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The Big Spring Lady Steers celebrate as they prepare to bring home another trophy Tuesday night, after defeating Graham 25-19, 25-14 and 25-14 in the Class 3A Regional Volleyball Quarterfinals in Abilene. See story, Page 9.

Council votes to expedite EDC info

Agrees to pay wages, damages to employees

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved first reading of a resolution Tuesday evening, streamlining the way the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation will deliver its quarterly reports to the governing body.

Under the existing requirements, the Big Spring EDC Board of Directors are required to meet with the city council during their quarterly meetings, according to EDC Director Terry Wegman.

However, the proposed changes — which will have to pass final reading during the council's next meeting — set for Dec. 13 — would allow the quarterly meetings to take place with just the council and Wegman present, according to city officials.

"During our quarterly meetings with the council, the majority of the presentations are made by me," Wegman said. "So, there's really no reason for the board members to be required to be there. This change will allow us to be more flexible and move these items along to the city council more quickly, and with a lot of these things, time is a critical element."

City Attorney Linda Sjogren agreed, saying the former process — which involved the performance agreements having to first be entered into the EDC board of

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Air museum to honor vets, unveil new exhibit Friday

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Hangar 25 Air Museum will remember and honor those who served their country at an ice cream social from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and revealing a new exhibit — Hangar History: A Flight Through Time.

"This is going to be an opportunity to do something fun and honor veterans at the same time," Genevieve Stockburger, museum administrator, said.



Stockburger

The event is open to the entire community. "Too often, Veterans Day is overlooked and this is a time to recognize the military history of the community," Stockburger said.

During the ice cream social, the public will be able to view for the first time a timeline of Webb Air Force Base, the bombardier school and reconstruction project of Hangar 25.

"I did a sneak-preview during

the Webb Air Force Base Reunion with intentions of doing a full exhibit," Stockburger said. "I intend this to be the first in a series of exhibits accentuating different time periods of the hangar's history."

As always, admission to the museum is free, but donations are accepted. Hangar 25 is located at 1911 Apron Drive.

For those interested in memberships, dues can be purchased at a 20 percent discount until Dec. 31. For more information, visit www.hangar25airmuseum.com.

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As expected, voter turnout very poor

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Less than 5 percent of Howard County registered voters turned out to cast their ballot in this year's constitutional amendment election, with polls closing at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Howard County saw a total of 654 ballots cast — 272 during early voting, 28 mail-in ballots and 354 cast Tuesday — accounting for just 4 percent of the registered voters, according to official election reports.

Among the proposed amendments, Proposition 1 drew the most attention in the Crossroads area, which is heavily populated by military veterans.

It amends the constitution to au-

thorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The amendment received 88.34 percent approval (576 ballots) in Howard County, with just 11.66 (76 ballots) voting against the measure. On the

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Robinson Drilling is cited by OSHA

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has cited Big Spring-based Robinson Drilling for eight serious, four repeat and 11 other-than-serious safety and health violations following the June 11 death of two workers at the company's work site near Lamesa.

OSHA's Lubbock District Office began its investigation of the incident June 11. About five employees were performing drilling operations at Truitt Woods Field, Well No. 1, Rig No. 3 when the kelly bushing — a device that, when fitted into the master bushing, transmits torque and simultaneously permits vertical movement to make a hole — came apart and fatally struck two employees working on the

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Obituaries

Norman Webb Jr.



Norman Webb Jr., 47, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 7, 2011, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating.

Jr. was born Jan. 17, 1964, in Big Spring, Texas. He attended Big Spring schools and had lived most of his life in Big Spring. He moved to San Angelo in 2003 and was currently working for Ruiz Construction.

Survivors include three sisters, Norma Walker and husband Johnny, Kathy Kemper and Patty Tonn, all of San Angelo; three brothers, Larry Webb and wife Tessa of Big Lake, James Webb of Anchorage, Alaska, and Bobby Webb and wife Joann of Stanton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Pat Webb.

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

Martha Cargile Fielder

Martha Cargile Fielder, 87, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, in an Abilene hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Ventura Martinez

Ventura Martinez, 65, of Knott died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Cynthia Middleton

Cynthia Middleton, 68, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Emma Gene Chandler

Emma Gene Chandler, 84, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Joyce Harris

Joyce Harris, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Iris McGlothlin

Iris McGlothlin, 89, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **BOBBY LEE AGUERO JR.**, 29, of 1402 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA SR.**, 48, of 202 N.E. Third St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR.**, 28, 1615 Canary, was arrested Tuesday on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YANEZ**, 18, of 1100 E. Fifth St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- **ASHLEY VALENCIA**, 21, of 908 S. Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KEVIN GLENN CATE**, 39, of 3227 Cornell, was arrested Tuesday on three warrants from other agencies and warrants for speeding, failure to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and driving while license invalid (two counts).
- **MIGUEL ANTONIO ARENIVAZ JR.**, 22, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. 23A, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- **THEFT** was reported:
In the 1700 block of S. Lancaster.
In the 7500 block of Brandon Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1200 block of W. Third Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 4100 block of Muir Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR.**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YANEZ**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- **JUAN GABRIEL MORAN**, 37, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on judgment/ DWI open alcohol container.
- **ASHLEY VALENCIA**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SHANNON DEWAYNE HUDGINS**, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication and open container in motor vehicle.
- **DAVID RENTERIA**, 45, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft less than \$50.
- **MIGUEL ANTONIO ARENIVAZ, JR.**, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Tuesday on judgement sentence for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- **JIM LLOYD POLLARD**, 53, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on judgement sentence for possession of dangerous drug.
- **HOLLY DENISE JENNINGS**, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgement sentence for theft of property greater than or equal to \$500 and less than \$1500, judgement sentence for driving while license invalid with out fine restitution and judgement sentence for theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 and less than \$500.
- **KEVIN GLENN CATE**, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid and municipal warrants for speeding/ 67 mph in a 50 mph zone (two counts), violate promise to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and violate promise to appear.
- **JOHN MICHAEL WILKINSON**, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$500 and less than \$1,500 (three counts).
- **ALAN CATON POWELL**, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of violate bond/protective order, assault/stalking, unlawful restraint, terroristic threat of family/household.

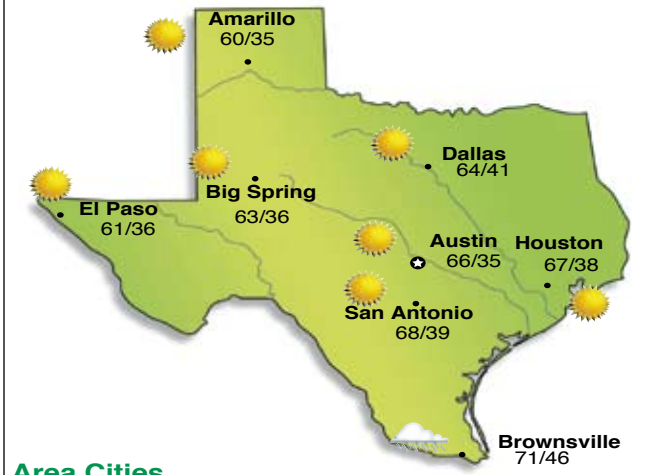
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 11/10	Fri 11/11	Sat 11/12	Sun 11/13	Mon 11/14
63/36 Sunny skies. High 63F. Winds light and variable.	70/47 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	79/53 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	78/49 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	76/47 Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 5:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	41	sunny	Kingsville	73	40	pt sunny
Amarillo	60	35	sunny	Livingston	66	32	sunny
Austin	66	35	sunny	Longview	63	37	sunny
Beaumont	67	35	sunny	Lubbock	61	36	sunny
Brownsville	71	46	rain	Lufkin	66	33	sunny
Brownwood	65	39	sunny	Midland	62	36	sunny
Corpus Christi	71	42	sunny	Raymondville	73	44	pt sunny
Corsicana	64	39	sunny	Rosenberg	67	37	sunny
Dallas	64	41	sunny	San Antonio	68	39	sunny
Del Rio	67	38	sunny	San Marcos	67	33	sunny
El Paso	61	36	sunny	Sulphur Springs	64	40	sunny
Fort Stockton	62	39	sunny	Sweetwater	62	40	sunny
Gainesville	62	39	sunny	Tyler	63	37	sunny
Greenville	63	38	sunny	Weatherford	62	38	sunny
Houston	67	38	sunny	Wichita Falls	63	42	sunny

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of W. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of Central. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of W. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of W. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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COUNCIL

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director's meeting minutes before going to the council — a process that could take 30 to 45 days — wasn't as expeditious as those involved would like.

