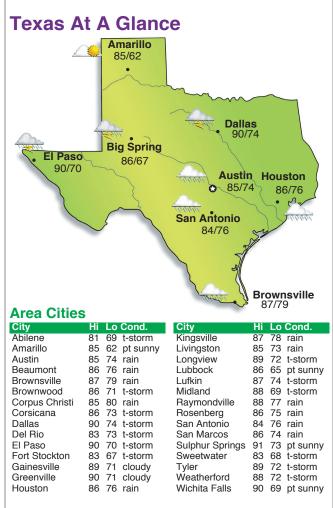
WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Nonsmoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9

Today's Weather Local 5-Day Forecast Thu Sat Sun Mon 7/1 7/2 7/3 7/4 7/5 16 year 80/68 83/70 86/67 85/69 87/69 Partial A few thunfew thun-A few thun Scattered derstorms cloudiness derstorms derstorms thunderearly, with possible. possible. storms. possible. Highs in the scattered . Highs in the showers and low 80s and mid 80s and lows in the thunderlows in the storms in the low 70s. upper 60s. Sunrise: Sunrise: Sunrise: Sunrise: Sunrise: 6:43 AM 6:43 AM 6:44 AM 6:44 AM 6:45 AM Sunset: Sunset: Sunset: Sunset: Sunset: 8:57 PM 8:57 PM 8:56 PM 8:56 PM 8:56 PM



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Boston	75	54	mst sunny	New York	79	61	mst sunny
Chicago	78	57	sunny	Phoenix	105	84	pt sunny
Dallas	90	74	t-storm	San Francisco	74	54	pt sunny
Denver	88	62	pt sunny	Seattle	62	52	rain
Houston	86	76	rain	St. Louis	83	61	sunny
Los Angeles	80	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	83	65	sunny
Miami	91	80	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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Amando Esparza, Mary Franco, Alfonso Esparza, Virgina Jones, Jesse Esparza, Sylvia Hernandez and Susan Reyes, all of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rodney Sparkman; his mother, Lacy Lucille White-Sparkman; and his stepmother, Francis Sparkman.

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



p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

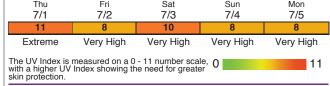
SATURDAY

· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Candlelight Meeting Group of Alcoholics Anonymous at 10 p.m. at 1609 S. Main in Big Spring. For more information call (432) 935-5805 or (432) 517-2272.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.



Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 03-04-15-27-37, Mega Ball: 35.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 24-27-29-31-35. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$10,829. Winning ticket purchased in: Houston (2).

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-3-8-0. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-2-0. Sum It Up: 5.



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Sports

LeBron big prize, free agency set to open

NEW YORK (AP) — The date has been circled on calendars around the NBA for vears

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July 1, 2010: The day LeBron James becomes a free agent. The day the league might

begin to change forever. "I think the landscape could

really shift," former Phoenix general manager Steve Kerr said.

Shopping season starts at 12:01 a.m. EDT Thursday with James as the biggest prize, a two-time MVP just reaching his prime and one of the most sought-after players ever to hit the free agent market in any sport.

There's so much more.

Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, James' classmates from the 2003 draft — and future teammates in Miami if they choose. Perennial All-Stars such as Dirk Nowitzki, Amare Stoudemire and Joe Johnson.

NBA champions and Olympic gold medalists, now in search of something else for their collections: a maximumsalary contract. And teams are positioned at the starting line, just waiting for the race to start.

"We've never had anything like this in my time that I can remember," New Jersey Nets president Rod Thorn said. "There have been big-time free agents before, but never this many teams that are trying to woo them. So it's unprecedented."

Thorn is headed to Ohio, where James will welcome suitors to his home state Thursday. He'll be joined by new owner Mikhail Prokhorov, coach Avery Johnson and hip-hop superstar Jay-Z, a part-owner and James' longtime friend.

Then it's back home to make pitches the next day in New York to Wade and Bosh though minus Jay-Z. (Sorry guys, the day job calls. He's touring in Europe).

The Knicks plan to drop in on LeBron, too. They can afford James and another max player, which might be what they need to finally get going again after a franchise-worst nine straight losing seasons.

"We've had to live through

some tough times in order to get where you think you start rebuilding the franchise," team president Donnie Walsh said. "We have that opportunity now. How well, how fast we can rebuild the team can be shortcut by getting great players."

They'll have plenty of competition. The Heat, Nets, Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Clippers can offer max deals to James' class, which would pay about \$16.6 million next season. Chicago and New Jersey made trades in recent days to push them closer to joining the Knicks with enough to offer two max deals, and the Heat can keep Wade, give an additional max contract and have enough left over for another quality player.

So much for the theory that free agency isn't the route to building a winner in the NBA, where top players rarely leave because their teams can offer them more money. (James would give up about \$30 million if he bolts Cleveland).

The Knicks traded away Jamal Crawford and Zach Randolph — the NBA's top sixth man and a first-time All-Star, respectively — to get their \$34 million in room. New Jersey shipped out Jason Kidd, Richard Jefferson and Vince Carter in recent years, resulting in a 12-70 record but hope for a quick turnaround. Miami essentially left Wade to play by himself this season.

Gamecocks come from behind again to win 1st national championship

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) -South Carolina closed out the final College World Series at Rosenblatt Stadium with its first baseball title and bigtime bragging rights.

"To be the last team to win it here," winning pitcher Matt Price said, "that's amazing." The Gamecocks provided the perfect send-off for the stadium that has been home to college baseball's biggest event since 1950 with a 2-1 victory over UCLA in 11 innings Tuesday night. The CWS moves to a new stadium in downtown Omaha next year.

"It dawned on me, it would be wonderful to go deep into this thing and be around at the end," coach Ray Tanner recalled thinking when the CWS began nearly two weeks ago. "I know the new stadium will be very special and a great facility.

"But this is history. And we'll be a part of the College World Series and Rosenblatt for a long, long time."

Not only because they won it, but how the Gamecocks accomplished it. South Carolina (54-16) trailed in the middle innings of all three of its NCAA regional games and had to win two one-run games in the super regionals to make it to the College World Series.

Once they got to Omaha, the Gamecocks lost their first game and had to stave off elimination four times to

reach the finals, even winning one game after being down to their last strike.

