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Zoning change folds under protest

Residents, mayor oppose effort that would create senior housing project



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Granger MacDonald, left, describes the proposed senior facility while T. Justin MacDonald holds up a diagram of the building designs. The council voted unanimously not to allow a zoning change in order to make way for the facility during Tuesday's meeting.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A pair of representatives from Kerrville-based builders MacDonald and Associates stormed out of the Big Spring City Council Chambers moments after withdrawing their application for a zoning change to accommodate a proposed housing facility for seniors Tuesday night.

The withdrawal — which was made by Granger and T. Justin MacDonald — came after a public hearing on whether or not to allow a rezoning of the property located at 4000 Bilger from single family (SF-2) to multiple family (PD-13-MF).

According to city officials, the property is currently owned by local resident Bill Chrane, who has been in negotiations with MacDonald and Associates for sale of the land.

Chrane, a 69-year resident

"I polled four of the previous mayors of Big Spring, and each said this zoning change was the wrong thing to do."



—Mayor Tommy Duncan

of Big Spring, addressed the council in favor of the rezoning, saying developers had "run off and left it in 1963.

"This is the best thing to happen in that area of the city in more than 50 years," Chrane told the council. "MacDonald and Associates want to build something there the community can be proud of. Property values in the area won't go down, they will go up."

Terry McDaniel, chairman of the city's planning and zon-

ing commission, also spoke in favor of the project — which according to Granger MacDonald would cost more than \$7 million — calling it an asset to the city's tax base.

"We don't know if the homes in that area are going to go up or down in value," McDaniel said. "It all depends on what happens with interest rates. However, use of this land, which hasn't been developed in more than 30 years, is certainly good for the city's tax base."

Granger and T. Justin MacDonald also addressed the council, trying to assuage fears the facility would lower home values in the community.

"Part of the proposed covenant with the city would require that the renter be 62 years old or older," Granger MacDonald told the council

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No joke, Aggie auction this weekend

Golf tourney, skeet shoot included among festivities

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

If you're looking for sports memorabilia or if you enjoy golf or skeet shooting or if you want to rub shoulders with one of Texas A&M's

most notable football coaches, the Howard County A&M Club has a deal for you.

The club's annual scholarship fundraiser, the West Texas Shootout, will hold its 2010 edition Saturday and organizers promise this year's event will be the club's best yet.

And you don't have to be an Aggie to attend.

"This is probably our biggest Aggie auction ever," said Corey Green, chief organizer of the event. "A golf tournament will kick off the morning and the skeet shoot will return this year. Lots of people had a good time at it last year, so we'll bring it back."

All money raised during the event will go toward establishing scholarships at Texas A&M for Howard County public school graduates. Fourteen scholarships are currently endowed by the club, Green noted.

The golf tournament, a four-person scramble, begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Big Spring Country Club. Registration cost is \$60 per person and the first four participants who



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Corey Green, left, and Kelly Sage hold up an autographed football jersey that is just one of the many items to be auctioned off during the Howard County A&M Club's West Texas Shootout 2010 scholarship fundraising event Saturday.

donate \$1,200 to the club will play with Jackie Sherrill, former Texas A&M football coach. Anyone interested in participating is asked to RSVP to Lynn Morris at 268-3333 or by e-mail at buffalocountry@basin-net.net, Green said.

Next up will be a skeet shoot

at the Bob and Jessica Price ranch on E. Moss Lake Road. Entry fee is \$150 per person. RSVP to Kelly Gaskins at 517-0471 or by e-mail at kt-gaskins@usa.net.

For any true-blood Aggie, however, the spotlight event of the day will be a private

dinner and auction at 6 p.m., preceded by a "meet and greet" with Jackie Sherrill, who coached the Texas A&M football team for several seasons. Both the dinner and Sherrill reception will be held

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- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 46, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALICIA FAYE CARSON, 23, of 1603 Bluebird, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GUADALUPE SAMUEL CRUZ, 19, of 613 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- TERRENCE ALI YOUNG, 21, of 109 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.
- CHANCE RAY LANG, 23, of 4200 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on charges of aggravated assault and interference with an emergency phone call.
- ASSAULT was reported:
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 3600 block of Hamilton.
In the 3200 block of Duke.
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 1500 block of E. 11th Place.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600 block of E. 11th Place.

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOE OLLIE JOHNSON JR., 62, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- GUADALUPE SAMUEL CRUZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 46, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESUS C. HERNANDEZ JR., 25, was arrested Tuesday on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and charges of criminal mischief and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ALICIA F. CARSON, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHANCE LANG, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of aggravated assault and public intoxication.
- GARY LEW CHRANE, 59, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault.
- JOE MORRIS HAYS, 54, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Sheriff

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

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

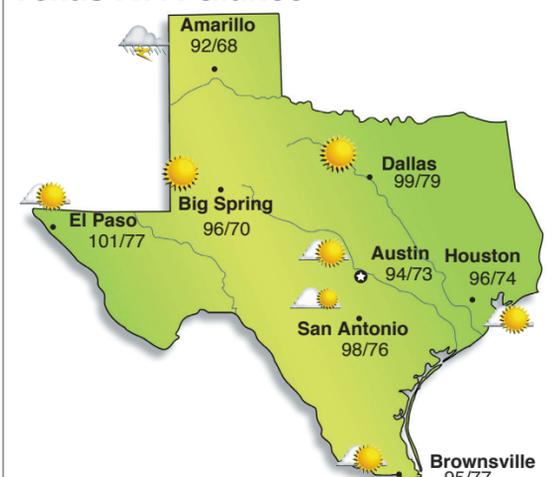
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 6900 block of S. Highway 87. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the area of Barcelona Apartments.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 7/15	Fri 7/16	Sat 7/17	Sun 7/18	Mon 7/19
 96/70 Sunny skies. High 96F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	 93/69 Times of sun and clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	 91/70 A few clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 92/72 More sun than clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 90/71 A few clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM	Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	96	73	sunny	Kingsville	96	74	mst sunny
Amarillo	92	68	t-storm	Livingston	98	73	mst sunny
Austin	94	73	mst sunny	Longview	98	76	sunny
Beaumont	96	74	mst sunny	Lubbock	93	70	mst sunny
Brownsville	95	77	mst sunny	Lufkin	99	76	sunny
Brownwood	99	74	sunny	Midland	96	72	sunny
Corpus Christi	94	76	mst sunny	Raymondville	97	74	mst sunny
Corsicana	96	76	sunny	Rosenberg	96	74	mst sunny
Dallas	99	79	sunny	San Antonio	98	76	pt sunny
Del Rio	95	75	mst sunny	San Marcos	95	73	mst sunny
El Paso	101	77	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	98	77	sunny
Fort Stockton	95	71	windy	Sweetwater	96	72	sunny
Gainesville	97	75	sunny	Tyler	98	74	sunny
Greenville	97	75	sunny	Weatherford	97	75	sunny
Houston	96	74	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	95	74	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	74	mst sunny	Minneapolis	86	67	sunny
Boston	86	68	mst sunny	New York	89	75	pt sunny
Chicago	89	69	t-storm	Phoenix	112	88	pt sunny
Dallas	99	79	sunny	San Francisco	79	59	pt sunny
Denver	89	62	mst sunny	Seattle	76	55	sunny
Houston	96	74	mst sunny	St. Louis	97	76	t-storm
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- Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is having a turkey and dressing dinner Saturday at Sacred Heart Youth Center, 509 Aylesford. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The meal will be served starting at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.
- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.
- Beginning July 21, all grass clippings and leaves should be taken to the landfill at 4100 E. FM 700. The city of Big Spring will be making compost at the landfill facility instead of the compost facility. There is no fee associated with the change.
- Youth at the Spring Creek Fellowship are conducting a shoe drive for Shoes for Orphan Souls through Aug. 1. Shoes for Orphan Souls is part of Buckner International and has distributed more than 2 million pairs of shoes to vulnerable children in the U.S. and to orphans in 69 countries. Shoes collected in the drive will be taken to Rock the Desert, set for Aug. 5-7 in Midland. Drop off boxes are located at Faye's Flowers (1013 S. Gregg) or Slaton Insurance (205 W. 15th). The drive accepts new shoes, socks and shoe strings. For more information, go to www.shoesfororphansouls.org or rockthedesert.com.
- New hours for the Chalet, Big Spring State Hospital's volunteer-run resale shop, are 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and until 2 p.m. Saturdays. The Chalet is located at 110 East Second St. Sales from the shop are used to support patients during their stay at the Big Spring State Hospital. Donations of items are welcome.