"This will simply allow the EDC director to bring the performance agreements to you as they have been approved by the EDC (board of directors) ... everything else in the resolution is

the same as what we've been doing," Sjogren told the council.

"We talked a couple of meetings ago and there was kind of a mutual agreement between the EDC and the city council this would be a faster process," Mayor Tommy Duncan said.

One local citizen asked to speak to the resolution, as Joyce Crooker — a former member of the EDC board of directors — addressed the council, imploring them not to "micromanage"

its efforts at economic development.

"It's true, you are the authorizing unit. You approve all the programs in their final stages," Crooker said. "I don't think the council should micromanage the board, and I'm not saying that you are. I'm saying it looks that way when you would have to come and possibly delay a prospect, and there is always someone out there, another agency waiting for it. Time is a big factor."

Also during the meeting, the council approved first reading of a resolution to pay back wages and damages to current and former city employees, part of a lawsuit brought against the municipality concerning errors in overtime calculations.

"This all stems from an error Mr. (John) Medina discovered shortly after he took over as human resources director in the way we were calculating the overtime, the regular rate for over-

time, in the fall of 2009," Sjogren told the council. "The point of this resolution is to make the same settlement terms, the same benefits available to all employees, even if they didn't participate in the lawsuit. We wanted to be equitable to everyone."

According to municipal records, city officials became aware the method used to calculate its regular rate for overtime was possibly incorrect, which soon spawned a lawsuit filed

by employees, including a lawsuit filed by a group of firefighters employed by the Big Spring Fire Department.

Municipal records indicate the suit culminated in a mediated agreement between the parties whereby the "city agreed to pay to each plaintiff the greater of two different methods of calculating the back pay owed for back wages for specific periods of time in consideration for a release of any claims to back wages.

OSHA

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drill floor.

Jason Bolt, 25, and Sandy Daves, 28, were killed in the accident. Members of both men's families voiced outrage following the accident, saying the rig was being operated within a day of the accident.

One serious violation related to the accident was cited for failing to prevent "struck-by" injuries, which could have been prevented had the employer adhered to industry practices as en-

forced by OSHA under the general duty clause.

The remaining serious violations include failing to provide covers on floor holes to prevent trip hazards; ensuring self-contained breathing apparatus are fully charged; ensuring work surfaces are clean and dry; ensuring stacked materials are blocked to prevent materials from moving when placed on a rack; and ensuring flexible cords are used properly.

A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physi-

cal harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known.

According to OSHA officials, the repeat violations include failing to complete the OSHA 301 form; failing to establish a written respiratory protection program and failing to provide strain relief for flexible cords. A repeat violation exists when an employer previously has been cited for the same or a similar violation of a standard, regulation, rule or order at any other facility in federal enforcement

states within the last five years. OSHA cited the company for similar violations in 2007 and 2011.

The other-than-serious violations involve failing to properly complete the OSHA 300 logs for recording injuries and illnesses. An other-than-serious violation is one that has a direct relationship to job safety and health but probably would not cause death or serious physical harm, according to OSHA officials

"Two workers lost their lives because Robinson Drilling allowed

serious hazards to exist in the workplace," said Joann Figueroa, OSHA's area director in El Paso. "It is the employer's responsibility to follow OSHA standards and ensure that work environments free from all unnecessary hazards."

Proposed penalties total \$93,700. Big Spring-based Robinson Drilling, which employs about 500 workers nationwide, has 15 business days from receipt of these citations to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA's area director in El Paso or contest the citations

and proposed penalties before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

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Geraldine "Geri" Lopez, 63, died Sunday. Memorial Mass will be at 2 p.m. today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Jack Walter Mitchell, 81, died Sunday. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Cynthia Middleton, 68, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Emma Gene Chandler, 84, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Joyce Harris, 82, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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TURNOUT

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statewide level, the amendment passed by a 82.88 percent margin (568,959 ballots), according to the Texas Secretary of State's Office.

Other amendment results include:

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4) — The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding. The amendment narrowly passed by a 51.52 percent margin statewide. Locally, the amendment was supported by 57.74 percent of voters.

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50) — The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students. The amendment passed statewide by a 54.52 percent margin. Locally, the amendment only saw 43.28 percent support.

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63) — The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or

notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates. The amendment was defeated statewide by a 59.71 percent margin. Locally, the amendment failed by a 67.03 percent margin.

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26) — The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into inter-local contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund. The amendment was approved by a statewide margin of 57.77 percent. Locally, the amendment enjoyed a 54.74 percent win.

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109) — The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund. The amendment narrowly passed statewide, garnering 51.57 percent of the ballot. Locally, the amendment failed to meet voter snuff with

59.84 percent casting their ballot against the measure.

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28) — The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. The amendment failed statewide, garnering only 48.30 percent of the vote. Locally, the amendment saw similar failure, pulling in only 36.65 percent of the Howard County vote.

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16) — The constitu-

tional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity. The amendment failed, receiving only 47 percent of the statewide vote. Locally, the amendment saw similar results, receiving only 44.48 percent support.

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9) — The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision. The amendment passed at the state level,

garnering 57.31 percent of the vote. Locally, however, it was a much closer race, with the amendment receiving 50.70 percent approval.

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37) — The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office. The amendment was approved by a statewide margin of 55.94 percent. Locally, however, voters were less pleased with the measure, showing it only 48.13 percent support.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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I column as I see 'em

In our world there are many things to get really upset about and I am diligently striving to know how and when to "choose my battles" so as not to expend energy reserves that have a limited lifespan on things that really don't matter that much in the big picture.

But no matter how hard I try, there are some things that just simply ignite my frustration complex and I am called upon to display only the "righteous indignation" my parents instilled in my conscience as a child.

Things like watching an obviously healthy person or a carload of laughing able-bodied young people pile out of a car parked in a "handicap only" space, knowing they borrowed grandma's mirror card, can tempt me to personally address the matter. But it just isn't worth the confrontation that would inevitably ensue so I content myself with the knowledge that someday proper justice will be served when, instead of me, it will be observed by one of our fine police officers. Only as a matter of public service, I would advise our law enforcement officers that on any given day such violations can readily be observed on any number of business parking lots in our city.

I am reminded of the man who was being interviewed by a reporter concerning the reasons his marriage had succeeded in lasting so long. "What is the secret of your success?" asked the interviewer. The man proceeded to explain that early in their marriage they had reached an agreement concerning decision making. He would make all the really important decisions such as who would be the President, National Security matters, Declaration of War, etc. and his wife would make all the less significant decisions like what career he would pursue, which car they would buy, where they would live, etc.

The Bible refers to this conundrum of "straining out gnats and swallowing camels," a descriptive reference to the matter of certain Jews and their unhealthy habit of emphasizing the importance of a very small matter (gnat) while ignoring the larger, weightier and more important issues (camel). If we are wise, we will learn to weigh the significance of any matter before pledging our energies and efforts to attack or pursue it. There are plenty of compelling matters to command our attention and passion and that's where we need to focus. We often hear slogans like "distracted driving is as dangerous as drunk driving" and anyone who has been almost annihilated by someone doing their make-up, eating and drinking, or messing with their phone while driving can readily attest, that idiom is very true. Distraction from the truly important issues to pursue the negligible can be devastating on many levels and some things are just too valuable to sacrifice in a moment of deceptive false security.