In a fitting end to a fantastic season, South Carolina came from behind again Tuesday night, tying the game in the eighth inning and beating UCLA (51-17) in the 11th on Whit Merrifield's RBI single. "It's just a great run," Tan-

ner said.

"You have to have a lot of things happen for you and you have to have the right kind of people around you. But it's not impossible to be sitting where we are. But the odds are against you being here.

No matter how good your program is, there are a lot of great programs out there."

The Gamecocks won six straight games after losing their CWS opener against Oklahoma, and became the third first-time champion since 2006 after sweeping the best-of-three series.

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player's existing team to be willing to make a deal, and for them to accept the Mavericks' offer over anyone else's. Dallas has plenty to offer, though, having stockpiled the kind of contracts teams are willing to take on and coming out of the draft with plenty of future

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Pence grounded out to end it.

Myers, 4-1 with a 1.94 ERA in nine career games against the Brewers, had his worst outing of the year, giving up a season-high seven runs and nine hits in six innings. The four home runs Myers surrendered were a career-high — and equaled the number the Brewers had hit against him in his career previously.

It's a lot to think about, for all 30 NBA teams. In fact, the glut of options could work to Dallas' advantage; teams might prefer targeting guys who seem more ready to

picks.

been. Then again, it only takes one team, as the Mavs learned the hard way with Nash. And Dallas has won only a single playoff series

move than Nowitzki has

ager Brad Mills said. "The way he's pitched all year, that was something that we've come not to expect. It was a little bit surprising."

The Brewers were looking to rebound after one of their toughest losses of the season Monday, when they blew leads of 4-0 and 5-2 to lose 9-5 to Houston. Gallardo got things

since blowing a 2-0 lead in the 2006 NBA finals.

"It's a very odd, weird, strange time," Nelson said. "If there's anything good about this process, it's as someone goes through it, the thing that comes out is what is really important to them — whether it's location, money, winning, those types of things. Those things really, really come out."

pitchers.

Hart singled with two outs to extend his hitting streak to 14 games, and Fielder followed with a blast to right that landed halfway up the second deck just inside the foul pole.

Villa, Spain beats Portugal for 1-0 win

Africa (AP) — David Villa called it one of his best goals.

On a night when Porthe 63rd minute, giving the European champs a

RANGERS

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Rangers, whose road winning streak ended just short of the club

CAPE TOWN, South 1-0 victory Tuesday and a spot in the World Cup quarterfinals.

Villa took Xavi Hernandez' heel pass and struck a left-footed shot that was saved by Portuguese goalkeeper Eduardo.

He then fired the rebound with his right foot off the underside of the crossbar and into the net — his fourth

pen nearly gave it away. Jepsen and Fernando Rodney both barely escaped big trouble, but Fuentes was perfect in his eighth consecutive save. "This is a tough ballclub," Pineiro said. "They're swinging the bats well. It's a mental grind against these guys. I didn't have my best stuff, and it was a battle from the first pitch." Scott Feldman (5-7) yielded nine hits and five runs but pitched well until the sixth, when he and reliever Darren Oliver couldn't escape the Rangers' most serious iam.

goal of the tournament — sprinted to the near corner and slid on his knees to the flag, letting out a mighty yell.

"It was one of my best goals because it got us through to the next round," Villa said. "Keep scoring so we can keep going."

Spain plays Paraguay in the quarterfinals on Saturday.

Anaheim after spending the past three seasons with the Angels, but got only boos when he came out of the bullpen. Oliver walked Howie Kendrick to load the bases before Abreu smacked a double down the rightfield line. "I threw a curveball 3-2, but I hung it a little bit, and he did what he was supposed to do with it," Oliver said. "But we've got a lot of season left, so I'm sure there are going to be other matchups between me and him." Sometimes I'm going to get him, and sometimes he's going to get me. That's what makes this game so much fun."

He was talking about the timing but the effort was pretty nice, too.

tugal's defense fought off attack after attack, the Spanish striker finally broke through in

"It was different, wasn'tit?" Houston man-

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started. With one out in the third, he smacked a first-pitch fastball from Myers off the back wall of the Brewers bullpen. It was his third homer of the season and seventh in his career, extending

his franchise record for

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Gallardo played a role in the Brewers' two-run fourth-inning.

He drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk that brought up Rickie Weeks, whose single drove in two.

Weeks leads the majors in homers (13) and RBIs (47) from the leadoff spot.

Houston made it 5-3 with three runs in the fifth, two on an RBI

MORRIS

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and he's bettering

himself, that's great,"

Woodard said. "That's

what you try to do. Al-

ways try to better your-

self. I wish him luck and

record set in 1977. With a 20-6 mark in June, win Texas must Wednesday to set a franchise mark for victories in a month.

Josh Hamilton went 1 for 5, but his thirdinning single was his 48th hit of June, setting a club record for hits in a month and extending his hitting streak to 22 games.

While Pineiro set a personal best with five wins in June, his bull-

we're happy for him."

Winning district last season is hard to overlook for Morris.

Besides the relationships he built with colleagues and students, Morris said he is glad to be a part of that run.

"The year was great, from the first day on to the end, the last game," he said. "Those are great memories. Just a great group of kids that's been here. It's good to look back on."

Oliver also returned to

Continuity is key for Ritchey as the search for a new coach continues.

He said Morris actively supported other programs and urged his players to participate in other sports, which was a plus.

Ritchey said he is looking for someone who can fit that mold and the decision could come soon.

"We have it posted and we've gotten a lot more resumes than I thought

we would, being this late in the summer," he said. "Got some good quality coaches. We've already interviewed one and plan on interviewing a couple more and probably make a decision fairly soon I believe. I think it'll be within the next couple of weeks."

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help! A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA. org or www.casawtx.org.

• Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

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• 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.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for checkout by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

 All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

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soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, although service per-

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connection with the May 21 raid at Gold Rush, located at 804 E. Third St.; Bedazzled, located at 1907 Birdwell Lane Suite G; and Cherokee Internet Cafe, located at 1600 E. Fourth

sonnel at other overseas bases will receive packages as well, Hanslik said.

Officials hope to hold the program twice yearly - at July 4 and Christmas — Hanslik noted.

cash value is given is

illegal," Parker said.

"That's what these three

businesses were doing."

According to Sgt. Tony

Everett, public informa-

tion officer with the Big

Spring Police Depart-

ment — one of the law

enforcement agencies

jointly participating in

the May raids — officers

She added that the program was the least Americans can do to thank their soldiers.