Support Groups

- MONDAY**
- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
 - Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- TUESDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and in-
- formative 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. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 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.

AUCTION

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at Moss Creek Ranch, 1601 S. Moss Lake Road.

Entry fee to the Sherill event, to be held at 5 p.m., is a \$350 donation to Texas A&M's 12th Man Foundation and includes an autographed football, photo with Sherrill and a copy of the book, "No Experience Required."

To RSVP for the reception and private dinner, contact Sarah Thomas at 270-8868 or by e-mail at sarahtxag@hotmail.com.

The auction annually offers a wide variety of unique items, including autographed memorabilia and paid vacations and this year is no different, Green promised.

Among the items to be auctioned are trips to trips to the Master's Golf Tournament practice round play at Augusta, Ga., Cabo San Lucas and Cancun, Mexico.

Other items include sports-related items such as an autographed Roger Staubach Dallas Cowboys jersey, a framed Eagles album signed by Don Henley, tickets to each Texas A&M home football game and golf memorabilia signed by Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus.

The main item to be auctioned, however, will be naming rights to an endowed \$25,000 scholarship at Texas A&M. Minimum bid for the scholarship is \$5,000.

For more information on the event, contact Green at 213-2960.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

CITY

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and audience. "We chose Big Spring as the site for this because of its designation and certification with the state as a retirement friendly city. We've built similar facilities, including two in Boerne, and this is the first time we've ever had opposition to a senior-oriented project."

The MacDonalds saw plenty of opposition Tuesday night, however. More than 30 residents turned out for the meeting to oppose the zoning change.

"You should pay attention to the taxpayers and the voters," Vicky Street resident Marcus Fernandez told the council.

Fernandez was joined by Parkway resident Jan Nichols, who also spoke out against the change. Bilger Street resident Jack Stovall also opposed the location of the facility, saying it would draw unsavory characters moving to Big Spring to be closer to family members currently incarcerated at the federal and private prison facilities in the Crossroads areas.

Local resident Gloria Hopkins voiced her opposition of the zoning change, followed by newly-retired Santos Herena.

"When the audience was asked at the planning and zoning commission meeting who was against this, 98 percent of the room stood up," Herena said. "I vehemently oppose this."

T. Justin MacDonald

told the council the project was not being funded by HUD (Housing and Urban Development, a federal program), but instead by housing tax credits. MacDonald also added the facility would be income restricted, but would not follow a sliding scale, and referred to comments from the citizens opposing the zoning change as "slander," which drew a quick admonition from Mayor Tommy Duncan.

Local resident Willie Doss spoke out against the zoning, presenting a letter from another pair of residents near the property who were against the change.

Duncan also expressed his opposition of the zoning change, saying "spot zoning" was simply the wrong thing for the city to do.

"I polled four of the previous mayors of Big Spring, and each said this zoning change was the wrong thing to do," Duncan said. "Chang-

ing zones is simply not a good idea. I'm not willing to single out a portion of Big Spring for this, or the next city council might find itself looking at the street where I live. Spot zoning is wrong. It's the second cousin to imminent domain."

Duncan asked the members of the audience who were attending the meeting due to the proposed zone change to stand up, at which time an estimated 30 to 35 people stood. Duncan then asked everyone who opposed the measure to sit down. Of those who had stood, it appeared only Chrane remained standing.

As the council members were polled on their thoughts regarding the proposed zoning change, each expressed a desire to see the seniors community brought to Big Spring, but all agreed the use of spot zoning to make it happen was wrong.

"This is one of the toughest decisions I've had to make," Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. told the audience. "I understand the city needs this \$7 million project. However, I'm for the people."

Following the polling of the council members, Granger MacDonald rose and told the council he would withdraw the request for zoning change, after which he and T. Justin MacDonald both immediately left the council chambers.

Attempts to speak with the pair as they departed were met simply with "no comment" from T. Justin MacDonald.

Moments later, the

council voted unanimously to reject the zoning change.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Let's do our best to help A&M Club with its auction

As we have oft noted, good causes always seem to bring out the best Howard Countians. Just name the cause — United Way, Relay for Life, the Heart Walk — whenever a need is seen, our community always steps up and answers the call.

Another of those good causes arrives Saturday when the Howard County A&M Club holds its 11th annual Aggie Scholarship Auction at the Moss Creek Ranch to raise money for scholarships it bestows on deserving local students.

Festivities will start at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres being served. That's also when the items go on display, with the auction following.

Earlier in the day, a couple of other events are slated that club members hope will benefit their endowed scholarships.

That morning there will be a four-person golf scramble at the Big Spring Country Club. Entry fees are \$60 per person, but that includes admission to the dinner. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

It should be noted that the first \$1,200 donations for the tournament will allow the donors to play with former Aggies head football coach Jackie Sherrill.

Later, at 3 p.m., the Aggies will have a skeet shoot, with the \$150 entry fees benefitting the club's endowed scholarships. That fee also includes admission to the dinner.

A&M Club members stress the auction is not just for local Aggies, but for anyone who wants to attend. To that end, organizers always have items that will appeal to the general sports fan and music fans, as well as those die-hard Aggies.

Among the auction items this year are trips to the Master's, Cabo and Cancun.

Several students from Howard County are currently attending Texas A&M University, thanks to financial aid received from the club.

Judging from the club's past auctions, two things seem certain. First, anyone who attends will enjoy themselves.

More importantly, however, simply attending and having that good time will allow you to have a part in making sure deserving students receive a college education they might otherwise not be able to afford.

To reserve a spot in the golf tournament call Lynn Morris at 268-3333. Those wanting to compete in the shoot should contact Kelly Gaskins at 432-517-0471, and those simply interested in the dinner and auction can call Sarah Thomas at 270-8868.

It's a win-win situation and we encourage all our readers to make the most of it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we wonder if anyone is listening, Lord, You are listening.

Amen

Unemployed are a political football

Fifteen million Americans are currently unemployed, and nearly half of that number has been actively and fruitlessly seeking employment for longer than six months. The depth and breadth of our labor market crisis is the greatest in over 50 years.

Though the unemployment rate dropped slightly in June from 9.7 percent to 9.5 percent, this is deceiving.