So what's the point of these ramblings? Since space and your interest level are both limited, I will simply state that we as citizens of the greatest country on earth are being challenged on a daily basis to evaluate what is genuinely important and what some would try to make us believe is important. I submit it is time for you and me both to pay close attention to the issues being fed to us daily by the media and the candidates for public office that are incessantly invading our living rooms, with an open mind and sincere desire to know the truth.

Jobs and the economy seem to be the central focal points of every network commentator and candidate and it is justifiably of great importance to millions of Americans. But let's carefully weigh the vitally important matters of morality, social injustice and the inexcusable and massive erosion of basic Christian values on the proper scale also as we consider who we want to lead us and represent our country to the world. It's not a small matter, friends. You may not agree with me, but I column as I see 'em.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we read Your word, Lord, we gain valuable knowledge for our life. Amen

Deficit reduction: blaming is a lot easier than fixing

"I have great respect for each of you individually, but collectively I'm worried that you're going to fail — fail the country," former Bill Clinton chief of staff Erskine Bowles said last week to the 12-member joint congressional supercommittee tasked with cutting the federal deficit by some \$1.2 trillion over 10 years.

The safe money in Washington is betting on failure. On Monday, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., predicted that the supercommittee will fail, and he blamed Republicans for a failure that has yet to occur. Apparently, Schumer represents the branch of the Democratic Party that cares more about blaming the GOP than it does about doing something about the deficit.

There are Democrats — and Republicans — who understand the high stakes involved. Last week, Reps. Heath Shuler, D-N.C., and Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, joined 98 other House members in a letter that urged the supercommittee to go big — to shave \$4 trillion off the deficit. The letter noted that "all options for mandatory and discretionary spending and revenues must be on the table" — which Washington took as a green light for tax



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increases.

Now, I don't understand why House members would push for a \$4 trillion package when insiders think the \$1.2 trillion plan won't fly — other than to grandstand. But I have to agree that at the end of the day, serious deficit reduction will have to include both spending cuts and revenue increases — although better to put off serious revenue increases until the economic recovery is solid.

Note: Revenue increases aren't necessarily tax increases. Congress could raise revenue by eliminating tax breaks.

As Simpson told Fox News, "nobody is in favor of increasing tax rates. But we are in favor of increasing revenue."

At a GOP debate last summer, all the GOP presidential candidates raised their hands when asked whether they would reject a deficit reduction package composed of \$1 in tax increases for every \$10 in spending cuts. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, was one of them.

So I was surprised to see that Paul had signed the Shuler-Simpson letter. I called Paul's office to find out more. His office responded with a statement that said Paul had "signed the letter because he believes the supercommittee needs to hear from both sides that cutting spending is gravely important. Revenues are part of that equation, and while Congressman Paul is not willing to raise taxes he is

willing to consider any major tax reform proposals that could simplify the code and reduce compliance costs." That works with Simpson's distinction.

According to news reports, the supercommittee is considering a deal to extend the Bush tax cuts while raising revenue by eliminating tax loopholes. Why wouldn't one of six Democrats rush to embrace such a proposal? Maybe they don't want to compromise. Maybe they don't want to reform spending on entitlements.

Democrats have set up this fiction — that they can fix the deficit simply by going after waste and rich people — when they know that real reform requires big changes in Medicare and small (but real) changes in Social Security.

AARP has been running advocacy ads that warn Washington politicians, "Before you even think about cutting my Medicare and Social Security benefits," think about the 50 million seniors who vote. No compromise there, just 50 million reasons to fail.

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Herman Cain's "Skivvy" moment

The woman stands in front of the artillery snouts of the TV cameras and nervously reads her statement. She is dressed and groomed carefully. She has put on black-rimmed glasses, which gives her a slightly professorial air.

"He put his hands on my legs, under my skirt, and reached for my genitals," she says. "He also grabbed my head and brought it toward his crotch."

This is Sharon Bialek speaking of Herman Cain.

Herman Cain is running for the Republican nomination for president of the United States. He has previously been accused by three unnamed women of sexual harassment.

Bialek's accusation is different, however. If true, the allegations would appear to be sexual assault, usually defined as "when someone touches any part of another person's body in a sexual way, even through clothes, without that person's consent."

Cain's encounter with Bialek in the front seat of his car allegedly took place 14 years ago. And while Bialek says she told two people about the event shortly after it occurred, she never went to the police or filed any civil suit.

Which is not all that surprising. Many women are filled with a deep sense of embarrassment or shame after such incidents and often end up at least partly blaming themselves.

Today, however, Bialek blames Herman Cain.

"Come clean," Bialek says to Cain via the TV cameras.

She says she is speaking out now in order to be a face and voice ... to all women who don't come forward out of fear."

The Cain campaign issues a statement denying Bialek's accusations moments after she is done making them on TV. "All allegations of harassment against Mr. Cain are completely false; Mr. Cain has never harassed anyone," the statement says.

It then goes on to champion Cain's 9-9-9 tax plan, as if that will get things back on track.

Of Bialek, little is known — though much probably will be as the press burrows deep into her past. She has been identified to America by her high-profile lawyer, Gloria Allred.

Allred says Bialek is a "registered Republican" and "a college graduate." She is the "mother of a 13-year-old son" and was the "co-host of a cooking show" on television. She also worked for Revlon, WGN radio and CBS radio, all in Chicago, and the National Restaurant Association's Educational Foundation. She had been fired from that last job and went to Washington, D.C., to seek Cain's help in getting a new job.

Allred does not say it, because she does not need to, but Bialek is white and Cain is black. How or if that will matter to people is not known.

Cain recently said of the attacks on him that "relative to the left, I believe that race is a bigger driving factor."

I don't think it's a driving factor on the right."

Toure, a black author who recently published the book "Who's Afraid of Post-Blackness?" said recently on MSNBC's "The Last Word" with Lawrence O'Donnell that Cain has indulged in "moments of minstrelsy" to appease white conservatives.

Race was not mentioned during Bialek's news conference. Indignation was.

"I want you, Mr. Cain, to come clean," Bialek said. "Just admit what you did. Admit you were inappropriate to people, and then move forward."

But just what direction Cain will now move in is not obvious. The most recent RealClearPolitics average of leading polls shows him still at the front of the Republican field, leading Mitt Romney by 24.8 percent to 22.4 percent.

Cain certainly looks to be in a tough spot, but allegations of sexual impropriety — even when admitted — do not automatically end the career of a popular politician.

In 2003, less than a week before a special election for governor, first-time candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger was accused in the Los Angeles Times in chilling detail by women who said he had groped and touched them.

The number of accusers eventually rose to 15, and

Schwarzenegger was forced to say: "Yes, I have behaved badly sometimes ... and I have done things that were not right, which I thought then was playful. But I now recognize that I have offended people."

And Arnold Schwarzenegger won the election and became governor of the largest state in the land.

In January 1992, Bill Clinton was accused by Gennifer Flowers of having had a 12-year affair with her. Clinton denied it, and his campaign viciously attacked Flowers, though after his re-election he was forced to admit having had a sexual encounter with her.

The other sexual accusations against Clinton came after he was safely in his second term, though the Monica Lewinsky affair led to his impeachment by the House and acquittal by the Senate.

While the scandal was raging, I asked Clinton's press secretary, Mike McCurry, what the image of the presidency had become in such sexually explicit times.

"It has been a result of TV," McCurry said, "which brings you (to) people, warts and all. The president is now in your living room. Sports heroes used to be larger than life, but in the TV era they have been reduced to human beings. Everyone is stripped down to their skivvies pretty quickly these days."

Some survive these moments, and some do not. Being a celebrity helps. We have grown used to being forced to imagine our celebrities in their skivvies. ("Usually briefs," Clinton said in 1994 when asked at a town hall whether he wore boxers or briefs.)

But Herman Cain is no Bill Clinton and no Arnold Schwarzenegger. He is just Herman Cain. That has been enough to get him to the front of a very weak field. Where he goes from here may not be forward.

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Why not check this out? At the library

The library will be closed Friday and Saturday for Veteran's Day. Later in the month, we will close for the Thanksgiving holiday at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23 and remain closed until 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

This may be the last gasp for books on CD for a while. I do have some listed later on in the article, and I did notice a few more in the processing room, so maybe that is it for the year.