"We're elated for all the support we received from the community," she said. "However, this minimal dona-

and deputies seized a number of gaming machines.

"In a search of the locations, approximately 120 8-liner machines and Internet-based computer-operated gaming machines, cash proceeds, documents and items used in the gambling operations were

seized," Everett said. "During the investigation, undercover officers entered each business, paid a fee and were paid in cash or Visa cards with a cash value."

Parker confirmed all of the charges against the three local residents are misdemeanors.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime should contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550 or Big Spring Crimestoppers Area at 263-TIPS. Information leading to the arrest and conviction of criminals can be worth up to \$1,000 in reward money.

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MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Christopher Hale Becker, 48, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10:00 A.M. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday with military honors at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene

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the family at gunpoint, BURGLARY Continued from Page 1A exactly how many suspects were believed to be involved in the invasion, citing the ongoing

investigation. The suspects were armed with handguns, according to police reports, while one suspect was armed with a shotgun. All were wearing bandanas or masks to conceal their identities.

St. According to Sheriff Stan Parker, Myatt was in charge of the Cherokee Internet Cafe at the time of the raid. "Places like Chuck E. Cheese and Mr. Gattis

give novelty prizes in exchange for prize tickets, but anything where cash or something of

ransacked the house," Everett said. "The suspects threatened the adults, and pointed their weapons at the couple's children, who are 2 and 3 years old. One suspect pistol whipped the male victim in the head while his children were present."

Everett said moments

over, several suspects exited the car, fleeing on foot.

Felix Jaramillo. 31. and a 16-year-old juvenile suspect were taken into custody shortly after the home invasion was reported to law enforcement officials. Items stolen during the invasion were recovered from the vehicle. Both were charged with aggravated robbery. Shortly after, 21-yearold Phillip G. Martinez was arrested on a number of charges, includ-

parks has been cut and

cut over the past several

years, so it's vital we

keep our attendance

up, not just with the

Stargazing Party, but

with all of the events we

put on each year," Alton

said. "The state looks

at our attendance very

closely, so it's a very

big part of the funding

mechanism that keeps

this state park and

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others like it open."

ing theft, manufacture/ delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and aggravated robbery.

Several days after the home invasion, a fourth arrest was made as a result of the investigation, according to police records. Abel Guzman, 28, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 131, was arrested

"The suspects demanded money, and holding

STARS

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stargazing events in the past, the attendance has been pretty low," Alton said. "Also, I'm in the process of hiring a new employee here at the park, and while the Stargazing Party is tough to do with just two employees, it's pretty much impossible with just one."

And while the July 17 date has been cancelled, Alton said the annual will most event definitely be back in 2011.

after the suspects fled the victim's home police officers noticed a vehicle driving without its headlights on. Once the vehicle was pulled

"There's no doubt we'll continue holding the Stargazing Parties," Alton said. "It's a really big deal here at the park, and there are a lot of people in the community who look forward to it. However, this year we're having to cancel because of the way dates and things lined up. We have every intention of holding the event in 2011."

Alton said events like the Stargazing Party play a big role in the park's annual funding, making them vital to the operation of the facility. "The state budget for

at a location in the 900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. on a warrant for aggravated robbery. Everett said more arrests are expected.

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OUR VIEW

Salvation Army still needs help with fan drive

on't be fooled by recent rains and slightly cooler weather, the real "dog days of summer" — that time in July and August when it gets so hot in West Texas that lizards look for steam pipes to cool their feet are at hand.

As we've noted before in this space, the immediate inclination is to find a cool, shady spot and be as inactive as possible.

Those days are already here. We eclipsed the 100-degree mark several times this month and there's no doubt the rest of summer will have plenty of days when it's just as uncomfortable.

Sadly, there are those in our community that have virtually no way to deal with oppressive triple-digit temperatures.

As a matter of fact, far too many people in the Crossroads area suffer due to a lack of air conditioning during the summer, and the Salvation Army wants to help. To do so, however, it needs our help.

The Salvation Army's annual fan drive — an effort to get some heat relief to as many people as possible, particularly the elderly and newly born — is now under way.

"With the temperature having already gone well over 100 degrees, there's little doubt the fan program is going to be more important this year than ever before," said Paula Lafler, a local Salvation Army social worker. "The temperature cooled off, but rest assured, it's going to skyrocket again, and there are so many families in the Big Spring area that rely on nothing more than fans to stay cool."

If you have a fan you won't be using this summer, or if you'd like to help someone less fortunate, please consider the Salvation Army's effort. New fans or fans in good condition are needed. Or, if you'd rather send a monetary donation, that's fine. The Salvation Army will be more than glad to take that money and purchase fans for those in need. Please consider assisting with this effort. We all complain about the summer heat, and it's difficult to imagine a young child or an elderly shut-in struggling to endure it without at least some relief. And, if you're one of those people needing the Salvation Army's help in securing a fan, the Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth St. and offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day with an hour lunch break at noon. For more information or to make a donation, call 267-8239.

The doctor is not in

'ot long ago, a close friend called me with an unusual request. She and her husband were looking for a new doctor to take care of them. What made it unusual was that they'd had the same doctor for

years - decades, actually.

What happened to "J," I asked. Did I miss something in my otherwise careful reading of the obits? Had he hung up his stethoscope?

None of the above. Her husband had turned 65 and was now eligible for Medicare. Good news

- except "J" is one of the increasing number of doctors who aren't taking "new" Medicare patients, or even old ones.

I remember the days when the health insurance industry used to advertise that Hillary Clinton would take your doctor away. She didn't. But a lot of people have lost their doctors anyway because of the PPO rules and, lately, because doctors just don't want to put up with the rates Medicare pays.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 97 percent of the doctors in America accept Medicare. But that is a very deceptive number. It doesn't mean that doctors will

take new Medicare patients. According to another study, this one by the American Medical Association, 17 percent of the doctors they surveyed restrict the number of Medicare patients in their practices — and that number for primary care physicians is 31 percent. Watch out!

Some doctors get around the Medicare limits by charging for "concierge" service. I kid you not. They charge an upfront fee for doing things like promptly returning your calls and providing top-notch referrals, things my own doctor (not a concierge) calls good medicine. Others just get rid of longtime patients when they turn 65.

In an era of double-digit unemployment, it's hard to feel sorry for people making six-figure incomes.

