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Big break trumps dumb luck

On Sunday, an announcement came over a loud-speaker in a public place. "That's you they were talking about," somebody said. I hadn't heard much of what had been spoken.

"It was your name," the person who had been listening said.

I felt for my billfold, which was where it should have been.

Nobody knew where we were. I guessed that it had to have been a mistake.

Then the speaker in the large hall came on once more, and my name was announced for a fact, and correctly pronounced.

There was no problem. It was just the opposite. I had won.

Calling our bluff: In college, I won a lot, so to speak.

A cigarette company sponsored a weekly picking contest in the school newspaper where the goal was to select the winners of college football games.

The rules of the contest were simple.

Although no purchase was necessary, each entry had to be accompanied by an appropriate cigarette wrapper or by the name of the product drawn on a note card.

You could enter as many times as you wished using the form in the school paper.

One month into the football season, the tobacco company representative had come to know my friend Johnny White and me by our first names.

We won every week.

That was because each Wednesday, we stayed up all night in the Student Union, entering.

We filled out hundreds of combinations and got \$100 each week.

A fraternity caught on and entered about a thousand times and knocked us off the throne toward the bowls.

Big payoff: A person has only so much good luck — it has to count when it hits.

On Sunday, I had filled out a chance at a drawing at a model train show downtown. Who doesn't like electric trains?

After my name had been called twice, I reported to the front of the gigantic hall as instructed, hoping that I had won something like a new vehicle that got good mileage, a boat. Sure, why not?

Instead, after proof of identity, I got a certificate for \$15.

I asked for three fives but was told the prize was for merchandise only.

After searching the aisle for what seemed like hours, I handed over the certificate for two small model tanks and was told that I owed 80 cents more; which has to mean that some good luck has been preserved.

OSU med center funds OK'd

• The move will keep OSU's medical program in Tulsa going.

BY BARBARA HOBEROCK
World Capitol Bureau

OKLAHOMA CITY — Gov. Brad Henry signed legislation Monday to maintain the Oklahoma State University medical program and the OSU Medical Center in Tulsa.

House Bill 1127 by House Speaker Chris Benge, R-Tulsa, and Senate Pro Tem Glenn Coffee, R-Oklahoma City, provides \$5 million to the OSU Medical Authority to keep the hospital operating. It is the first installment of five annual payments.



APPROVES BILL

Gov. Brad Henry: He says many people worked hard in the campaign to save the medical program's home.

Henry said a lot of people worked very hard to work out a solution to the troubled hospital's future.

The measure is the first bill of the 2009 legislative session that he has signed.

Tulsa Mayor Kathy Taylor said the move will improve access to medical care in northeastern Oklahoma and preserve training for physicians who will work in the

state. "It helps the city, but it is an Oklahoma issue," she said.

Under the agreement, Ardent Health Services will donate the center to a local trust that will contract with St. John Health System to operate the hospital.

The state is allocating funding to update and retool the OSU Medical Center and providing a five-year, \$5 million subsidy for its operating costs.

The Kaiser Family Foundation is donating matching funds to help provide health care and insurance coverage in the Tulsa area.

The state will begin an aggressive campaign to enroll people in Insure Oklahoma, a program that provides subsidized health insurance to working people and families.

OSU President Burns Hargis said, "Today's signing represents a major milestone for the many parties who worked tirelessly to arrive at this point."

"Nothing has been more important to our medical school than securing its future, and by doing so, it can move full speed ahead in meeting its teaching, training and research mission, which is so vitally important to our state."

Dr. John Fernandes, dean of the medical school and president of the OSU Center for Health Sciences, said the act solves the center's biggest problem, stability.

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LANGSTON: A PLACE TO CALL HOME



Audience members applaud Monday during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the \$8 million Langston University-Tulsa facility.

Photos by SHERRY BROWN/Tulsa World

New Tulsa campus opens

• Langston University-Tulsa now has its own building.

BY SHANNON MUCHMORE
World Staff Writer

After 30 years of renting and sharing space, Langston University-Tulsa has a place to call its own.

Officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday to dedicate the first phase of Langston's Tulsa campus.

The \$8 million building was financed through the Vision 2025 Tulsa County sales-tax initiative. It contains 35,000 square feet and includes classrooms, faculty offices and a media center.

"This campus and our drive to develop it demonstrates Langston University's commitment to the (Tulsa) community," Langston President JoAnn Haysbert said Monday.