As noted economist Dean Baker of the Center for Economic and Policy Research explains, joblessness receded slightly only because 652,000 Americans left the labor force in June. Additionally, the number of employed workers fell by over 300,000 and the "establishment survey" of businesses, used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows that average hourly wages and work-week hours are declining.

Thank goodness for unemployment insurance, which helps cushion us from abject poverty in the face of such a dearth of jobs. At least Congress consistently does one thing right. Historically, both sides of the aisle have been able to agree that when unemployed workers are unable to find jobs due to no fault of their own, a decent society provides a cushion so that they can weather the storm until able once again to contribute to

rebuilding our economy.

Wait...Goodness is telling me that it has no reason to be thanked — Congress hasn't consulted it. In fact, Republicans and deficit-hawk Democrats have not only turned their backs on goodness, but on the nation's 15 million unemployed people, and the children and families who depend upon them.

Even though economists of all stripes and allegiances understand that unemployment benefits are among our most effective tools in a job crisis and the current recession, lawmakers are betting that fanning the flames of deficit hysteria will get them re-elected in the fall. Despite attempts to extend critically needed, but expiring, unemployment benefits, the Senate has once again let us down. Republicans filibustered attempts to help American workers. Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, a Democrat, joined them, leaving Senate Dems one short of staving off a bit of suffering to millions of us before leaving town to enjoy their own sumptuous Fourth of July picnics.

Then there's Sharron Angle, the GOP nominee vying for Majority Leader Harry Reid's Nevada Senate seat. She sparked uproar akin to Rep. Joe Barton's disgraceful apology to BP when she suggested that the unemployed in our country are spoiled. Following a barrage of criticism, she attempted trying to rewrite these comments with this puzzler as to what she really meant: "What has happened is the system of entitlement has

caused us to have spoilage with our ability to go out and get a job...There are some jobs out there that are available. Because they have to enter at a lower grade and they cannot keep their unemployment, they have to make a choice now."

As reported by the National Employment Law Project, the Economic Policy Institute and the Department of Labor, there are nearly five workers actively vying for every one available job.

So, c'mon. We may be jobless, we may be angry and frustrated that jobs have disappeared and there is seemingly no political will to create more through a second stimulus. We may be plunging increasingly into poverty through no fault of our own. We may be dismayed that goodness has been abandoned by many on Capitol Hill. But we aren't stupid. And we aren't spoiled and our children don't deserve the long-term effects of poverty that Congress is foisting upon them in bids for votes in the fall elections.

Angle and the filibustering Republicans-plus-Nelson are out of touch and playing a dangerous game. Though they may ultimately lose office, the most immediate and devastated losers in their game are millions of Americans and their families who have been kicked to the curb, as their unemployment benefits expire.

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Bombs bursting in air...

War has always boasted adherents. Think of the Kaiser, Ghengis Khan, Alexander, Hitler, Darius, Charlemagne, Stalin, etc. America's foremost cheerleader was Teddy Roosevelt. He made no bones about the thrill of combat and conquest. He even went off to fight himself, an uncommon commitment among world leaders.

Mostly though, at least in the years between our invasion of Mexico and the advent of George W. Bush, the U.S. has just sort of dribbled into its wars (World War II aside). Pro-invasion forces, mostly military, populate the shadows of Washington and ensnare the U.S. into conflicts in a way that makes Americans feel good about themselves.

You'll recall the dismaying disclosure that a slew of former generals who grew popular as TV military analysts on Iraq turned out to still be on the Pentagon payroll. Or the revelation that the "spontaneous" rally by newly "liberated" Iraqis to tear down Saddam Hussein's statue was all orchestrated by the U.S. Army. Not to mention the tear-evoking scene of thousands of Kuwaitis waving little American

flags, all supplied by the Pentagon, to greet GIs as they roared into town.

And who can ever forget the Bay of Pigs, the Tonkin Gulf, those famous "weapons of mass destruction," or now the alleged sinking of the South Korean ship by North Korea? No, President George W. Bush may or may not have lusted for war himself, but plainly he surrounded himself with people who did. Such a cast is mostly what any new president nowadays inherits. The Pentagon and the CIA harbor large war-promoting bureaucracies, and even many small military units boast officers assigned to that duty.

Mr. Obama is presumably less warlike than some, although Afghanistan has given many of his supporters pause. How can he do that? Well, most presidents do that. Beating the drum, demeaning the "enemy," and guarding the homeland are rousing stuff in any nation, and his advisers see winnable votes out there. Or at least they did. The polls are less enthusiastic now. What a dilemma.

Plus the poor guy still has the Cold War to deal with. You may have thought nuclear weapons and landmines were things of the past. Hah! So did most of the world. But not here. Big, big money attends the maintenance, care, reconfiguring, and upgrading of nukes, and if our president should propose seri-

ous cutbacks, the Republicans would nuke him. You know... letting down our defenses and all. Therefore, he has proposed a wimpy treaty in order to hold the hawks at bay while nibbling at reform.

And though it's hard to grasp, landmines simply represent a similar outdated principle of Cold War survival, only on a smaller scale. They were once important for defense and many generals are still scandalized at the thought of letting them go, even though they now chiefly kill civilians. Mindful that they're not important in protecting our domestic bases, just our intrusive bases in other countries. But that's very important to war hawks who want our bases abroad to be just as impervious as those at home.

Actually, it's those foreign bases that make so many Americans feel warm and secure and generally tolerant of war. As long as our troops are duly protected and it's largely bad guys who die we can apparently tolerate a lot of human suffering. But the world's patience is wearing thin in Afghanistan. We may soon have to move on to Iran to keep our national adrenalin flowing.

At least it has oil.

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Why not check this out? At the library

Have you invested in a Wii? As usual, the Dummy books are up to date with "issues" and they have now published a "Wii for Dummies" (794.8 ORL K) by Kyle Orland. In it you will find out how to set up and navigate the system, use the controllers and accessories and even learn how to use the games to share with friends. It looks to be a great asset to your exercise routine.



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Book One in the Demonwar Saga by Raymond E. Feist is "Rides a Dread Legion" (SF FEI R). The Clan of the Seven Stars is returning to their homeworld, not as friends but as conquerors. Alliances are forged between tribes, families and lovers as they try to prevent the takeover.

Ray Charles was an American legend. Winning multiple Grammys, he was truly a star. His son, Ray Charles Robinson Jr. has written a memoir of his father.

He shares intimate details of life with Ray, from the triumphs to the personal pain and struggle of heroin addiction. From a title of a hit record, Ray Jr.'s book, "You Don't Know Me: Reflections of My Father, Ray Charles" (B CHA R) may be found in the biography section.

Dale Brown's newest techno-thriller combines a space-based arms race versus good, old-fashioned nuclear warheads. In "Executive Intent" (F BRO D) the United States is painted as an out of control nation when it unleashes an untested rocket that goes awry and kills thousands of Pakistani civilians. In retaliation, Pakistan and other Middle East nations give China access to strategic sea ports. China then occupies Somalia, wherein they can now target U.S. ships as they travel the Indian Ocean. President Garner must call for help from some unlikely allies. Needless to say, this is full of techno talk, ship talk, etc. (sort of like Tom Clancy's books) and brinksmanship on a world-wide basis.