On the other hand, many people who do work of lesser value — that required much less education — make far more.

I was looking at a hospital bill of my own (from when I collapsed on a street corner in New York City), and frankly, I was pretty horrified to discover that the doctor who read my brain scan and concluded that, thank God. there was no mass was paid less than the hairdresser who trims my hair. Don't get me wrong: I like my hairdresser and value his work. But my life doesn't depend on it.

And the doctor got more from my insurance company than he

or she would have received from Medicare. I have private insurance. Doctors get paid, on average, 22 percent less from Medicare than they do from private carriers. And they're prohibited by law from billing you the difference.

Obviously, we need to do something — actually, many things - to rein in the skyrocketing costs of health care. As more of us get older and the number of uninsured decreases, those costs are only going to increase. But simply paying doctors less to do their jobs is not the answer.

Better prevention, better screening, fewer unnecessary tests and procedures, more coordination — all of those are important steps. But there is something wrong when people like my friends reach their 60s and have to find new doctors because the ones who know them best won't take care of them anymore.

I told my friend to call my doctor, Larry. He's watching his income being slashed, but he's past caring. He is what another doctor friend of mine calls a "dinosaur" — a doctor who puts patients first, even at his own expense, which is how things work today. I am grateful to have a dinosaur on my side. But I fear that his ilk is facing extinction, and we will all suffer for it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, can make a difference in our lives. Amen that the bill fills in gaps created



D.C., 'Disclose' means stifle

ast week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed HR5175, also known as the Disclose Act, by a 219-206 vote. "Disclose," you see, is an acronym for "Democracy Is Strengthened

by Casting Light on Spending in Elections."

The measure's author, Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., also happens to chair the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee - soyou know that the bill has nothing to do with helping Democrats retain their seats. (Just kidding.) Two Republicans voted for the

measure; 36 Democrats voted

against it. The bill now goes to

the Senate, where it deserves

to molder. This bill may have

passed largely unnoticed, but if

the Senate passes HR5175 as is,

law in 30 days — conveniently

with its provision to activate the

in time for November's midterm

elections but before the Federal

Election Commission would

have a chance to draft careful

rules — voters should see this

as a blatant attempt to rig the

Proponents want you to think

system.

DEBRA

by the U.S. Supreme Court's recent controversial Citizens United ruling that lifted restrictions on independent political advertising by labor and corporations. They just want special interests to disclose their funding of independent political campaigns. Disclosure, after all, is one of those happy-face ideas in American politics.

But it's not that simple. For one thing, the measure bans independent campaign expenditures by businesses that do more than \$10 million in contracts with the federal government. As the Center for Competitive Politics noted, the bill's provision against political expenditures by government contractors "abandons the government's long-standing policy of subjecting unions and corporations to similar restrictions.

(The Disclose Act) would impose no similar burden on unions that directly negotiate for salary and benefits with the government or receive government grants, or on nonprofit groups that receive grants or taxpayer funding.'

I understand that in liberal San Francisco, many readers bristle at the notion that corporations have free-speech rights. But you can't call a bill that muzzles business — but not labor — even-handed. Left or right, you might want to think twice before supporting a mea-

sure that allows Washington to choose which groups can and cannot speak out on issues of the day.

Also, disclosure isn't always apple pie. The ACLU opposes the bill because, according to Michael Macleod-Ball, its chief legislative and policy counsel, "the system is not strengthened by chilling free speech and invading the privacy of modest donors to controversial causes."

Then there's the NRA exemption.

In order to win passage of the bill with Blue Dog Democrats, Van Hollen agreed to exempt the NRA from disclosure requirements.

Then he agreed to expand the exemption to cover other large special interest groups, like the Sierra Club.

So it's an anti-special interest bill that exempts powerful special interests.

"We don't really think the intent of the bill is to withstand scrutiny in the courts," said Jeff Patch of the Center for Competitive Politics.

No lie. Here's a more honest acronym for Disclose: Democrats Intend to Stifle Contrary Leanings with Selective Enforcement.

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News in brief

Spy suspect dubbed femme fatale, her American dream called ruse to feed intel to Moscow

NEW YORK (AP) — Anna Chapman has been called the femme fatale of a spy case with Cold War-style intrigue — a striking redhead and self-styled entrepreneur who dabbled in real estate and mused on her Facebook page, "if you can dream, you can become it."

Chapman's American dream, U.S. authorities say, was a ruse.

The 28-year-old Chapman, they say, was a savvy Russian secret agent who worked with a network of other operatives before an FBI undercover agent lured her into an elaborate trap at a coffee shop in lower Manhattan.

Though the U.S. has branded the operatives as living covertly, at least in Chapman's case, she had taken care to brand herself publicly as a striver of the digital age, passionately embracing online social networking by posting information and images of herself for the world to see.

Prosecutors have charged Chapman and 10 other suspects with following orders by Russian intelligence to become "Americanized" enough to infiltrate "policymaking circles" and feed information back to Moscow.

Cool and clever, Kagan prepares for more questions during hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) - Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan, who has displayed a cool demeanor and a sense of humor during her Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, was expected to move one step closer Wednesday to succeeding Justice John Paul Stevens, barring a major gaffe. Republicans who oppose her nomination will need to resort to a filibuster to block a confirmation vote, a prospect that seems less and less likely. A few uncomfortable exchanges with Republican senators about her treatment of the military and her political views didn't slow down Kagan during Tuesday's hearing. She tried to assure conservatives that her work as a Clinton White House aide and as President Barack Obama's solicitor general wouldn't make her a partisan justice.

"It's all about law when you put on a judge's robes," Kagan said. "It's not about politics, it's not about policy. It's all about law and making your best judgment about what the law requires. And that is the pledge that I said is the only pledge I would make yesterday and I'll make it again now."

Some Republicans didn't seem convinced. In a heated back-andforth, Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama accused Kagan of defying federal law by barring recruiters from Harvard Law School's career services office because of her strong opposition to the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy banning openly gay service members.

Skimming, booming, other spill work idled by Gulf storms; relief well still being drilled

GRAND ISLE, La. (AP) — Dozens of small skiffs, huge shrimp boats and even a swamp tour boat were tied to docks, winds whipping their flags and waves rocking them even in the sheltered marina.

Most days, the fleet would be skimming oil from the Gulf of Mexico and ferrying workers and supplies. But Hurricane Alex churning in the Gulf turned many people fighting the massive 11-week-old spill into spectators on Tuesday. And they will be for days.

