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Local mechanic and SWCID instructor Curtis Bruns, right, talks with Steve Gray and Kevin Matthews with the city of Big Spring during an employer appreciation luncheon at the college Friday afternoon.

# Stopping, preventing elder abuse everyone's business, officials stress

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

It's everyone's business.

That's the message Adult Protective Services (APS) is trying to drive home with Texans during the month of May, which just happens to be Elder Abuse Prevention Month and Older Americans Month.

"APS is reminding Texans that stopping elder abuse is truly everyone's responsibility," said Marleigh Meisner, public information officer with the agency. "No one knows exactly how many older Texans are being abused, neglected, or financially exploited. Many

"The message is simple but important. If you believe an elderly person is being abused, neglected, or exploited, report it by calling 1-800-252-5400."

– Marleigh Meisner

victims are too embarrassed to ask for help, and their suffering can be shrouded by secrecy.

"As our population ages, statistics show the problem is a growing concern, and nationwide studies estimate that three to five million

seniors age 65 and older have experienced abuse, with only one in five cases reported. In 2008, Texas APS, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), completed almost 70,000 investigations of abuse, neglect or exploitation involving adults living at home. Of those, more than 48,000 cases were confirmed, with most cases including physical or medical neglect."

Meisner said the perpetrators are often family members — ranging from adult children to spouses and grandchildren — and one of the the keys to preventing these crimes is

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# **BUSTED** 20 jailed in 6-month investigation

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A six-month-long narcotics investigation lead by the Big Spring Spring Police Department Narcotic Division yielded nearly two-dozen arrests and netted a considerable amount of illegal drugs, according to law enforcement officials.



Everett

ett, public information officer with the BSPD, the narcotics division - with assistance from the Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigation Division, Howard County Sheriff's Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, **Howard County District Attor**ney's Office and Immigration

According to Sgt. Tony Ever-

Custom Enforcement (ICE) San Angelo Office — executed at least 20 arrest war-

"These arrests culminated from an approximate six-month investigation into the drug trafficking within the city limits of Big Spring and surrounding Howard County," said Everett. "This investigation led to the arrest of 20 individuals and the seizure of 14.8 ounces of marijuana, 42.26 grams of crack cocaine, 50.59 grams of powder cocaine and 2.11 grams of methamphetamine. Also, 10 guns were seized and numerous miscellaneous stolen tools were

recovered." Arrests included:

- Jarrel Lamont Williams, 22, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (first-degree felony).
- Danielle Rae Miller, 20, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree

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# Tuesday is final day to vote in early period

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Time is running out for area residents hoping to cast their ballots early in this year's municipal and school district races, with early voting coming to a close Tuesday. Voters can cast their early

ballots from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Howard County Elections Office, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. Early voting continues through Tuesday with extended poll hours from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, and branch voting at the Big Spring High School library from until 5 p.m. today.

Voters have plenty to choose from during the election.

The \$60 million bond issue being offered by BSISD would call for construction of new elementary campuses at the current sites of Washington, Marcy and Goliad schools, as well as the demolition of the existing buildings along with Bauer Elementary. It would also add a classroom wing and physical education gym to Moss Elementary, renovate Kentwood Elementary and provide several improvements to the high school, insuppression system. District 5 on the Big Spring

cluding a new roof and fire

features three candidates, Jeremy Blount, Chad Wash. and Michelle Hamby, running to fill the seat currently held by longtime trustee Mike Dawson, who decided not to seek another term. Also on the ballot, but un-

Independent School District

opposed, are BSISD board incumbents Jeff Brorman (District 6) and Phil Furgueron (District 7). Four candidates are vying

for the mayor's seat on the Big Spring City Council. Incumbent Russ McEwen is facing off against challengers

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## Jam band concert Tuesday

## Free admission

The Howard College Hawk Jam band will be presenting its spring concert Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Hall Center for the Arts on the college campus.