"Hitler's Holy Relics" (940.531 KIR S) by Sidney D. Kirkpatrick tells a never before told story of how Lt. Walter Dorn tracked down treasures plundered by Hitler and his minions. In anticipation of the Allied Invasion, Heinrich Himmler ordered a top-secret bunker to be built to house the treasures. However, five precious relics vanished from the bunker during the last days of World War II. Who took them and where they ended up, is a page-turning story.

More new fiction: Dean Koontz's "Breathless" (F KOO D); "Girl in Translation," (F KWO J) from Jean Kwok; "Hailey's War" (F COM J) by Jodi Compton and from the team of Douglas Pres-

ton and Lincoln Child come "Fever Dream" (F PRE D). From Publisher's Weekly, here's a review of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," 616.027 SKL R): Science journalist Rebecca Skloot makes a remarkable debut with this multilayered story about faith, science, journalism and grace. It is also a tale of medical wonders and medical arrogance, racism, poverty and the bond that grows,

sometimes painfully, between two very different women — Skloot and Deborah Lacks — sharing an obsession to learn about Deborah's mother, Henrietta, and her magical, immortal cells. Henrietta Lacks was a 31-year-old black mother of five in Baltimore when she died of cervical cancer in 1951. Without her knowledge, doctors treating her at Johns Hopkins took tissue samples from her cervix for research. They spawned the first

viable, indeed miraculously productive, cell line — known as HeLa. These cells have aided in medical discoveries from the polio vaccine to AIDS treatments. What Skloot so poignantly portrays is the devastating impact Henrietta's death and the eventual importance of her cells had on her husband and children. Skloot's portraits of Deborah, her father and brothers are so vibrant and immediate they recall Adrian

Nicole LeBlanc's "Random Family." Writing in plain, clear prose, Skloot avoids melodrama and makes no judgments. Letting people and events speak for themselves, Skloot tells a rich, resonant tale of modern science, the wonders it can perform and how easily it can exploit society's most vulnerable people. This book has been on the New York Times bestseller list for quite some time

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News in brief

Oil will keep spewing into Gulf while more analysis is done on new cap

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The plan to start choking off oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico was suddenly halted as government officials and BP said further analysis must be done Wednesday before critical tests could proceed.

No explanation was given for the decision, and no date was set for when testing would begin on the new, tighter-fitting cap BP installed on the blown-out well Monday.

In the meantime, oil continued spewing into the Gulf.

The oil giant had been scheduled to start slowly shutting off valves Tuesday on the cap, aiming to stop the flow of oil for the first time in three months. BP was initially ahead of schedule on its latest effort to plug the leak. The cap was designed to be a temporary fix until the well is plugged underground.

A series of methodical, preliminary steps were completed before progress stalled. Engineers spent hours on a seismic survey, creating a map of the rock under the sea floor to spot potential dangers, like gas pockets. It also provides a baseline to compare with later surveys during and after the test to see if the pressure on the well is

causing underground problems.

4 officers could face death penalty in deadly post-Katrina shootings

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Four police officers are accused of gunning down two unarmed people in the chaotic aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in the latest twist for a corruption-plagued police department that already faces several federal investigations.

The four officers could face the death penalty. They were charged along with two others in a 27-count indictment unsealed Tuesday. Five former New Orleans police officers already have pleaded guilty to helping cover up the shootings on the Danziger Bridge that left two men dead and four wounded just days after the August 2005 hurricane. In one instance, a mentally disabled man was shot in the back and stomped before he died.

Prosecutors say officers fabricated witness statements, falsified reports and planted a gun in an attempt to make it appear the shootings were justified. It was a shocking example of the violence and confusion that followed the storm.

The case is one of several probes of alleged misconduct by New Orleans police officers that the Justice Department opened after the August

2005 storm. Last month, five current or former officers were charged in the shooting death of 31-year-old Henry Glover, whose burned body turned up after Katrina.

9 killed, 10 fishermen missing as typhoon lashes Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The first typhoon to lash the Philippines this year killed at least nine people and left 11 others missing Wednesday after flooding streets in the capital and toppling power lines.

Typhoon Conson slammed into northeast Quezon province with winds of 75 miles (120 kilometers) per hour late Tuesday and weakened into a tropical storm as it crossed rice-growing Luzon Island and buffeted the sprawling capital with strong gusts and heavy rain for about two hours, said weather forecaster Bernie de Leon.

The storm blew out of Manila before dawn Wednesday, leaving downed branches, trees and scattered trash. Winds ripped tarpaulin billboards along the main roads and blew away roofs of coastal shanties.

Workers rushed to fix damaged power lines that left more than half of the main northern island without electricity. The National Grid Corporation of the Philippines said it would take two to three days to normalize the situation, with Manila getting only half its needs and hotels and malls running their own generators.

3 American troops die in car bomb, gunfight in Afghanistan's Kandahar

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A car bomb and gunfight outside the

headquarters of an elite police force killed three U.S. troops and five Afghan civilians in the southern city of Kandahar, officials said Wednesday.

An Afghan police officer also died in the late Tuesday night attack on the compound, which houses the elite Afghan National Civil Order Police, a provincial spokesman said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility.

A suicide attacker slammed a car bomb into the entrance of the compound, then insurgents opened fire with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, a NATO statement said. A combined force of international troops and police kept the attackers from entering the compound and eventually fought them off, but three American troops died along with five civilian workers, NATO said.

Libyan group's ship carrying aid for Gaza moving again

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Libyan charity's ship carrying aid for the Gaza Strip resumed its journey Wednesday after reporting that engine trouble had stalled it, but without clarifying if it intended to defy an Israeli naval blockade of the Palestinian territory.

With Israel insisting the ship would not reach Hamas-ruled Gaza, the potential for a showdown on the high seas continued to loom. Israeli missile ships stalked the vessel as it moved through international waters, and framing the faceoff was a deadly Israeli naval raid of another blockade-busting ship in May.

The captain of the Moldovan-flagged Amalthea told the Israeli navy late Tuesday that engine troubles had hobbled the ship. About 12 hours later, the ship was sailing again.



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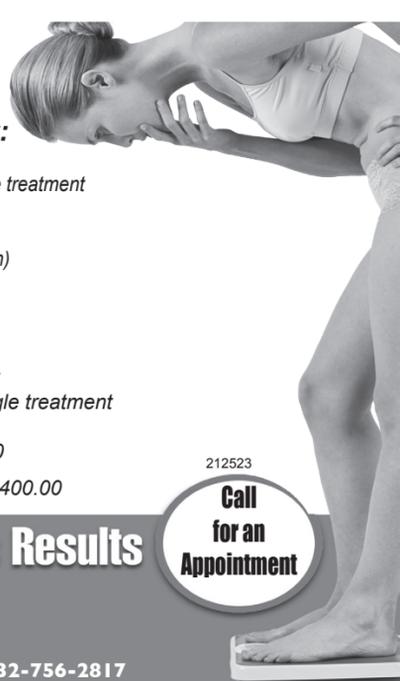
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News in brief

Deaf inmate says fingerprint proves his innocence

DALLAS (AP) — Through a sign-language interpreter at the Dallas County Jail, Stephen Brodie cops to all sorts of crimes save the one that put him behind bars for 10 years: sexual assault of a 5-year-old girl.

He insists he is innocent, and there's support for his claim.

A fingerprint at the crime scene matches another man convicted in the sexual assault of a child. Brodie's confession came during 18 hours of questioning and included admissions to fictitious crimes made up by investigators to test his credibility. Also, Brodie is deaf and doesn't speak clearly, but police didn't use an interpreter for about half of their interviews.