"Yesterday we had redcaps instead of white caps," said Jesse Alling, a marine science technician with the Coast Guard. to the National Weather Service.

Derivatives, 2 financial giants and their dance: Crisis panel examines roles of AIG, Goldman

WASHINGTON (AP) — The complex instruments at the heart of the financial meltdown, and the way two giant companies were wrapped around them and entwined with each other, are being examined by the special panel investigating the origins of the economic crisis.

The Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission is turning its focus to derivatives at two days of hearings starting Wednesday. On the hot seat will be former executives of American International Group Inc., the insurance conglomerate saved from collapse by a \$182 billion taxpayer bailout, and current officials of Goldman Sachs Group Inc., the finance powerhouse that has been one of Wall Street's biggest derivatives dealers.

Traded in an opaque global market valued at around \$600 trillion, derivatives have caught a big part of the blame for the financial crisis that ignited in late 2008. The value of derivatives hinges on an underlying investment or commodity — such as currency rates, oil futures or interest rates. The derivative is designed to reduce the risk of loss from the underlying asset.

After the subprime mortgage bubble burst 2007,derivatives in called credit default swaps, which insured against default of securities tied to the mortgages, collapsed. That brought the downfall of Lehman Brothers and pushed AIG to the brink. New York-based AIG got an initial \$85 billion infusion from the government in September 2008.

cure the votes of three straying Republicans in the Senate. The Senate vote, however, is not likely until after Congress' weeklong July 4 break.

The death of Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., this week and fresh objections from Republican Sens. Scott Brown of Massachusetts and Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine had threatened to derail the bill, already a year in the making.

Eager to salvage one of President Barack Obama's legislative priorities, Democrats altered the formula that would have paid for the legislation by eliminating a contentious \$19 billion fee on large banks and hedge funds.

Germany's troubled Merkel facing another test in election for new president

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's president traditionally has little political influence, but the election Wednesday of a new head of state has turned into a challenge for Chancellor Angela Merkel's troubled government.

Merkel's center-right coalition has struggled since it took office in October — hit by constant squabbling over policy and forced by the eurozone debt crisis to push through an austerity drive and unpopular rescue packages for Germany's European partners.

The contest for the presidency, a largely

ceremonial but symbolically important job, has added another layer to its troubles — fueling speculation in recent weeks that a loss for Merkel's candidate could push her coalition to the brink of collapse.

"Angela Merkel is in the midst of her political career's worst crisis," political scientist Gerd Langguth wrote in the Welt am Sonntag newspaper.

Bucking the GOP establishment, Colorado hopeful challenges partybacked Senate candidate

G L E N W O O D SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — In a dingy, woodpaneled restaurant with a \$9 pizza buffet, Ken Buck is waging the latest fight with a Republican Party establishment that favors candidates with shinier political pedigrees.

A group of retirees has gathered to hear Buck, a prosecutor who had little name recognition until he became a hero to conservatives by targeting illegal immigrants in northeast Colorado's Weld County. For the past year, the indefatigable Buck has pitched a hard-right conservatism to tea party followers and GOP clubs, turning the Republican Senate primary into a fiercely competitive race.

His rival, Jane Norton, is a former lieutenant governor backed by the National Republican Senatorial Committee and most Republican senators.



<u>15 WARNING SIGNS OF AN ABUSIVE</u> <u>RELATIONSHIP</u>

Officials scrambled to reposition boom to protect the coast, and had to remove barges that had been blocking oil from reaching sensitive wetlands. Those operations could soon get a boost. The U.S. accepted offers of help from 12 countries and internaorganizations. tional Japan, for instance, was sending two skimmers and boom.

Alex is projected to head for the Texas-Mexico border region and stay far from the spill zone off the Louisiana coast. It is not expected to affect work at the site of the blown-out well. But the storm's outer edges complicated the cleanup. Waves were as high as 12 feet in parts of the Gulf, according Democrats, making patches to secure Senate votes, move banking overhaul bill closer to passage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats are inching closer to passage of a major rewrite of financial industry regulations, making fixes as they go.

House and Senate negotiators hoped for a vote in the House on Wednesday and to se-





- 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.
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story, words prove even more inefficient. ARIES (March 21-April 19). just You've reached the of

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HOLIDAY а mountain, MATHIS only to find

several more ranges to cross. Don't lose heart: Doing it once proves you can do it again. Keep your goal in mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Going into a new job or project is both exciting and scary. No matter how much forethought you give it, you can't know for sure what you're getting into. Trust yourself to prevail, and you will.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

21). Taoist philosopher Tzu said, "The Lao journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." Right now, said journey feels more like 50 thousand miles. And still the work is the same: one step at a time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone who used to annoy you has somehow become your friend. This person has not changed. It's just that some people don't make the best first impressions. You were smart to give this person another chance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are buzzing with anticipation. Even though there's no strong reason to expect that something good is about to happen, you believe your ship is about to come in. And your intuition is right, as usual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). All the people you meet today are secretly cheering you on: friends, family and even the barista who made your coffee. Everyone is rooting for you, because when you win, they win.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe you could have chosen another path, but the one you picked brought you here, which is exactly where you need to be. In the long view, the universe makes no mistakes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Expect some sentimental reminiscing. Maybe you're thinking

Dear Annie: I am a 14-

ornithophobia,

year-old girl who suffers

which is a fear of birds. I

have researched how to

One website listed steps

to follow, and I did all of

them except the last one,

which said to go to a

place where there are

birds and learn not to

I have an opportunity

to do this every day, but

when the birds come

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overcome it.

freak out.

about the good times in the past due to a discomfort in the present. Or maybe you have had so many good times that they merit revisiting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Like tastefully arranged furniture in a handsome room, your daily activities are both worthy unto themselves and contributions to the overall harmony of the day. An afternoon disruption needn't upset your routine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You need a vacation, but you're not sure you can afford it. You needn't be extravagant to get away. A day or two will do. The important thing is not the location, but that you carve out time for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Others run from responsibility, and you run toward it. Work is an essential part of who you are. It interests you. You need it as much as you need play or rest. And you'll do a fantastic job.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have deep wells of creativity and ingenuity and believe that others do, too. You'll find these innovators when you seek an atmosphere of support and encouragement, where everyone is safe to express themselves.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 30). You become increasingly consistent

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you were afraid of snakes or spiders. Fear of falls birds into the same category, but because birds are so abundant

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Sister

with your actions. People trust you, and you trust yourself. Your confidence attracts a new client, boss or fan base over the next not make this transition six weeks. July is the any harder on yourself by most romantic month. Finances take a turn for the better in August. Travel is inexpensive and adventurous in September and December. Scorpio and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 12, 49, 19 and 2.