The show, entitled "From the Streets to Your Seats," will feature music ranging from rock and roll to madrigal. Admission is free. For

more information, call 264-5000.



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## **Obituaries**

## Lenora A. Willingham

Lenora A. Willingham, 94, of Alvarado, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, April 30, 2010, in Alvarado. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Myers



& Smith Chapel with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lenora was born Dec. 24, 1915. in Crockett, to Roma and Joe Williams. She married Jewell J. Willingham on May 29, 1943. He preceded her in death Oct. 28, 1989. Lenora

was a homemaker and a retired bookkeeper. She was a member of East Fourth Baptist Church.

Lenora is survived by three sons: Larry Willingham and his wife Diane of Arlington, Tom Willingham of Colorado City and Gary Willingham of Memphis, Tenn.; grandchildren: Shane, Susan, and Stephanie Lewis of Mansfield, Lauri, Jon, Avery, and Ella Rocky of Greenville, David, Cindy, Aaron, Mia, and Grace Willingham of Keller, Jill, Ryan, Regan, and Austin Grinnell of Albuquerque, N.M.; several nieces, including Gayla Williams, Lila Adkins, Lana Piercefield and Margaret Newton, all of Big Spring; and her extended family: Terry Tate of Lewisville and Joseph, Bridget and Katilyn Gonza-

In addition to her parents and husband, Lenora was preceded in death by her brother: Floyd Wil-

Pallbearers will be Jesse Baker, Gene Piercefield, Mike Wilson, Roy Lintz and Larry Platte. Honorary pallbearer will be Alton Rogers.

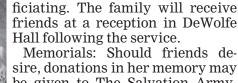
Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

## Barbara Jane McEwen Clayton

FORT WORTH — Barbara Jane McEwen Clayton, passed away peacefully at home April 29, 2010. Memorial service: 11 a.m. Tuesday at All Saints

Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, with the Rev. Johnson Shannon of-



be given to The Salvation Army, All Saints Episcopal Church or a charity of your choice. Survivors: Husband of 33 years,

Dr. Irvin Clayton; three children:

David Gearing Krausse and Jean O'Brien Krausse of Austin, Helen Susan Arnoldy-Paisley, her husband Doug Paisley of Houston, Carolyn Russell Krausse Favre-Bulle, her husband, Eric-J. Favre-Bulle of Lausanne, Switzerland; three stepchildren, Elizabeth Clayton Stringer, her husband, Hank, of Austin, Jack Walker Clayton, his wife, Patricia of Sugarland, Margaret Clayton Shouse, her husband, Clint Shouse of Dallas; 14 grandchildren, Matthew Russell Krausse, Katherine Elizabeth Krausse, Jason Stuart Arnoldy, John Scott Arnoldy, Daniel David Arnoldy, Magdalène Susan Favre-Bulle, Guillaume Favre-Bulle, Camille Favre-Bulle, Ryman Elizabeth Stringer, Jack Henry Stringer, Sara Renee Clayton, Adam Walker Clayton, Clayton Wesley Shouse, Mary Elizabeth Shouse, along with countless other friends and family who were blessed to know her.

Services are under the direction of Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home and Crematory, 702 Eighth Avenue of Fort Worth (817) 336-0345.

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## **Support Groups**

• 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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7