We have purchased a great collection of fiction, non-fiction and biographies that are now on the shelves all ready to be checked out.

A small volume, heartfelt in its simplicity, is "The Legacy Letters: Messages of Life and Hope from 9/11 Family Members" (974.710 TUES C) that was collected by Tuesday's Child and edited by Brian Curtis. It is a collection of letters written by loved ones who lost someone in the collapse of the Twin Towers, the Pentagon blast or the plane crash in Hagerstown, Pa.

America's 34th president was belittled behind his back and was called the "baby sitter in chief." Newly available records, rare interviews and new interviews gird this new biography of President

Dwight D. Eisenhower with fresh insight and prove how wrong his critics were. In Jim Newton's "Eisenhower: The White House Years" (BOVD B NEW J), he is portrayed as a champion of peace and a shrewd manager. He ground down McCarthyism and stimulated the economy and turned an \$8 billion deficit in 1953 into a \$500 million surplus in 1960. History buffs will enjoy listening to this gripping and timely narrative.

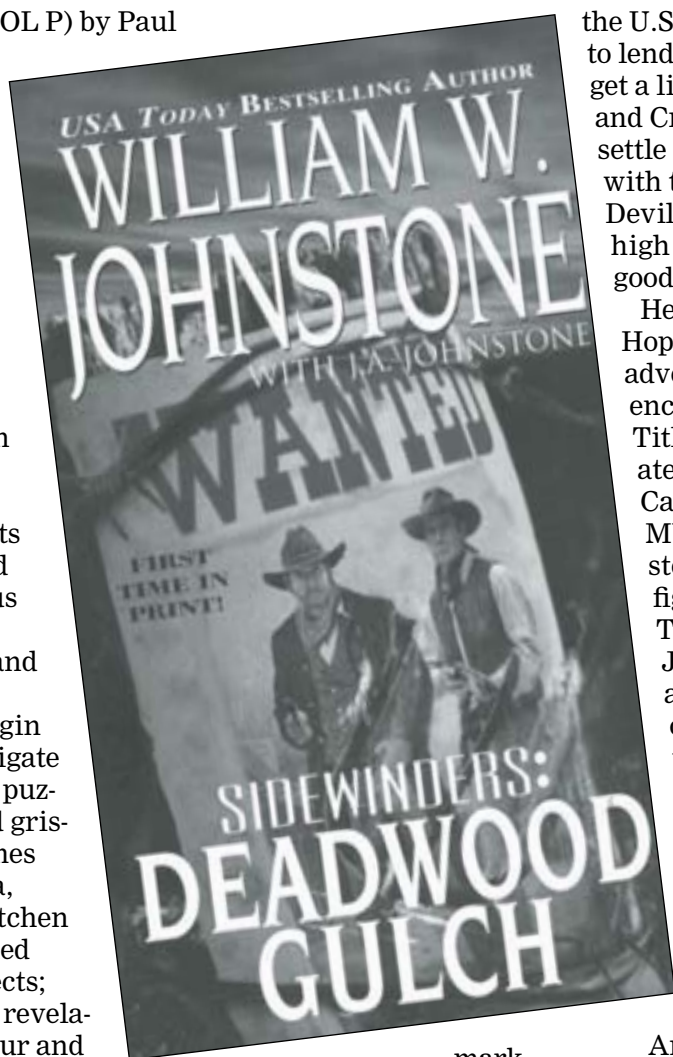
The life that Kamila Sidiqi knew died when the Taliban seized control of the city of Kabul. Banned from teaching, she was forced to stay in her home. When her father and brothers were forced to flee, she became the breadwinner of the family. Determined to survive, she picked up a needle and thread and created a thriving dressmaking business. "The Dressmaker of Khair Khana" (AUCD TZE G) by Gayle Tzemanch Lemmon is an incredible story on an unlikely entrepreneur who mobilized her community under the Taliban.

In our twitterized, blog-infested, video-viralized world, a case like the following would have been all over the world in seconds. But in 1897, news was confined to newspapers and the railroads took the news to the rest of the country and would take several days to move the information. "The Murder of the Century" (AUCD

364.152 COL P) by Paul Collins is a story that sparked a tabloid war between Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst. When body parts are found in various parts of Long Island in 1897, police begin to investigate the most puzzling and grisliest crimes of the era, Hell's Kitchen is searched for suspects; startling revelations occur and a sensational trial will ensue.

Other audio titles available: Lee Child's "The Affair" (AUCD F CHI L); "New York to Dallas" (AUCD F ROB J) by J.D. Robb; "Kill Me If You Can" (AUCD F PAT J) by James Patterson; Heather Graham's "Sacred Evil" (AUCD F GRA H); and Laura Lipmann's "The Most Dangerous Thing" (AUCD F LIP L).

Now for some Westerns: From the writing team of William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone come Bo Creel and Scratch Morton in "Deadwood Gulch" (LP W JOH W). Two years after Wild Bill Hickock made his



mark on Deadwood, Bo and Creel make it their own. Their job is guarding the gold shipments from the mining camps — shipments that keep getting hijacked. When

the U.S Army decides to lend a hand, things get a little dicey. Bo and Creel have to settle things up right with the Deadwood Devils to stop the high jacking for good.

Here is another Hopalong Cassidy adventure by Clarence E. Mulford. Titled appropriately, "Hopalong Cassidy" (LP W MUL C) is the story for the fight for water in Texas between Jim Meeker and Hoppy in order to run their cattle on their respective ranches. Did you know there were 66 Hopalong Cassidy movie releases in 13 years? And that Hoppy was the most popular fictional character in American Western literature?

More Westerns: "Wild Waymire" (LP W PAT L), a couple of stories from Lewis B. Patten,

who has won three Spur Awards and a Lifetime Achievement from the Western Writers of America. From Mackey Murdock, comes "Blood for Brother" (LP W MUR M). Following his discharge from the Confederate Army, Rawls Slaton makes his way to Texas to his brother Marcus' ranch in Texas. As he approaches the ranch, he hears his sister-in-law Bess screaming as she is giving birth, all alone. Marcus had left to take cattle to market and was supposed to be back in time for the birth. Something is wrong and it is up to Rawls to solve it.

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Rotary receives distinguished guest
Rotary International's District Governor David Norris visited Big Spring's Rotary meeting

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Rotary International's District Governor, David Norris visited and spoke to the Big Spring Rotary in the Cactus Room at Howard College, Tuesday Nov. 8.

Governor Norris highlighted the finale of the year and events planned for area Rotarians for next year.

For information on becoming a Rotarian and serving your community contact a local Rotarian or call *The Big Spring Herald* at 432-263-7331 for more information.

Prior to the meeting David Norris, center, discusses involvement in Rotary with Dr. Keith Graumann on the left and on the right, Jerry Grimes, this year's Big Spring Rotary President.



Annie's Mailbox



**KATHY MITCHELL
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totally different person. Then he threatened her, insisting she pay his bail by any means necessary, so she stole money from her grandmother. As soon as he was released, things went back to the way they were.

I have a protection order on this boy because of the threats he has made against my family and me. But what can we do to get help for Shawna?

There has to be some way we can get her away from that mess before he beats her to a pulp or she kills herself. — *Worried Dad in Gary, Ind.*

Dear Dad: It is an unfortunate truth that once a child is a legal adult, there isn't much you can do to protect them from a situation of their own choosing. We urge you to stay in touch with Shawna as much as possible and let her know you will be there for her when she needs you.

Don't criticize her abusive boyfriend, but do tell her she deserves to be treated better and you hope someday she will realize that for herself. Give her the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (thehotline.org) at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233). You also can contact them.

Dear Annie: Now that my state has legalized gay marriage, I have some etiquette questions.

How do I address an

invitation to a same-sex couple? Can I write "Mr. and Mr. John and James Doe"? Is it any different if one of them is a doctor? Would I simply write "Dr. and Mr. So and So" and ignore their gender? — *Curious in New York*

Dear Curious: For an informal invitation or letter, it is OK to leave out the "Mr. and Mr." altogether and simply write, "John and James Doe," on the assumption that one partner has taken the other's name.