"I want people to know that I'm not a bad person," said Brodie, 38, straining to be understood as he signed and spoke in a recent interview. "I want to be a law-abiding citizen."

He soon may get the chance. The Dallas County District Attorney's office has a unit that focuses on possible exoneration cases, and it is investigating whether Brodie is innocent. His new attorney, Michelle Moore, is a public defender known for helping to free the wrongly convicted. She acknowledged she is close to finishing key documents seeking his release.

These actions could lead to a hearing where a judge would decide whether to set aside Brodie's conviction.

"If they find me not guilty and I'm exonerated," said Brodie, "I'm getting out of Texas."

3 dead after small plane crash in Hood County

TOLAR (AP) — The Department of Public Safety says two brothers and another man died after their single-engine plane crashed in a field in Hood County.

DPS Trooper Dub Gillum on Wednesday said federal investigators were on the way to the scene, about three miles southwest of Tolar (TOH'ler), where the Beechcraft Bonanza crashed Tuesday night. Gillum says the cause of the crash is sought.

Gillum says two men died at the scene. The trooper says the critically injured survivor was transported to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, where he also died.

Names of the three men were not immediately released, pending notification of relatives, but Gillum says two were brothers and one of the siblings apparently was visiting from India.

Tolar is 45 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

Coppell mayor, teen daughter found dead

COPELL (AP) — The bodies of a Dallas-area mayor and her daughter have been found at home after the city leader missed a council meeting.

A statement Wednesday from Coppell confirms the deaths of 55-year-old Mayor Jayne Peters and her 19-year-old daughter, Corrine Peters. City spokeswoman Sharon Logan says police are investigating whether the shootings were a murder and a suicide.

The bodies were discovered in the family's home Tuesday night by police when the usually prompt mayor did not show up for a city council meeting. Police found no signs of forced entry.

Jayne Peters had been mayor since 2009, after being a council member since 1998. Corinne Peters graduated from Coppell High School this year.

Coppell is a city of about 40,000, located 15 miles

northwest of Dallas.

Storm-damaged roads hurt Mexico border city

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP) — The Mexican border city of Nuevo Laredo is suffering so much from flood damage to highways connecting it to the rest of the country that the city government has sent work crews to repair a storm-damaged bridge in a neighboring state.

Thousands of freight trucks that usually make Nuevo Laredo one of the busiest border crossings in Mexico still can't reach the city over the usual route from the industrial city of Monterrey.

So Mayor Ramon Garza says the city sent crews Tuesday to a damaged bridge in neighboring Nuevo Leon state.

Local television is airing footage of desperate truckers and travelers who have been stranded for days by last week's flooding.

Nuevo Laredo is located across the border from Laredo, Texas.

Former UT star running for Texas House off the air

AUSTIN (AP) — A former University of Texas football standout and two-time Super Bowl winner with the Denver Broncos was taken off his Austin sports radio show because he's running for public office — a move he says was forced by his opponent.

Dan Neil co-hosted a morning talk show on Austin's ESPN affiliate, KTXH, until station officials got concerned about his run for a state House seat. Station officials were worried they would need to provide equal time for Democratic incumbent Rep. Donna Howard if Neil, a Republican, continued on-air.

Neil will remain off the air until the election Nov. 2, and he blames Howard for "forcing" him off the show that covers college and national sports.

Howard said it was the station that first raised the equal time issue.

Her campaign said she would have been satisfied with free radio ads and transcripts of Neil's show along with an option to re-evaluate the agreement at any time if Neil talked about politics or his campaign during the show, but the station decided to keep him off the air instead.

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"Their (the station's) biggest concern was getting through the football season," Neil said Tuesday, adding that Howard's condition of being able to re-evaluate the agreement was not something the station was willing to accept.

Howard said since she is not a sports commentator, her campaign researched similar agreements that would level the playing field.

"I was never looking to have him off the air," Howard said.

Perry urges business tax credit to help dropouts

EL PASO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is urging Texas employers to help high school dropouts finish school.

He proposed a business tax credit Tuesday that would reward businesses who grant employees two hours a week of paid time off to return to school or study for the GED.

Employers would be eligible for a \$1,500 credit on their sales taxes for each student who obtains a diploma or GED.

Perry, who is running for re-election to an unprecedented third term, has been sharply criticized for Texas' high dropout rate.

Texas mom goes to prison for 4-year-old's death

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County jury has sentenced a suburban Houston mother to 20 years in prison for not preventing the death of her 4-year-old daughter.

Jurors deliberated for about 1½ hours Tuesday before returning the maximum sentence for 34-year-old Abigail Young in the death of Emma Thompson. That's after convicting her Monday of recklessly causing injury to a child by omission.

Emma Thompson died June 27, 2009, after suffering a severed pancreas and fractured skull. She also had tested positive for genital herpes.

Defense attorneys had argued Young didn't know about the abuse and took her daughter to a doctor when she noticed the bruising and herpes.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Caution, Danger Ahead

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
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♥ K J 7 2
♦ A K 8 6
♣ J

WEST
♠ Q 10 6 3
♥ A 4
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♣ Q 6 3

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♦ Q 9 4
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SOUTH
♠ A K 9 7
♥ Q 10 9 8 3
♦ 7 2
♣ 7 4

The bidding:
East 3♣ Pass West Pass North Dble
Pass 4♥
Opening lead — three of clubs.

There's no doubt that some hands are much harder to play than others. For example, suppose you're in four hearts in this deal and West leads a club to East's king, whereupon East shifts to the six of spades, taken by you with the ace.

If you tend to be a complacent declarer, you might easily lose four tricks. If you lead a trump at trick three, which seems the natural thing to do, West takes the ace and returns

a low spade, which East ruffs. Whatever East returns, West still has a spade trick coming, and you finish down one.

If you are a more cautious soul, though, you make the contract. Since there is a strong possibility that East's spade return at trick two is a singleton, you should try to cover that contingency.

Upon winning the spade, you should cash the A-K of diamonds, ruff a diamond, ruff your remaining club and ruff dummy's last diamond. Then — and only then — you lead a trump.

West will probably go up with the ace and give his partner a spade ruff for his side's third trick, but the big difference is that East now has only clubs left and must lead one! This allows you to ruff in one hand while you discard a spade from the other, thus eliminating your remaining spade loser.

The hand demonstrates an important principle of declarer play. When the available clues indicate that the contract is in danger if declarer follows a particular line of play, he should pause to consider whether there is any way to protect himself against that threat.