ASTROLOGICAL

"Does **QUESTIONS:** Pluto, the non-planet, have a place in Tarot?"

Pluto may be tiny, but he's mighty. He holds a very powerful place in a deck of Tarot cards — the next-to-last card of the major arcana, Judgment. This is the card of resurrection and is reminiscent of the myth the phoenix, the of firebird that rises from its own ashes to be reborn. Pluto is the planet of transformation, and that's exactly what Judgment the card represents. The person draws Judgment who deck from the is undergoing a major life transition and is in the process of moving to a higher evolutionary state of being. They've been through the fire, so to speak, and they've risen *visit* above it to become a stronger, more spiritual person. Likewise, Pluto's location in your astrological birth chart

indicates the area in your life that is ripe for change and promises great personal growth. Do resisting this necessary change! One way to know whether you're resisting is if you pick a reversed (upside down) Judgment card from the Tarot deck. Remember: Change is good.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Could Pamela Anderson have a future as a healer? With her sun and Mercury in Cancer, this model, activist actress, and author may be inexplicably drawn to the healing arts later in her life. Perhaps she'll follow the footsteps of in another blonde bombshell, Suzanne Somers, who has been a spokesperson for fitness equipment and has also written a helpful health book for women.

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negatively her addictions are affecting her, as well as you, and consider whether pulling the rug out will help her in the long run.

Then we recommend making the decision that best allows you to sleep at night.

Dear Annie: "Help" said her husband never closes cabinet doors and asked if anyone else had me she'll never this problem. Yes. Big time Not only does my husband leave doors open, but he leaves the cap off the toothpaste and the top off the orange juice (so that it flies all over when I shake it), fails to close cheese packages, loaves of bread and cereal boxes, and leaves all the lights on. Last week, he even left the hot water running in the sink. I call this "failure to condition complete." — Hamden, Conn.

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I don't mind having this irrational fear, but my friends do. They constantly tell me it is stupid, and they are embarrassed to be around me when birds fly by.

I know they complain about my phobia to other people. They say, "Just get over it. It's not a big deal." It hurts when they say these things.

They have no idea what it feels like. I have tried to explain, but they roll their eyes. I want them to understand and calm me down when I panic.

Annie, I am so stressed by this problem. I have talked school to counselors, my mother and other people, but nothing seems to help. – Help Needed

Dear Help: Ask your friends whether they would be as derisive if notwithstanding), most people don't understand the problem.

There are techniques and treatments to help you overcome your fear. Look into the Anxiety Disorders Association of America (adaa.org) at 8730 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Dear Annie: My older sister is 63 and has multiple medical problems that cause intense pain.

Her doctors have told her to stop smoking and drinking, but she hasn't been able to.

She cannot work and recently became eligible for disability benefits, which puts her above the limit for receiving Medicaid but isn't enough to cover her high medical bills. She has to

stop unless I cut the cord.

in Al-Anon tell

But if I stop, she'll probably lose her apartment. I cannot bring myself to do this, especially knowing how much pain she endures. Is this a "tough love" situation, or would I only be sentencing her to a miserable life on the streets? — Distressed

Dear Distressed: Your sister could be depressed. It's also possible her pain medication is not doing the job. She may be relying on other forms of self- medication to get through the day, so please suggest she talk to her doctor about this.

Are the drinking and the smoking the cause of her health problems? Does she get drunk and put herself in jeopardy? Determine how

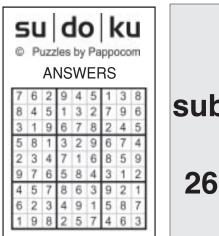
Dear Hamden: Leaving the hot water running can be dangerous, as well as expensive. If your husband's "failure" is getting worse, you might suggest he see a doctor just in case something more is going on.

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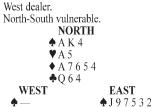
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strong two-bid - even though he has 10 sure tricks in his hand that's beside the point. The bidding thereafter doesn't go the same way every time, but somehow South always winds up playing the hand in seven spades!

I always double him — call it a compulsive double if you will - and he always redoubles and makes the grand slam. This comes to a tidy 3,140 points, and, frankly, I can't afford to lose that many points on one deal, even when I'm asleep. West invariably leads the king of hearts. Declarer takes it with the ace and returns the queen of clubs. I cover with the king, and South wins with the ace, catching my partner's jack. He then enters dummy with a diamond, leads the six of clubs and lets it ride Next South repeats the finesse against my nine, cashes a high club, discarding a heart from dummy, and ruffs a heart with the four of spades. After that, with six tricks to go, he crossruffs the hand as I sit by helplessly undertrumping everything he My hope is that by writing to you about this extraordinary hand, maybe the dream will go away. Cordially yours, Earl E. Rizer.

News in brief

Fellow officers in Arp

mourn K-9 death

ARP(AP) - An east Texas police dog that failed in the U.S. military but shined in the war on drugs has died

A service was held Tuesday afternoon in Arp for the German shepherd called Captain Cezar. A veterinarian had diagnosed the police dog with congestive heart failure. The decade-old canine had to be euthanized.

Arp Mayor Linda Jenkins described Cezar as serious and aggressive when working, but "the kindest, sweetest thing when he wasn't.'

About 30 people attended the burial service at a park in Arp, a town of about 1,000 located 110 miles southeast of Dallas.

Police Chief Scott McAuley had cared for Cezar since adopting him from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

McAuley says, as a drug-sniffing dog, Cezar "was really good at what he did."

Overhaul for San Antonio's Municipal Auditorium

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio's Municipal Auditorium is in line for a new name and a facelift as part of a \$15 million performing arts-related pledge.

The San Antonio Express-News reports plans for a Tobin Center for the Performing Arts were expected to be announced Wednesday.

The Tobin Endowment planned to commit up to \$15 million, as part of a matching funds grant, to transform the auditorium into a more arts-friendly complex. Robert Lynn Batts Tobin, who died in 2000, was an arts patron.