If they have different last names, or if it is a formal invitation, they are addressed as "Mr. John Doe and Mr. James Smith." (That solves the "Dr." problem, as well.)

Dear Annie: "New Bride in the Midwest" is having trouble fielding nosy remarks from people about why she doesn't have any children yet. She has already suffered two miscarriages.

She and her husband should attend a meeting

of Resolve (resolve.org). This wonderful organization is a breath of fresh air to anyone having problems with infertility.

The people there can answer myriad questions on many topics. They help to take away the loneliness of infertility. And they also give helpful suggestions about what to say when people ask why you haven't had a baby yet. — *New Yorker*

Dear New Yorker: We have recommended Resolve in this column many times and appreciate the opportunity to do so again. Readers can find a support group in their area through the website or by writing them at 1760 Old Meadow Rd., Suite 500, McLean, VA 22102.

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School News

The Buffalo Beat

By Erin Stone

Congratulations to the Forsan High School Cross Country Team for advancing to Regionals which was held in Lubbock on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The high school boys swept the district competition winning first place as a team with seven of the top 12 spots.

1st-Kyle Stevenson
2nd-PJ Horton
3rd-Tyler Evans
4th-Matthew Mims
5th-Elgen Suazo
7th-Justin Goff

12th-Dillon Bagnall
The girls also had an impressive showing finishing fifth as a team and Raegan Haggard placed fourth overall and will

also advance to the regional competition.

Taybor Flores was the District Runner-Up in the JV boys division.

Jeremy Cervantes was the District champion for the junior high boys division and the junior high girls placed fourth as a team.

Congratulations to everyone.

The Forsan Buffalo Band won first place at the Area competition and advanced to state. They performed Monday, at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Forsan marched at 4:07 p.m. and KBST 95.7 broadcasted live from the competition.

The Junior High UIL

One-Act Competition will be held at Forsan on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Forsan is presenting "The Small World of Millie McIvor" and will compete against Stanton, Coahoma and Colorado City.

The Senior Spirit Awards were announced at the last home game of the season. The awards are given to those who exhibit leadership and display school pride. Congratulations!

Band Beau-Ricky Jaime

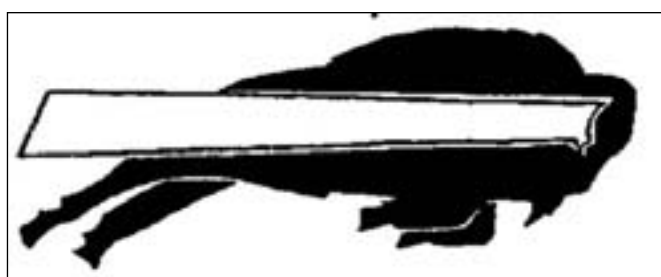
Band Sweetheart-Alex Park

Buffalo Gal-Cheyenne Galloway

Mr. Buffalo-Foster Burchett

Football Sweetheart-Megan Crane

Erin Stone is the FHS English/Speech and Student Council Sponsor. She can be contacted at estone@forsan.esc18.net.



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Coahoma High School happenings

Special to the Herald

Several clubs and organizations at Coahoma High School have been actively giving back to their community through blood drives, safety awareness and fund raising.

This year's BPA officers under the guidance of sponsor Linda Best organized a blood drive for CHS. More than 21 pints of blood were collected. Students, teachers and community members all came together for this worthy cause.

BPA Officers are Cole Sneed, president; Dillon Quinn, vice president; Brandie Phillips, historian; and Jessica Alvarado, sergeant-at-arms. Members Heather Hildebrand and Caleb Loveless assisted the officers as well.

The CHS cheerleaders helped raise awareness and donations to assist with funds to help continue the search of missing Colorado City teen Hailey Dunn. Ribbons and flyers were posted throughout the school Friday, Oct. 7. During the football game, donations were collected.

Cheerleaders and the CHS athletic booster club in conjunction with the Forsan cheerleaders and Forsan athletic booster club sold T-shirts and collected donations for breast cancer awareness. The event was a tribute to Bob Fishback, a Coahoma graduate and long time Forsan employee, who lost his valiant fight with cancer. Together the group raised over \$7,500.

This year's cheerleaders include senior captain Minnie Goodblanket, senior Lynzi Ferrell, juniors Jasmin

Callejas, Shea Campbell, Tandace Gilliam, Tobi Robinson and senior Kaley Owens as mascot.

The JV cheerleaders are: sophomore captain Breann Castillo, sophomore Kyla Clanton, freshmen Alex Gibbs, Bailee Grant and Katie King.

The FCCLA club under the direction of sponsor Lindsey Pinkerton organized the program for Red Ribbon week. The program included a skit which illustrated the temptations many teens face and how the lure of these vices can chain kids and affect their futures.

Shann Courtney, the executive director of Victim Services of Big Spring, brought two speakers from the prison to tell their personal stories of the severe consequences that can happen when teens fall victim to the allure of drugs and alcohol.

FCCLA officers are Ryan Reid, president; Dillon Quinn, vice president; Shea Campbell, secretary; Maegan Walker, parliamentarian; Justin Cervantes, public relations; Yesenia Ortiz, Student Body Representative; Tomas Ramirez, student body representative.

FCCLA members include Rebecca Mince, Minnie Goodblanket, Aaron Acevedo, Jasmine Callejas, Tobi Robinson, Dillon Quinn, Shea Campbell, Kara Fuentes, Allysa Rivera, Tandace Gilliam, Martina Nelson, Sarah Melendez, Heather Hildebrand,

Maeghan Mauzey, Ryan Reid, Bailee Grant, Ashlynn Armstrong, Johnathan White, Rudy Brito, Kelli Schaedel, and Rikki Gilbert.

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Boy Scouts of America United Way of Big Spring Fundraiser

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Tickets will be available along with donations until November 16th. Giveaways will be announced Nov 20th.

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Lady Steers advance to semifinals



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Cerbi Ritchey records a kill in Tuesday night's dismantling of Graham in the Regional Quarterfinals. Big Spring will play Andrews Friday in the semifinals. That game will be played at 1 p.m. in Snyder.

Sweep Graham Tuesday night

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

ABILENE — Planning to play the Big Spring Steers? Planning to play four games? Good luck. So far this past season, Big Spring has not had a match go past three games. They have swept all their opponents decisively and last night was no exception. The Lady Steers took down the District 6-3A champion Graham Lady Blues 25-19, 25-14 and 25-14 in the Regional Quarterfinals.

Cerbi Ritchey and Morgan Seaton led the team with 17 assists on the night, while Seaton's 10 kills led all players on the court. Ritchey recorded 20 digs in the game, along with eight kills and two aces, as Seaton also added five digs, four blocks and two aces for Big Spring.

The first game was the closest the Lady Blues would come to advancing, though they were never able to gain a real lead over Big Spring. They fought with the Lady Steers' big girls up front as long as they could, but in the end, the Girls of the Black and Gold took over, giving everyone a glimpse of what a playoff team looks like.

Just as Big Spring seems to be getting stronger as the playoffs continue, they did the same as the night wore on in Abilene, shutting

out any hopes of a fourth game or a Graham upset. Big Spring took the last two games — as they have in the last two games — took their trophy home with them.

Haley Dimidjian, Diamond Mayes and Taylor Seaton were a combined force, backing up the setters. The trio combined for 19 kills, 21 blocks (Mayes had a game-high nine blocks), 17 digs, five aces and one assist.

Defensively, Carson Reibe was an absolute beast in the back, snagging 23 digs against the Lady Blues. Clara Benavides and Logan Yarbar combined for 20 digs as well, with Benavides also adding three blocks and two kills.

Big Spring will get a couple days to rest before heading to Snyder for their Regional Semifinal clash with Andrews.

Region I has come down to the top two teams in Districts 4-3A and 5-3A, as Andrews comes in as the district champion in District 4-3A.