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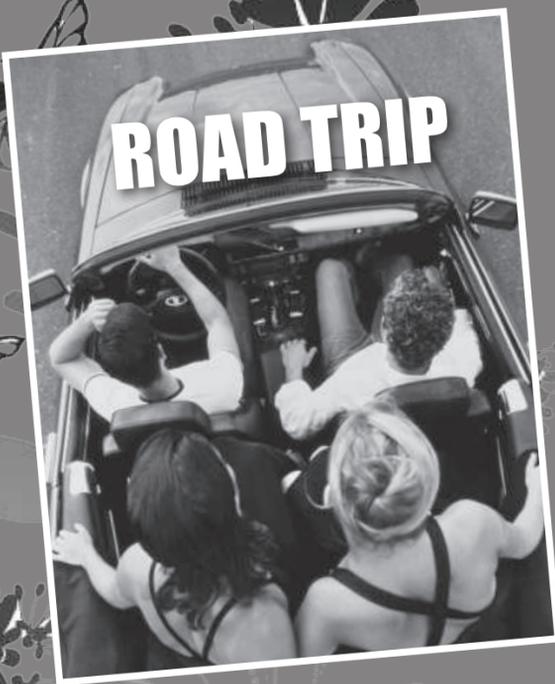
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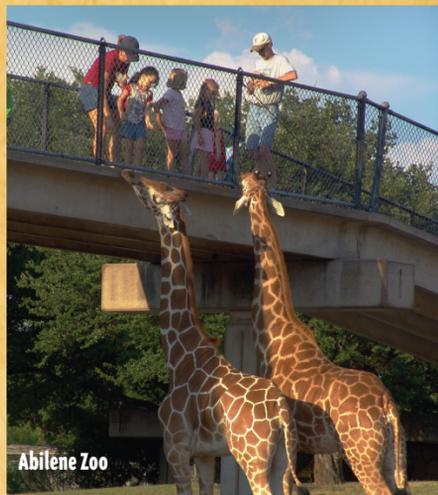
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Auction of Rangers set for Aug. 4

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge decided Tuesday that the Texas Rangers will be auctioned off after all, despite angry creditors' claims that the bidding process is unfair and still favors Major League Baseball's preferred buyer.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge D. Michael Lynn set the auction for Aug. 4 after changing some of the team's proposed bidding procedures, citing a "need to bring order from chaos." The final

hearing on whether to approve the Rangers' bankruptcy plan was set for later that day.

After the auction, Major League Baseball will still be able to reject the highest bidder and approve the next highest bid — something lenders opposed. But if that happens, the judge can determine if the league acted in good faith, according to the revised procedures.

Months ago the league gave its blessing to a group led by team presi-

dent and Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan and Pittsburgh sports attorney Chuck Greenberg, selected as the buyers last year.

But because angry creditors stalled the sale over financial concerns, the team filed for Chapter 11 protection in May with a plan to repay lenders \$75 million and sell the club to Greenberg and Ryan's group.

Although lenders said that bid was not the highest and the court-

appointed chief restructuring officer recommended a new round of bidding, only the team and the Greenberg-Ryan group pushed for the auction Tuesday.

Attorneys for the creditors and restructuring officer said they no longer supported an auction because the bidding procedures and timetable would limit a potential buyer's ability to secure financing. They also said Major League Baseball still wants the Greenberg-Ryan group.

"He doesn't believe anybody's going to show up and bid," said attorney Louis Strubeck, referring to the restructuring officer, William K. Snyder.

But Sandy Esserman, an attorney for Major League Baseball, said it has already approved two other bidders — Houston businessman Jim Crane and Dallas investor Jeff Beck — both part of failed bid attempts last year. The league also will "jump through hoops" to get

any other potential bidders qualified based on financing, Esserman said.

He added that commissioner Bud Selig's previous comments about ensuring the team's sale to the Greenberg-Ryan group were made before the league fully understood its role in a bankruptcy case.

The judge did allow more time for bidders by setting the auction for Aug. 4, two weeks af-

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Courtesy Photo

Playmakers 99 10 and under fastpitch travel team won first place in the USSSA New Mexico/West Texas state tourney in Midland. With the win, they have been invited to play in the USSSA "C" Class World Series in Lubbock at the end of July. Pictured standing, left to right: Tenea Love (San Angelo), Ysabel Soliz (Big Spring), Karson Botts (Snyder), Kendall Phillips (Forsan), Shelby Olivas (Midland); front row, left to right: Alyssa Benitez (Snyder), Destiny Mata (Big Spring), Rylee Morales (San Angelo), Marisa Cruz (San Angelo). Not pictured: Kylee Davis (Snyder). Coaches are Jaime Soliz (Big Spring), Eddie Benitez (Snyder) and Mike Cruz (San Angelo).

Author of Hawks baseball book plans signing

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks' national championship in baseball left an imprint on the city and Bill Scott captured that in his book "63-1: The Greatest Season in Baseball History".

Hawks baseball fans and spectators have the chance to get a copy of the book signed by the author Thursday and maybe spend a few minutes reminiscing with Scott about that memorable season.

The book signing is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. Thursday inside Wal-Mart on 201 W. Marcy Drive.

"This book is from my perspective, a total fan

of baseball," Scott said. "It's about their season. The incredible things that happened during the season. It's about the major players. It's about some of the things that they went through."

In his book, Scott touches on some of the statistics that made the Hawks stand out. He talks about the 57 consecutive wins, trailing once heading into the regular season and the abundance of scouts watching the series against Midland College. He also examines the one loss in the book during the regional final that season.

Scott said his book is

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McCann comes up big, NL finally wins All-Star game

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Brian McCann, Scott Rolen or Heath Bell might really appreciate what happened on this July night come October. Charlie Manuel, too.

An All-Star win the National League thought was long overdue. And with it, home-field advantage in the World Series.

McCann earned MVP honors with a three-run double in the seventh inning, right fielder Marlon Byrd alertly threw out David Ortiz to slow a ninth-inning rally and the NL captured its

first Midsummer Classic since 1996 with a 3-1 victory Tuesday night.

"Enough was enough," St. Louis' Adam Wainwright said.

In a year of dominant pitching, young starters David Price and Ubaldo Jimenez set the tone — and got even more help from the tricky shadows. Nearly the entire field at Angel Stadium was bathed in odd patterns of sunlight for a twilight first pitch, creating more awkward swings and misses than usual in baseball's annual talent show.

Even that bouncing Rally Monkey on the big screen in a red AL jersey couldn't change things this time.

Manuel, the NL skipper, talked to his team about the importance of home-field advantage.

"It's a big deal. I think home teams play better at home," said Manuel, whose Phillies have reached the last two World Series and won in 2008. "It feels good, it feels real good."

The AL didn't go down without some ninth-inning drama, started by Ortiz's leadoff single. But Jonathan

Broxton sealed it, helped by Byrd's defense and shaky baserunning by Big Papi.

Ortiz was on first with one out when John Buck hit a blooper that Byrd scooped up and threw to second for a forceout on the slow-moving Boston DH.

"Wrong place, wrong time — and the wrong guy, too," Ortiz said. "I saw where he was playing, but I didn't know that Marlon Byrd's a guy who

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George Steinbrenner had great impact on the Olympic movement

(AP) — Players and managers wearing pinstripes weren't the only ones who would feel the heat from "The Boss" after a bad performance. Anyone wearing red, white and blue could find themselves under scrutiny, too.

George Steinbrenner's death Tuesday at age 80 was felt deeply in Olympic circles,

where Steinbrenner played an active role — a one-time vice president of the U.S. Olympic Committee who, among his many contributions, commissioned a famous report after America's dismal showing at the 1988 Winter Olympics.

The 21-page report set a template for funding and refocused the Americans on winning during a time when

the line between amateurism and professionalism was still blurred.

The USOC's CEO, Scott Blackmun, remembered Steinbrenner as a man whose vision has served American athletes straight through today.

"I remember vividly how involved George was," said Blackmun, who served as out-

side legal counsel during part of Steinbrenner's time working with the USOC. "He made a particular contribution to looking very carefully at how to support and train athletes and how to look at athletic success. The reviews he did and the discipline he brought to the process served athletes well for a long, long time."