Voters in 2008 approved an extension of the hotel and car rental tax to dedicate \$100 million in public funds to update Municipal Auditorium, which was built in 1926 as a memorial to World War I veterans.

Austin ends toilet-rebate program

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin toilet rebate program is down the drain.

Wednesday was the last day to purchase a lowflow toilet at a retailer and apply for a rebate check from the city.

The Austin American-Statesman reports the city is ending the toilet-rebate program, which began in the mid-1990s to save water, as utility officials shift limited dollars to other conservation measures.

Low-flow toilets will still be available free for residents and business owners willing to pick them up at a city-contracted vendor.

Austin Water Utility official Drema Gross say the toilet rebate program is no longer the best method for conserving water.



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Texas slaying suspect to be returned from Missouri

SAN MARCOS (AP) — A man charged in an April slaying in Hays County faces extradition after a nearly nine-hour motel standoff in Branson, Mo.

Extradition is pending for 51-year-old Mark David Simmons, who is charged with capital murder. Investigators say the body of Steven Wayne Woelfel of Buda was found in his burning house in April.

A deputy at the Hays County Jail in San Marcos, who declined to provide his name, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Simmons was not yet at the lockup.

Simmons surrendered Tuesday afternoon, with no shots fired, after a standoff that began when an officer spotted a vehicle matching the description of one used in the holdup of two Branson motels.

San Marcos is 30 miles south of Austin.

Texas may allow more E. coli bacteria in water

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas environmental regulators will consider lowering the standard for E. coli bacteria in recreational waters, a move that increases the risk to public health.

The governor-appointed, rule-making body of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will meet Wednesday. Its staff and scientists recommend the standards be loosened.

However, environmental groups warn that would put the public at risk. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hasn't lowered its standards.

TCEQ aquatic scientist Jim Davenport says loosening the standards slightly would increase the risk of stomach illness. However, he says it's necessary to allow the state to focus more on heavily polluted bodies of water.

If approved, the rule could take effect by July 22. It also requires EPA approval.

Killer of 12-year-old girl set to die in Texas

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - Condemned prisoner Jonathan Green faces lethal injection for the abduction, rape and strangling of a 12-year-old girl near Houston 10 years ago.

Green is scheduled to die in the Texas death chamber in Huntsville on Wednesday evening. The 42-year-old inmate would be the 14th killer Texas has executed this year and the first of two on consecutive nights in the nation's most active death penalty state.

A Montgomery County jury sent Green to death row for the June 2000 slaying of Christina LeAnn Neal, who lived across the road from Green in the Dobbin community, west of Conroe. She'd been reported missing after not returning home from a friend's house nearby.

Green was arrested a month later when police cadaver dogs led authorities to her body in his home.

Gunshots hit El Paso City Hall

EL PASO (AP) — El Paso police are investigating gunshots that struck City Hall.

A police statement says the incident happened about 5 p.m. Tuesday when a bullet zipped through a ninth-floor window and an interior wall before hitting a picture frame and stopping. Further investigation found that another six bullets had struck the building's north and south stucco walls. Police spokesman Darrel Petry says the shots apparently came from across the Rio Grande in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, which has been long wracked by bloody drug-related violence. El Paso City Hall is about a mile from the Juarez side of the river.

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idiot, opens the bidding with two hearts. I don't think he has a genuine

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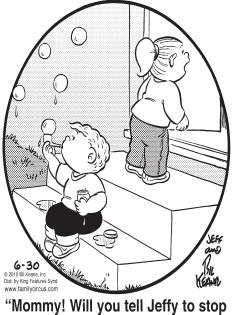
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 30, the 181st day of 2010. There are 184 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On June 30, 1860, the famous Oxford University Museum debate on Darwin's theory of evolution took place as Anglican Bishop Samuel Wilberforce led his side in denouncing the concept, while biologist T.H. Huxley rose to defend it. (Although exact details of the debate, which was not transcribed, are in dispute, it is generally believed that Huxley's side prevailed.)

On this date: In 1859, French acrobat Charles Blondin (blahn-DAN') walked back and forth on a

tightrope above the gorge of Niagara Falls as thousands of spectators watched. In 1908, the Tunguska Event

took place in Russia as an asteroid exploded above Siberia,

In 1921, President Warren G. Harding nominated former President William Howard Taft to be chief justice of the United States, succeeding the late Edward Douglass White.

In 1934, Adolf Hitler carried out his "blood purge" of political and military rivals in Germany in what came to be known as "The Night of the Long Knives."

In 1958, the U.S. Senate passed the Alaska statehood bill by a vote of 64-20.

In 1960, Belgian Congo achieved independence.

In 1963, Pope Paul VI was installed as 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1971, a Soviet space mission ended in tragedy when three cosmonauts aboard Soyuz 11 were found dead inside their spacecraft after it had returned to Earth.

In 1984, John Turner was sworn in as Canada's 17th prime minister, succeeding Pierre Elliott Trudeau (troo-DOH'). (However, Turner held the post for less than three months.)

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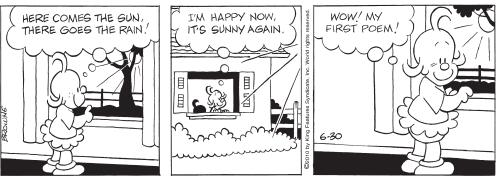
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Today's Birthdays: Actor Tony Musante is 74. Actress Nancy Dussault is 74. Singer Glenn Shorrock is 66. Jazz musician Stanley Clarke is 59. Actor David Garrison is 58. Rock musician Hal Lindes (Dire Straits) is 57. Actor-comedian David Alan Grier is 54. Actor Vincent D'Onofrio is 51. Actress Deirdre Lovejoy is 48. Actor Rupert Graves is 47. Boxer Mike Tyson is 44. Rock musician Tom Drummond (Better Than Ezra) is 41. Actor Brian Bloom is 40. Actor Brian Vincent is 40. Actress Monica Potter is 39. Actor Rick Gonzalez is 31. Actress Lizzy Caplan is 28. medal swimmer Michael Phelps

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FEATURE

Turtle eggs to be whisked far from oil spill

(AP) — An effort to save thousands of sea turtle hatchlings from dying in the oily Gulf of Mexico will begin in the coming weeks in a desperate attempt to keep an entire generation of threatened species from vanishing.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will coordinate the plan, which calls for collecting about 70,000 turtle eggs in up to 800 nests buried in the sand across Florida Panhandle and Alabama beaches.