Also playing Friday in Snyder will be District 5-3A champion Abilene Wylie and District 4-3A runners up Monahans.

Big Spring plays Andrews at 1 p.m. and Wylie and Monahans play at 3 p.m. The winner of these two games will meet in the Regional Final Saturday.

Area football playoff games:

Coahoma Bulldogs vs. Spearman
7:30 p.m. Friday in Plainview

Sands vs. Ira
7:30 p.m. Friday in Big Spring

Forsan vs. Sanford-Fitch
7:30 p.m. Saturday in Plainview

NBA players say 'no deal'

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA players made it clear Tuesday: No deal.

No fear of Commissioner David Stern's ultimatum, either.

"The current offer on the table from the NBA is one that we cannot accept," players' association president Derek Fisher said.

Instead, the players said they will ask for another meeting

with owners before Stern's Wednesday afternoon deadline — and sound willing to agree to a 50-50 split of revenues under the right circumstances — in an attempt to end the lockout and save the season.

In an interview on NBA TV, Stern said that whether he agrees to meet "would be guided by the labor relations committee."

NBA spokesman Mike Bass said the league has not yet heard from Hunter.

A month of the season has already been lost, and the NBA risks losing fans without an agreement soon. Some already appear to have forgotten: Blake Griffin, last season's rookie of the year, stood around in the

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Aggies need to force more turnovers

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter just can't figure it out.

He lectures and harps on the importance of forcing turnovers, but they've been few and far between for his defense.

He won't stop focusing on it, especially this week as the Aggies meet No. 17 Kansas State. The Wildcats rank in the top 10 in the nation in turnover margin while the

Aggies have just seven take-aways, 118th in the country.

"That is kind of shocking to me," DeRuyter said. "I don't know that I've ever coached a team that has had that few this late into the season."

Kansas State has three times as many takeaways with 21. Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, both teams Texas A&M has lost to this season, have 51 combined.

The Sooners had three interceptions and recovered

one fumble in their 41-25 win over Texas A&M on Saturday, while the Aggies got just one takeaway. The most frustrating part for DeRuyter is that his team had several chances for more.

He pointed to instances against the Sooners when cornerback Lionel Smith and linebacker Charlie Thomas both had opportunities to grab interceptions and simply couldn't hang on to the ball. If Smith could have caught his,

DeRuyter believed the path was clear for him to return it for a touchdown.

"To me the difference in the ball game was when Oklahoma had the opportunities for interceptions with tipped balls they caught them and we didn't," DeRuyter said. "If we make those plays I truly believe it's a different ball game. We've got to make

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Stars still stunning NHL opponents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Dallas Stars have put together a convincing argument in an effort to prove their surprising start is not a fluke.

Michael Ryder scored twice, Adam Burish had the tiebreaking goal early in the third period, and the Stars beat Washington 5-2 Tuesday night to snap the Capitals' six-game home winning streak.

Dallas finished in the Pacific Division cellar last season and didn't make the playoffs. Now, after the Stars' fourth straight victory, they're 11-3-0 — the best record in the NHL.

"This was an especially nice win," said goaltender Kari Lehtonen, who stopped 30 shots. "I'm sure a lot of people were watching this game to see how we do against an elite team like Washington."

It doesn't get any easier for the Stars, who travel to Pittsburgh on Friday before con-

cluding their road trip Saturday against the Detroit Red Wings.

"It's a good measuring stick for us," coach Glen Gulutzan said. "We're trying to gauge ourselves against the league, coming into Washington and then heading to Pittsburgh and Detroit. Tonight we liked our game. It just gives us confidence moving forward."

Burish put Dallas ahead to stay at 24 seconds of the third period, and Jamie Benn and Eric Nystrom scored in a 32-second span to make it 5-2 with 11:55 left.

"That goal by Burish got us in the lead, and we just kept rolling from there," said Benn, who had assists on both Ryder goals.

Washington managed only seven shots in the third period and failed to score.

"It was really nice to see how we outworked them in the third," Lehtonen said. "It

was fairly easy for me. I think I had two saves at the halfway point and we scored three goals already."

Alexander Semin and John Carlson scored for the Capitals, whose 6-0 start at home was the best in franchise history. Washington has dropped two in a row overall following a 9-2 start.

"It's a mystery, because our group is much better than that," Capitals forward Mike Knuble said. "We're a veteran group and that shouldn't happen."

Michal Neuvirth had 31 saves for the Capitals, but he was no match for the Stars in the third period. After Burish put in a backhander, Benn scored on the power play and Nystrom hammered a wrist shot into the back of the net.

"Things are going pretty good right now," Benn said. "I think it's because we're playing a simple game and play-

ing the right way. Guys are having fun and we're all buying in and getting big points on the road."

Dallas has lost only one game in regulation to the Capitals in the past 20 meetings between the teams. This was the only game between the Stars and Washington this season.

Ryder put the Stars up 1-0 midway through the first period when he deflected a wrist shot by Trevor Daley past Neuvirth.

Semin tied it with a power-play goal at 15:43, but Ryder answered less than two minutes later with a dandy display of stickwork on the left side of the net. After skating around defenseman Roman Hamrlik, Ryder deked Neuvirth and scored.

Carlson tied it at 15:56 of the second period. After Marcus

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Johansson won a faceoff in the Dallas end, Cody Eakin sent the puck back to Carl-

son, who unleashed a slap shot that went through Lehtonen's legs.

"We were fortunate to be tied at the end of the first two periods," Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau said. "We

talked about playing one good period (the third), then in the first 15 or 20 seconds they scored a goal. The competitive level wasn't as great as we'd like it to be."

Notes: Washington D Mike

Green missed a sixth straight game with a sprained right ankle.

Dallas is 3-0-0 against the Eastern Conference. ... Lehtonen improved to 11-1-0. The Capitals acquired

21-year-old defenseman Tomas Kundratek from the New York Rangers for RW Francois Bouchard in a trade involving minor leaguers. ... Daley had two assists, giving him 100 for his career.

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lobby of a busy hotel off Broadway and was rarely approached by fans.

The league's current proposal calls for players to receive between 49 percent and 51 percent of basketball-related income, though union officials argue it would be nearly impossible to get above 50.2 percent.

"The players are clearly of the mind that it's an unacceptable proposal," union executive director Billy Hunter said. "But because of their commitment to the game and their desire to play, they're saying to us that we want you to go back, see if you can go back, get a better deal."

If players don't take the deal by 5 p.m. Wednesday, the next offer will call for salary rollbacks, a 53-47 revenue split in the owners' favor and essentially a hard salary cap.

"Our proposal on the table now goes away (Wednesday)," Stern said. "Our next proposal will then go to the players, and we will see where negotiations go."

Players are willing to negotiate further on the revenue split if they get

some concessions on the salary cap system. Without them, Fisher said "we don't see a way of getting a deal done between now and end of business" Wednesday.

The league is seeking to limit the spending options of teams above the luxury tax threshold, believing that would lead to greater competitive balance. Players want all teams to be options for free agents.

When asked if there's still wiggle room on system issues, Stern said that as of 3 a.m. Sunday there was none left.

The players insisted they will not be forced into taking a bad deal by an ultimatum — though Stern refused to call it that.

"The players are saying that we understand their position, but unfortunately we're not intimidated by all that," Hunter said.

With more than 40 players ranging from All-Stars to minimum salary players behind them, Fisher and Hunter dismissed Stern's warning, had hard words for Michael Jordan and repeated that they are willing to negotiate and believe they have made more than enough economic concessions to get the salary cap system

they want.

That message was not just for the owners.

They also were speaking to the players and agents who advocate disbanding the union in an attempt to take on the league in court.

Union leaders said there was very little discussion about decertification, saying they understand there would be differences of opinion with a membership of 450, but that the team representatives summoned to New York knew the best interests of their teammates.

The union called the meeting after Stern issued his ultimatum early Sunday morning following an eight-hour bargaining session with a federal mediator.

Fisher said 43 players, including superstars Carmelo Anthony and Griffin, attended the meeting and that 29 of the 30 teams were represented.