The key message of the

Steinbrenner report: "Winning medals must always be the primary goal."

Steinbrenner oversaw the Olympic Overview Commission, which produced one of many reports that have been delivered over the years calling for changes at the USOC. The report looks strikingly

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Sports in brief

State Representative Joe Heflin Golf Tournament

This golf tourney will make its way to Big Spring on July 24 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 at 806-675-1583.

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6:PM	Jeopardy!	Mi Pecado (SS)	Two Men Two Men	News Ent	A Corazón Abierto	News Millionaire	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Faye H. Cortes	PBS News-Hour	70s Show 70s Show	Keith Barry		UFC Un-leashed	Bones		Wizards Hannah	World Series	2010 ESPY's Countdown
7:PM	Lucy Middle	Hasta que el Dinero	So You Think You Can Dance	Big Brother	El Clon	Minute to Win It	Payne Payne	Upd House	Breakfast Special	Top Model	MythBusters	Movie: Executive Decision, John Leguizamo	UFC Un-leashed	Law & Order	BET Awards 2010	Movie: Eloise at the Plaza	World Series	2010 ESPY's
8:PM	Family Cougar	Soy Tu Dueña (SS)		Criminal Minds	Perro Amor	America's/ Talent	Browns Browns	Light of the Southwest	Baseball	Top Model	MythBusters		UFC Un-leashed	Law & Order		Deck Good	World Series	2010 ESPY's
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10:PM	News Nightline	Impacto Noticiero	Raymond TMZ	News Letterman	Noticias A Corazón Abierto	News Jay Leno	Lopez Tonight	Upd Dr. Young	Charlie Rose	Roseanne Roseanne	Keith Barry	Movie: The Negotiator, David Morse	MAN Knockout	CSI: NY	The Mo'Nique	Sonny Sonny	World Series	SportsCenter
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Corazón Salvaje	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones	Late Night	Name Sex &	Jim Israel	World T. Smiley (Off Air)	Bernie Cops	MythBusters		Knockout Sports	Leverage	Wendy Williams	Hannah Nation	NFL Live	2010 ESPY's
12:AM	Extra Paid	Amar sin Limites	King-Hill	Insider	Pagado	News	Sex & Charles			Cops Video	MythBusters		CSI: Crime Scene	Memphis Beat	Movie: Back in the Day, Pam Grier	Wizards Suite Life	SportsCenter	
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AGNES

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WHAT?

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 14, the 195th day of 2010. There are 170 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 14, 1960, British researcher Jane Goodall arrived at the Gombe Stream Reserve in the Tanganyika Territory (in present-day Tanzania) to begin her famous study of chimpanzees in the wild.

On this date:

In 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.

In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government.

In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from President Millard Fillmore, requesting trade relations. (Fillmore's

term of office had already expired by the time the letter was delivered.)

In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M.

In 1913, Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr., the 38th president of the United States, was born Leslie Lynch King Jr. in Omaha, Neb.

In 1921, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were convicted in Dedham, Mass., of murdering a shoe company paymaster and his guard. (Sacco and Vanzetti were executed six years later.)

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.

In 1958, the army of Iraq overthrew the monarchy.

In 1960, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas was nominated for vice president at the Democratic national convention in Los Angeles.

In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory.

Today's Birthdays: Playwright Arthur Laurents is 93. Actor Dale Robertson is 87.

Actor Harry Dean Stanton is 84. Actress Nancy Olson is 82. Actress Polly Bergen is 80. Former football player Rosey Grier is 78. Actor Vincent Pastore is 64. Former music company executive Tommy Mottola (muh-TOH'-luh) is 61. Rock musician Chris Cross (Ultravox) is 58. Actor Jerry Houser is 58. Actor-director Eric Laneuville is 58. Actor Stan Shaw is 58. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 52. Singer-guitarist Kyle Gass is 50. Country musician Ray Herndon (McBride and the Ride) is 50. Actress Jane Lynch is 50. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 49. Actor Matthew Fox is 44. Rock musician Ellen Reid (Crash Test Dummies) is 44. Rock singer-musician Tanya Donnelly is 44.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Box-office hit, slangily

5 Deposed Iranian leader

9 Night-club charge

14 "Grand Ole" place

15 Pull up stakes

16 Store-display suffix

17 Sidney Poitier film of '61

20 Scot's topper

21 Klutzy one

22 Most robust

23 Fleece gatherer

25 Marshy areas

26 Canceled, with "out"

27 Successful legislation

28 Ticklish Muppet

32 Union's minimum wage

35 RPM indicators

37 Pedometer's starting reading

38 Get real

41 Perfect tennis serve

42 Hosiery mishaps

43 Ocean motions

44 Parks of civil rights

46 Fish story

47 Gds. producer

48 Subatomic particle

50 Camp visitors, often

54 Spots for speakers

57 Top-of-the-line

58 Speechless wonderment

59 Hardly ever

DOWN

1 Regatta entries

2 Daytime megastar

3 Bowling unit

4 Memo abbr.

5 Wasn't camera-shy

6 Accept, as a coupon

7 Gung-ho

8 Farm brooder

9 Subject of the musical *George M!*

10 Threat ender

11 Still-life centerpiece

12 Outback runners

13 Deliver a tirade

18 Long-winded speeches

19 *Tommy* rock band

24 Wheel holder

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Rebuilding Heat almost complete

DORAL, Fla. (AP) — Dwyane Wade thinks there's a clear favorite for the 2011 NBA championship. No, it's not the Miami Heat.

Even after Wade signed a new six-year deal and had LeBron James and Chris Bosh added to the Miami mix, the 2006 NBA finals MVP says the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers

should be the favorites heading into next season, simply because this Heat team hasn't proved anything yet.

"The Lakers are the champions and we know the Lakers are very good," Wade said Wednesday at a golf tournament he co-hosts with Alonzo Mourning. "That's the team that everyone's shooting for

and they should be. Not the Miami Heat. The Los Angeles Lakers."

Odds makers in Las Vegas disagree, some sports books establishing Miami — a 20-1 pick before Wade, James and Bosh signed — as an 8-5 choice to win next season's title.

Wade said he still can't believe Miami pulled off the coup of free agency.

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ter the team's proposed date. But Lynn said he wanted it held before Aug. 12, when the Greenberg-Ryan group loses its financing guarantee.

Andrew LeBlanc, an attorney for the top lenders, questioned the urgency of the team's sale. He said the Rangers initially wanted the team sold and bankruptcy case wrapped up before July 31, the nonwaiver trading deadline.

"But no sooner had

we walked out of here Friday (after a closed-door meeting) than the Rangers had traded for the best pitcher in baseball," LeBlanc said.

On Friday, the American League West-leading Rangers acquired ace left-hander Cliff Lee from the struggling Seattle Mariners in a trade deal.

Tuesday's hearing came a day after the Greenberg-Ryan group, Rangers Baseball Express, filed a lawsuit seeking to force the long-delayed sale and stop negotiations with other interested parties.

But Thomas Lauria,

the group's attorney, told the judge Tuesday he would not argue for that suit if some bidding procedures and other issues could be resolved. He said his clients' only goal was to buy the team.

Lauria also said the cash portion of his clients' bid was now \$306.7 million, a \$2.7-million increase, after it decided not to renew the team's aircraft lease.

In the revised procedures, starting bids must be at least \$15 million higher than the cash portion of the Greenberg-Ryan bid, which totals about \$575 million.