The new campus, at 914 N. Greenwood Ave., is just north of Oklahoma State University-Tulsa, which housed the Langston programs until the new building was completed earlier this year. The only program that will remain at the OSU campus is Langston's nursing program.

The first phase of the campus initially was scheduled for completion in August but was postponed by various permit and approval delays. The building had to be scaled back and some features moved to later phases before the university was able to break ground in May 2007.

It is one of the last Vision 2025 projects



Langston University President JoAnn Haysbert (center) speaks during the ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday at Langston University-Tulsa at 914 N. Greenwood Ave.

to be completed.

The final plans for the campus call for four buildings and other aesthetic features, such as a water fountain. The remaining



PHASE ONE

Langston President JoAnn Haysbert: At Monday's ribbon-cutting, she said: "This campus represents the power and belief of hope embraced by the residents of this community."

three phases have not been scheduled, and funding for them has not been identified.

Haysbert said Langston has long wanted an expanded presence in Tulsa, which she said has proven its dedication to higher education repeatedly.

The Langston building was designed to create a separate identity for the university that would distinguish it from the OSU-Tulsa campus. It is made of brick and cast stone.

OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl has said previously that OSU-Tulsa needs the space that is being freed up by Langston's departure. OSU-Tulsa wants to offer more daytime classes, and additional faculty offices also are needed.

Haysbert said she hopes that the new Langston campus will help the university with its goals to expand offerings and increase enrollment.

"This campus represents the power and belief of hope embraced by the residents of this community," she said.

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Fugitive bank robbery suspect is apprehended

BY NICOLE MARSHALL
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Police arrested a fugitive on two counts of armed bank robbery Monday.

Officers had been searching for Patrick Wayne Manning II, 44, after receiving information that he might have robbed as many as four banks since last fall.

Prosecutors charged Manning on March 3 with robbing the IBC Bank branch at 4202 S. Garnett Road on both Feb. 3 and Feb. 25.

Investigators said he was also being investigated in connection with robberies at two other IBC Bank branches at 8202 E. 71st St. on Jan. 11 and 111 W. Fifth St. on Nov. 28.

Members of the Fugitive Warrants Unit found Manning's motorcycle at the Georgetown Hotel,



DEFENDANT

Patrick Wayne Manning II: He is charged with robbing two IBC banks and is under suspicion in two other heists.

8507 E. Skelly Drive, on Monday morning, Sgt. Dave Walker said.

Officers watched until Manning came out of the hotel and then confronted him. He ran from them, refusing their commands to stop, Walker said.

He was captured about 11:45 a.m. after a short foot chase.

Manning was charged in 1988 with murder on accusations

SEE SUSPECT A11

Firefighters tried to stop attack

• Called to help a woman in respiratory distress, they are assaulted by bystanders.

BY ALTHEA PETERSON
World Staff Writer

Firefighters tried to tell a group of angry bystanders that they were only there to help.

But that didn't stop members of the group from assaulting the firefighters as they were trying to assist a woman with respiratory problems at a house in the 4600 block of North Hartford Avenue about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Fire Capt. Michael Baker said.

Firefighters from Station 19 were met at their truck by "several aggravated bystanders," Baker said.

The crew made several attempts to calm the situation, and even-

tually the bystanders went in the house, he said.

One of the people told firefighters that they had responded too slowly, Baker said.

"Our captain tried to use verbal skills and tried to prevent the situation from escalating," he said. "We're not the police. That's what we try to tell people — that we're not there to arrest. We're only there to help."

The patient was sitting on the front porch of the house. When the firefighters — who were acting as first responders — tried to take her vital signs, a man came back outside and jumped from the porch onto a firefighter, Baker said.

The man began hitting the firefighter, and additional bystanders began kicking the firefighter, he said.

Police said the group consisted of one man and six to seven women. The man threw the firefighter,

identified as Robert Redricks, 40, to the ground, and the women "egged the male on as he assaulted the firefighter," according to a police news release.

Two other firefighters pulled the man off their colleague and tried to stop the attack, Baker said.

The firefighters called for help, and police and a group of firefighters from Station 24 responded.

When the attackers heard sirens approaching, they went back in the house, and when the police arrived, the group ran out the back, Baker said.

Two firefighters suffered minor injuries but were able to finish their shifts, which ended about 8 a.m., he said.

Firefighters typically don't carry guns or other means of protecting themselves from assault, Baker said.

SEE ATTACK A11