Jordan provided perhaps the most memorable moment of the last lock-out.

He was chastising former Washington owner Abe Pollin that he should sell his team if he couldn't make a profit without concessions from players. Jordan now owns the Charlotte

Bobcats and is considered one of the hardliners who never wanted Stern to offer the players a 50-50 split.

"I would give him the advice that he gave to Abe Pollin," Hunter said.

After the press conference, Fisher bumped into an old acquaintance from Arkansas, former President Bill Clinton, who was at the hotel preparing to appear on an evening talk show. Clinton signed a copy of his new book, "Back to Work," for Fisher as players looked on.

Next, Fisher would like to meet with Stern, believing there is room to compromise.

After previously saying they wouldn't go below 52.5 percent of BRI, players said Saturday they would be willing to go down to about 51 percent, with 1 percent going to a fund for retired player benefits.

They might go even further, but only with some movement on the system issues.

"We're open to discussions, open to negotiation," Fisher said. "We're open minded about potential compromises on our number, but there are things in the system that are not up for discussion that we have to have in order to be able to get this season going."

AGGIES

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those plays."

The lack of production

isn't for lack of attention. The Aggies practice forcing fumbles and grabbing interceptions every day.

"Anytime the offense runs the ball or catches the ball we're talking to our guys all the time about stripping the football out," DeRuyter said. "If you talk to any one of our defensive players I think that's their mentality."

Since the results aren't there, DeRuyter and his staff plan to work even more this week to remind players of the importance of forcing turnovers.

He believes they may be struggling in the area because of the youth of some of his defenders.

"For younger players it's not the most natural thing because they're worried about their assignment and just getting a guy down," DeRuyter said. "When guys are more comfortable they know that they don't have to just get the guy down, they can go strip the football. That's what we've got to get to."

DeRuyter thinks that a

key to forcing turnovers is playing physical. Toney Hurd Jr., a 5-foot-9 sophomore defensive back who made his first start last week, is a perfect example the kind of player they're looking for to turn things around.

"My whole life I was always the smaller guy so I had to come with more tools than some of the other guys," he said. "Physicality and aggressiveness is something that I try to have more so than others."

Along with being among the worst in the country in takeaways, the Aggies also rank near the bottom in turnover margin after losing 17 turnovers this sea-

son. The Wildcats rank eighth in the country in that category with just 10 turnovers lost to go with their 21 take-aways.

Of course, in order for the turnover margin to improve, the offense has to help out the defense by limiting its interceptions and fumbles. In their four losses this year, the Aggies have lost 13 turnovers while the defense has forced three in those games.

Quarterback Ryan Tannehill knows success this week against Kansas State will most likely come down to turnovers.

"We can't turn the ball over," he said. "I think everyone knows that. If you turn the ball over four times on the road against a top 10 opponent, it's not going to be good."

"The key we have to focus on this week is being clean, focusing on the details and not turning the ball over."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It might feel like you're getting nothing done because the entire morning is spent en route, on the Internet or with the phone glued to your head. The reality is that this is how most of your business will be accomplished.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you resent a person who puts more emphasis on finding pleasure than you do, it could be a sign that you need to enjoy yourself more. Bottom line: You can't expect yourself to be happy if you never make time for fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll come across someone who is interested in the same things as you, and you'll exchange excellent information. It's the start of something good. Follow up in three days for best results.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll notice that lately a certain friendship has affected how you feel about yourself in a consistently negative way. A little distance will be healthy for both of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will be distracted, but not by unimportant or irrelevant matters. You'll get creative in investigating where these distractions lead. They have such validity that following them will be critical to your success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Another person's

privilege reminds you of what you don't have — or perhaps alerts you to this for the first time. Rest assured, there are benefits to being without this perk, and you can probably imagine what they are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You won't tolerate being dominated by a person who feels entitled to lead for no good reason. However, you will follow a leader who has the knowledge and experience to teach you well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The best reactions to the unexpected twists and turns of this day will be either calm and collected or humorous. If you have enough rest and a positive attitude, it won't be hard to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Remember when you made believe you were a fireman, superhero, animal doctor or princess? Now you'll pretend you're something very close to what you already are, and by pretending, you'll make it so.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You won't always agree with what a loved one wants to do. However, if you find one or two

points on which you can at least partially agree, you can work things out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your time is precious, and you won't be willing to spend even 20 minutes doing what you don't want to be doing. This may mean you have to exit a situation before its natural ending, but so be it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll nurture the ties that keep you socially connected. In the weeks to come, you'll call on your network to help you deal with the practical matters of life.

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♥ 10 4
♦ 10 7
♣ 8 6 5

North
♠ A 10 5
♥ K 7
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ 7 2

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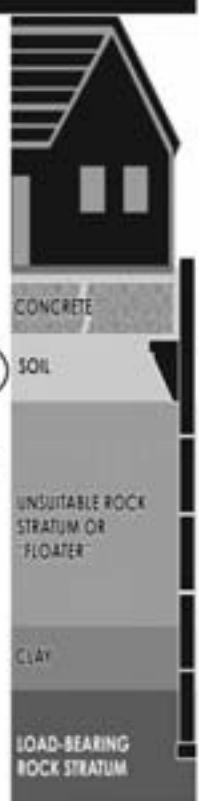


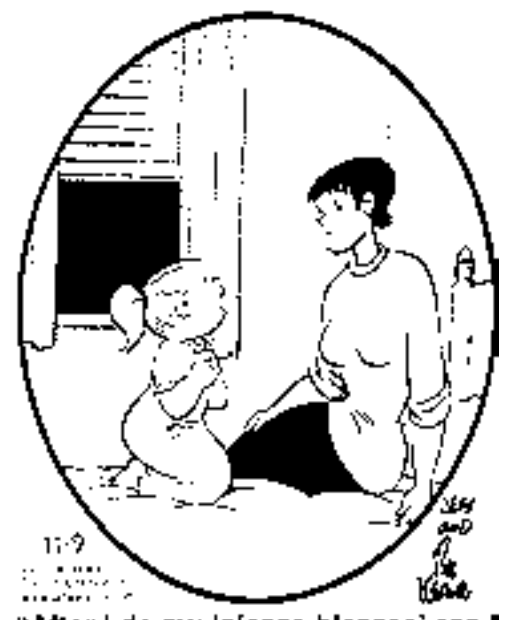
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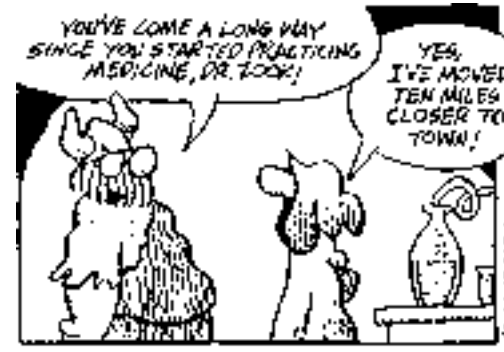
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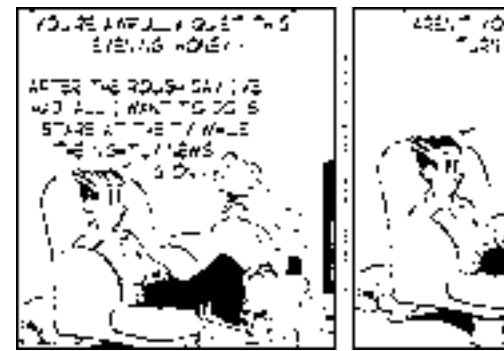


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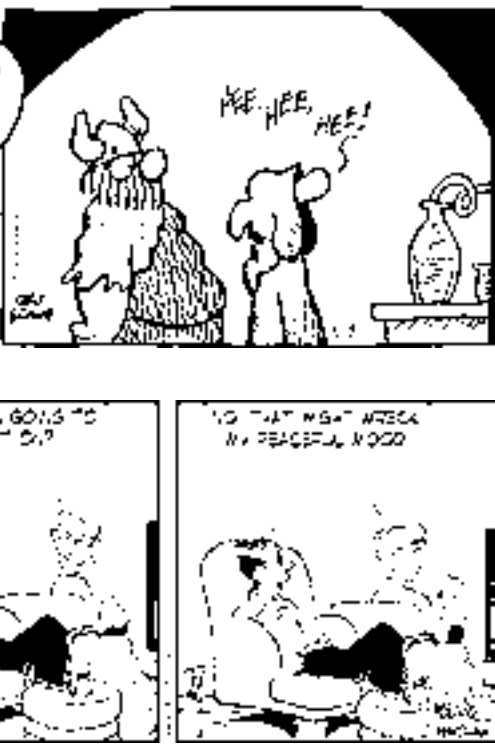
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first pilot to fly an X-15 rocket plane at six times the speed of sound. The Beatles' future manager, Brian Epstein, first saw the group perform at The Cavern Club in Liverpool, England. In 1963, twin disasters struck Japan as some 450 miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion, and about 160 people died in a train crash.