MCCANN

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has great speed in the outfield. So I saw him coming in and I thought he was going to catch it. I just didn't want to get caught in a double play, so I got in between, it bounced in front of him and he made a good throw to second base."

With Alex Rodriguez standing on the steps in the AL dugout, Ian Kinsler flied out and the NL had its win. A-Rod never got in the game.

"It felt awesome for us to get the win and break the streak," Broxton said.

Washington closer Matt Capps got the win with just

five pitches, striking out Home Run Derby champion Ortiz. Yankees starter Phil Hughes took the loss after allowing two hits before Matt Thornton yielded McCann's decisive double.

Until McCann cleared the bases, Robinson Cano's fifth-inning sacrifice fly stood as the lone run in a game expected to be decided by the loaded pitching staffs on each side. McCann's deep fly ball to the warning track in right gave the NL hope in the fifth. When he made good with that bases-loaded double off Thornton, Atlanta's steady catcher hit second base and pumped his right fist. The three guys who scored headed to the dugout with a renewed swagger.

McCann hopes this result might later help his Braves, who lead the NL East.

"The game counts ... it means more to me this year because we're in first place," said McCann, a five-time All-Star relatively unknown before this night.

Rolen, who singled twice and scored on McCann's hit, and his NL Central-leading Cincinnati Reds also might benefit from this win.

Cano and his fellow Yankees All-Stars wore black armbands after the death of longtime New York owner George Steinbrenner from a heart attack earlier Tuesday in Tampa, Fla., at age 80. Pictures of The Boss showed on two video screens before a

pregame moment of silence, and flags hung at half-staff.

"It's a difficult time, on a great day for baseball, the All-Star game, something everyone looks to," Yankees and AL manager Joe Girardi said. "A great man in baseball passed. He's meant so much to not only this organization, but to the game of baseball, and to all of us personally."

It took the NL 14 years to break through after several close calls. The National League lost the last two 4-3, including that 15-inning affair in 2008 at Yankee Stadium. The two before that were also one-run defeats. In 2002, they tied 7-7.

Phillies chairman Bill Giles had razzed Manuel that his

job was on the line if the NL didn't finally win again.

Turns out this National League lineup didn't need star Washington rookie Stephen Strasburg — though the phenom pitcher might have generated a nice buzz around the ballpark in those early innings.

Jimenez, Colorado's 15-game winner and first-time All-Star, came out of the gate with two scoreless innings. Tampa Bay's Price matched that. Then came Marlins ace Josh Johnson with two more.

It took until the fifth inning for hitters to start making regular contact, the shadows all but gone aside from a couple of small patches in the outfield.

HAWKS

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for the baseball purist, and the proceeds are for a good cause, too.

Scott, who originally writes Christian books, also runs a website

ministry dedicated to helping people who are suicidal. He said funds from the book will go toward helping that cause.

Scott said the book's popularity grew quickly, especially with players. He said he was contacted by many of the

players from that team who wanted multiple copies.

This book signing, however, is giving people in Big Spring a chance to get their hands on it.

"It's going to be in the college bookstore when the new (school) year

starts," Scott said. "It's going to be marketed in several different places and what's going to happen at the book signing is, I'm giving the local fans a chance to get a hold of the book."

Scott said he wanted to shed light on the magnitude of the Hawks'

accomplishments that season, considering it rarely happens.

He said the Hawks were getting attention from other media outlets like never before, such as being named on ESPN and in USA Today.

"This was an incred-

ible time for the city," Scott said. "At Wal-Mart, people would be talking about it when we were 40-0 and at church. It was something that the city will never forget. Every year when baseball comes around again, how will anybody be able to forget it?"



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Experience key factor at British Open

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — First it was Greg Norman, proving for three rounds that age is merely a number. Then along came Tom Watson, just a couple of months shy of his 60th birthday, standing over an 8-foot putt that would have made him the oldest major champion in golf history.

Both Norman and Watson came up short, of course.

But their turn-back-the-clock efforts at the last two British Opens showed it's not unfeasible for someone to win golf's oldest major title when they're closer to Social Security than their prime.

Should we expect another Old-timer's Day at St. Andrews?

Two-time winner Padraig

Harrington, who rallied to beat a then-53-year-old Norman in the final round of the 2008 Open at Birkdale, wouldn't be surprised at all.

"One thing with golf," the Irishman said, "experience will always, always counter talent. Talent, yeah, it's good. It's nice to have it. It will certainly show up unbelievable on some days. But experience can always match it, certainly on certain golf courses."

A links course is certainly one of those spots, though Phil Mickelson believes St. Andrews — with the daunting length of certain holes, such as No. 4, and wide-open spaces that invite a player to go with his driver all over the course — is more favorable to a younger player than ei-

ther Birkdale or Turnberry, where Watson lost to Stewart Cink in a playoff last year at age 59.

"It would not surprise me to see somebody with a lot of experience, a little bit older, play well here," Mickelson said. "However, I do think that some of the younger players who hit the ball a long ways off the tee have a distinct advantage. So I would anticipate that those players would come out on top."

Graeme McDowell, coming off a surprising triumph at the U.S. Open, looks at it differently. Experience counters the mental strain of playing in a major — especially for a player who already has captured a title on one of golf's biggest stages.

"Major championships require patience and discipline," McDowell said. "A guy in his late 50s and 60s is not as long as he used to be, but he has the mental discipline and the patience to realize that you've got to plot your way around. Even if the wind was to drop here at St. Andrews and all of a sudden the golf course becomes sort of a presumed gift, the pins are going to be tucked away and they're going to be tough to get at and you've got to position your ball well."

Mickelson acknowledges the benefit of experience at the birthplace of golf.

He played a practice round Tuesday with 52-year-old Nick Faldo, who captured one of his three Open titles at St.

Andrews two decades ago. Sir Nick isn't likely to contend this week, devoting far more time these days to the broadcast booth rather than the driving range, but his local knowledge is invaluable.

"I asked him a bunch of questions because he's got a lot of great thoughts on St. Andrews and avoiding bunkers and shots into the greens and what allowed him to win and be so dominant in 1990," Mickelson said. "He played some of the best golf you've ever seen here."

The late Julius Boros remains the oldest major winner, capturing the 1968 PGA Championship when he was 48. But the old-timers keep knocking on the door, especially at this tournament and the Masters.



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similar to one recently produced by a panel led by former NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue: It called for streamlining the governance process, adding more accountability and transparency at every level and, most importantly, giving more money to help

American athletes

train. Within 13 years of Steinbrenner's report, America had increased its medal total from the paltry six at Calgary to 34 at Salt Lake City.

"He had a tremendous impact on the Olympic movement in the U.S.," USOC chairman Larry Probst said. "He was devoted to the pursuit of excellence and a generation of Olympic athletes have benefitted."

Steinbrenner resigned his USOC duties in 2002, but continued to fund individual sports and athletes, never making a big fuss when he wrote checks to help the Olympic cause.

"I think it was a reflection of his patriotism," said former USOC executive director Harvey Schiller, who also worked with Steinbrenner as chairman of Yankees/Nets. "It wasn't just being born on the Fourth of July. He was red, white and blue, all the way through. He was a staunch supporter of athletes. He contributed to swimmers, bobsledders, figure skaters and others through the years."

NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol released a statement lauding Steinbrenner for his impact.

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