It's never been done on such a massive scale. But doing nothing, experts say, could lead to unprecedented deaths. There are fears the turtles would be coated in oil and poisoned by crude-soaked food.

"This is an extraordinary effort under extraordinary conditions, but if we can save some of the hatchlings, it will be worth it as opposed to losing all of them," said Chuck Underwood of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"We have a much higher de-

PENSACOLA BEACH, Fla. gree of certainty that if we do nothing and we allow these turtles to emerge and go into the Gulf and into the oil ... that we could in fact lose most of them, if not all of them," he added. "There's a chance of losing a whole generation."

> Dozens of workers are fanned out across the coast marking turtle nests, most of them threatened loggerheads, which nest largely along Florida Panhandle and Alabama beaches.

> In about 10 days, they will begin the arduous process of excavating the nests, mostly by hand. The digging must be slow and delicate — aside from making sure the shells don't crack, the eggs can't be rolled around or repositioned to protect the embryo inside.

> Then the eggs will be carefully placed in specially designed Styrofoam containers. like coolers, along with sand and moisture to mimic the natural nest.

The containers will then be trucked about 500 miles east to a temperature-controlled

warehouse at Florida's Kennedv Space Center.

There, the eggs will remain until hatchlings emerge, and they will be placed one-by-one on Florida's east coast, where the turtles can swim oil-free into the Atlantic Ocean.

"There's a whole lot of unknowns in what we're doing," Underwood acknowledged, noting many of the hatchlings could die anyway because of the stressful moving process.

All of the sea turtles that venture into Gulf waters have already suffered because of commercial fishing and habitat loss.

Endangered Kemp's ridleys, which are nesting on beaches in Mexico and Texas, have washed up by the dozens dead along Gulf beaches since the April 20 Deepwater Horizon rig explosion that has gushed up to 130 million gallons of oil into the sea.

While some have been found oiled, it remains unclear how many of them died because of it. Tests are ongoing. The

Kemp's ridleys aren't in as immediate of danger because oil hasn't been washing ashore yet in their nesting places in the western Gulf. But some fear those hatchlings also could eventually make it into the crude.

Threatened loggerheads, which are currently being considered for the added protection of endangered status. also have been found oiled and dead since the spill started, along with leatherbacks and green turtles.

David Godfrey, executive director of the Gainesville, Fla.-based Sea Turtle Conservancy, agrees this plan is the only option to save as many turtles as possible.

He said if left alone, the turtles will soon begin emerging from their nests and heading straight out to sea to feed in masses of oil-soaked seaweed

Even more unusual, in a field that typically sees division between government entities and conservationists, there is agreement on what to do. Teri Shore, program director with the Californiabased Sea Turtle Restoration Project, said she thought the plan was good given the circumstances.

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"If those sea turtles swim out to the Gulf, they're going to face a massive oil slick which will cause them to perish or at least significantly decrease their chances of survival." she said.

Godfrey said he agreed with the strategy and called it a "pretty amazing plan" because conservationists rarely support relocating sea turtle nests.

They often push for a change in human behaviors, such as dimming lights along beaches at night to avoid disorienting them.

But no one can control the oil. he noted.

"We're talking about allowing the entire year's class of hatchlings to emerge and swim to their certain doom, and are we just going to sit back and let that happen?" he said. "We just can't."

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Hollis **McCright** library. A new Carolyn Hart "Death on Demand" mystery is in, "Laughed 'Til He Died" (M HAR C). Annie Darling and her husband Max live in Broward's Rock, located in North Carolina. Mystery, death and intrigue abound at the local youth recreation center. Another quality mystery (if not a little too cutesy) from longtime author Carolyn

It has become very popular to use a "hook" in mystery series. Baking, quilting, cooking, knitting, archaeology, etc. have been utilized. Jennifer Chiaverini and Earlene Fowler's books deal with quilting. Joanne Fluke, Diane Mott Davidson and Laura Childs weave cooking and recipes into their books. And Anne Canadeo is the goto person with her knitting mysteries. In

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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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"Eggs Benedict Arnold"

(LP M CHI L) by Childs, Suzanne, Toni and Petra all have lost their husbands but find solace (and support) by baking. When Suzanne delivers a pie to the local undertaker, she is taken aback to find him on the mortuary table. With more suspects than can be counted, it is up to the trio to find the culprit. Anne Canadeo's "Knit, Purl, DIE" (LP M CAN A) is a Black Sheep Knitting Mystery. Socialite/knitter **Gloria Sterling** has married her fourth husband. Artistic Daniel Wexler needs a studio, so Gloria turns to realtor/ knitter Suzanne to find a suitable house. When Suzanne finds Gloria dead in her swimming pool, the Black Sheep Knitters aren't buying the suicide theory. Determined to find out who killed Gloria, the group goes into action.

While "The Scent of Rain and Lightning" (M PIC N) by Nancy Pickard is listed as a mystery, it could just as well be in the fiction section. It is the story of Jody Linder, whose father was murdered and whose mother disappeared during a stormy Kansas night. It is also the story of the son of the alleged murderer and how his belief in his father secured his release from prison and the unexpected results.

While this certainly is not a new book, the

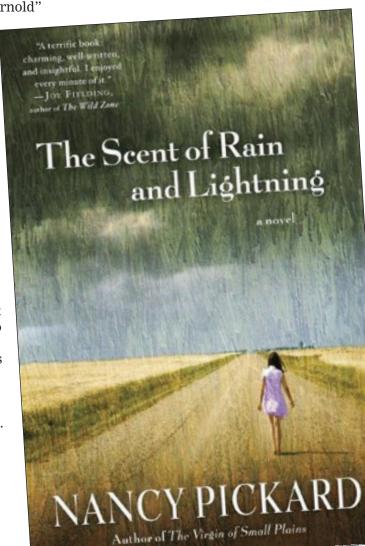
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centennial edition of John Steinbeck's "East of Eden" (F STE J) is now on the shelf.

More new fiction now on the shelves, including Jane Green's "Promises to Keep" (GRE J). The story line is of three families that come together in a year that "is not a good thing. Jayne Ann Krentz has come out with another Arcane Society novel, "White Lies" (F KRE J). "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" (F SIM H) by Helen Simonson is the story of the stereotypical English military man, an English village and the exotic Mrs. Jasmina Ali, a Pakistani store keeper. This has had many, many favorable reviews.

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