Gibson is 76. Actor Charlie Robinson is 66. Movie director Bille August is 63. Actor Robert David Hall ("CSI") is 63. Actor Lou Ferrigno is 60. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, is 59. Gospel singer Donnie McClurkin is 52. Rock musician Dee Plakas (L7) is 51. Rapper Pepa (Salt-N-Pepa) is 42. Rapper Scarface (Geto Boys) is 41. Blues singer Susan Tedeschi (teh-DES'-kee) is 41. Actor Jason Antoon is 40. Actor Eric Dane is 39. Singer Nick Lachey (98 Degrees) is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sisqo (Dru Hill) is 33. Actress Nikki Blonsky is 23.

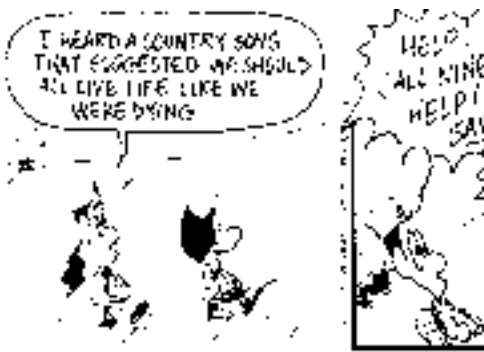
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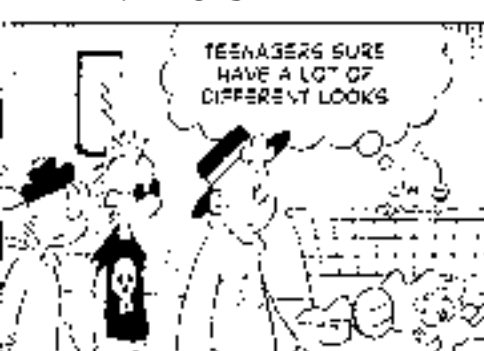
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 Appar suddenly 6 Christmas poem starter 10 Ear cleaner 14 Gut off one's chair 15 Bun or bagel 16 Tortoise's opponent 17 Houston resident 18 Cancel out 19 Figure skater's leap 20 Yoo or boo followe: 21 All-included vacation 24 Emergency signal 26 Oppose (to) 27 Happen to 29 Singer's selection 31 Enthusiastic 32 Historical periods 34 Magazine holders 39 Pasta alternative 40 Refuses to agree to 42 Use a hatchet 43 Mix together 45 Kingly address 46 Singer McEntire 47 Stage brothers 49 Grad-school dissertations 51 Horse's home 55 Raise as a flag 58 Good example 59 Boston seafood 62 Slightly 63 Feeling glum

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

Answer to previous puzzle: WEAT TSPS GETS, UTTER IFAL AQUA, FATTY DATA FULL, FLASHLIGHT LEASE, RAYS ATLAS, SLURRED LADY, HOSED RENOVATE, EONS TRAIT EARL, SPACEOUT AGES, UPON MUSTSEE, ATSEA SOSO, REAR JAWSOFLIFE, ALTO ONES TIDED, BLIP KNEE EMBED, SANE EATS NEEDY.

Pius Heinz wins WSOP main event

Claiming the coveted \$8.72 million first-place prize

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Earlier this year, Pius Heinz was deciding whether to play cards full-time.

Now that the 22-year-old German has won the \$8.72 million prize at the World Series of Poker, he can steer his life in pretty much whatever direction he wants.

"Honestly I'm not sure what I'm going to do with the money," Heinz said early Wednesday after winning the main event in a marathon session of Texas Hold 'em. "Probably my family is going to get a couple gifts."

Heinz won with an ace high, just nine hands after using the same hand to boost himself from a nearly insurmountable disadvantage against 35-year-old Martin Staszko.

Heinz called an all-in bet from Staszko with an ace and a king. Staszko held a seven-10 of clubs.

The board was a five of clubs, deuce of diamonds, nine of spades, jack of hearts and four of diamonds, helping neither player but cementing Heinz's win in the \$10,000 buy-in tournament that started in July.

Staszko won \$5.43 million for second place, a nice consolation prize, but it comes without a bracelet — the prize given to WSOP event winners and coveted by all serious card players.

"Have you ever worn it?" Heinz asked 2010 title winner Jonathan Duhamel as Duhamel handed him the bracelet.

"It's got to be the happiest day of my life," Heinz said. "But I can't believe what happened — it's unreal."

Staszko, a chess whiz who once worked for three years at an auto paint shop, said he thought his finish would help poker in his native country.

"I'm never happy if I don't win," Staszko said. "But it's not too bad. Second place is OK."

Staszko, who mainly plays online, said he'll be back to Sin City and the series.

"I'll come back next year," he said. "I hope I can win a bracelet."

Asked before the final table began whether they'd accept second place money right then and forgo a shot at the title, Heinz said yes; Staszko said no.

Now, Heinz is happy they played the game.

Once it was down to the two players, they exchanged the lead nine times over 119 hands. At one point, Staszko had a nearly 4-1 chip edge on Heinz.

But Heinz, who started the day with just over half the chips in play, convinced Staszko to gamble with less-than-ideal hands in an attempt to put the no-limit Texas Hold 'em tournament away.

"I tried not to lose my nerve," Heinz said. "At some point I was not making a hand. I was getting frustrated, non-

estly.

"I just tried to play my game."

Las Vegas poker professional Ben Lamb was eliminated early Tuesday night in four hands.

He pushed all-in on the first hand of play with a king-jack, hoping to induce Staszko to fold his beloved pocket sevens.

But Staszko called and kept his marginal advantage as the five community cards were dealt.

"I got the sense he wasn't like super strong, but he actually was stronger than I thought he was," Lamb said.

That left Lamb very short on chips, and he pushed all-in again three hands later with a queen-six.

This time, Staszko had pocket jacks and eliminated Lamb.

"Every poker player dreams of having the year I had, so I don't want to sit here and have people like cry for me," he said. "I'll be OK."

The 26-year-old Lamb won \$4 million for finishing in third place.

Each player must lose all his chips to be eliminated from the \$10,000 buy-in tournament, and win all the chips in play to take the crown.

Heinz, who said he had a rough six-month run in poker before the series and was thinking about whether to go back to college.

He aggressively stormed from seventh in chips to first at the nine-hand final table on Sunday.

He went from 16.4 million in chips to 107.8 million in just more than 7½ hours of play, propelling to a higher finish than at least six of his competitors.

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Lamb, an experienced professional who made his mark at the 58-tournament series this year by winning Player of the Year honors, had a large contingent of rowdy supporters and a smaller group of friends and poker experts feeding him information about his play and his opponents. For the first time, every hand at the final table was playing out nearly live on ESPN, including tense stretches of several minutes during which players mulled difficult decisions.

The play was aired on a 15-minute delay with hole cards revealed once hands ended — enough time to ensure gambling regulators that players couldn't cheat. The game was played in front of a crowd of hundreds at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Strip, in the same theater where magicians Penn & Teller regularly perform.

"It was just awesome to have so many of your friends and family following you," Heinz said.

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