- GINA MARIE OLIVARES, 20, of 800 N. Tubb Rd., was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. EDDIE MONTEMAYOR, 22, of 427 Davis Rd.,
- was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault.
- JOE GUZMAN, 45, of 134 Jonesboro St., was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct – language and resisting arrest, search or transportation. • STACY LYNN PENDLETON, 34, of 410 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.,
- was arrested Sunday on warrants for resisting arrest, search or transportation, public intoxication • RYAN WAYNE ANDERSON, 19, of 809 Lorilla,
- was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-JOHNNY LEE RIOS, 24, of 710 Creighton, was
- arrested Sunday on warrants for resisting arrest, search or transportation, public intoxication and MICHAEL SHANE MOONEY, 22, of Carlsbad,
- was arrested Sunday on charges of speeding and • SCHEMICKIA MARIE CROSBY, 27, of 207 Wash-
- ington, was arrested Sunday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. • DANIEL FOREST MONDIER, 25, of 505 Aylesford, was arrested Sunday on warrants for posses-
- sion of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana – more than two ounces, less than four ounces and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts). NADIA AGUILAR, 22, of 505 S. Aylseford, was
- arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana more than two ounces, less than four ounces. • WILLIAM SNEED, 35, of 5403 North Service Rd.,
- was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- CARL DUHAMEL, 32, of Miami, Fla., was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information and deadly conduct – discharge of a firearm at individu-
- GENE HERNANDEZ, 30, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agen-
- DAVID CORNELIUS WESTBROOK, 36, of 2527 Gunter, was arrested Sunday on warrants for possession of a controlled substance and manufacture/ delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).
- VERGELIO GARCIA, 37, of 1901 S. Runnels, was arrested Sunday on warrants for possession of a controlled substance, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance. JODY WILLIAM COX, 26, of Stanton, was arrest-
- ed Sunday on a warrant for harassment.
- JUAN VALBUENA, 32, of 705 Aylesford, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, assault family violence and criminal non-support.
  - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

In the 2100 block of Nolan. • THEFT was reported:

In the 2400 block of Marcy. In the 1300 block of Blackmon.

In the 2500 block of Langley.

In the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20. • ASSAULT was reported:

In the 1300 block of Baylor. In the 1900 block of Donley.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

- LARRY DEAN SIMMONS, 52, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – third or more of-
- ANA GARCES RAMIREZ, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center and criminal mischief.
- HEATHER DAWN MCNEW, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

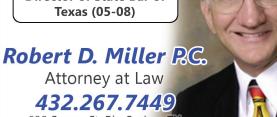
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• PAUL TORRES, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault of a household family member. • HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 25, was ar-

rested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution. PATRICK WILLIAM HOGAN, 59, was arrested

Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated. GINA MARIE OLIVARES, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of

possession of drug paraphernalia. EDDIE MONTEMAYOR, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – physical contact.

• JONATHON MICHAEL PAUL, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolu-JOE GUZMAN, 45, was transferred to the county

jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct - language. RYAN WADE ANDERSON, 19, was transferred

to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. STACY LYNN PENDLETON, 34, was transferred

to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges

of theft, public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation. • JOHNNY LEE RIOS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to control speed,

failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and failure to appear (three counts). • DANIELLE RAE MIER, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance

• EPIFANIO JOE GUZMAN JR., 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (two counts).

 VERGELIO HALARIO GARCIA, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

· CODY SPOLLINO, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of delivery of marijuana. JOSHUA VALENZUELA, 23, was transferred to

the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of delivery of marijuana (two counts). FELICIA CANALES, 21, was transferred to the

county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in JASON PAUL BOLT, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of de-

livery of marijuana and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance. ERNEST EDWARD SAIZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief, bail jumping - failure to appear

and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts). • KIMBERLY RUEDA WILLIAMS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled sub-

stance. HOLSTON BANKS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).

• RICKY BOB YANEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

· GILBERT PEREZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two

• MICHAEL SHANE MOONEY, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to

 PRESTON LOUIE JONES, 59, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicat-

 DANIEL FOREST MONDIER, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts), possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.

 SCHEMICKIA MARIE CROSBY, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a

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The Big Spring Art Association will be holding its 56th

annual area wide art show May 7 through 15 at the Hall

Center for the Arts, Howard College, 2001 Birdwell Lane.

Entries will be accepted from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday

and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. Categories include Oils/

Acrylis, Watercolor, Pastels, Graphics/Mixed Media, Pho-

More than \$ 1,000 in prize money plus ribbons will be

awarded. Artists reception and awards ceremony will be

Saturday, May 15, at 3 p.m. at the Hall Center for the Arts.

For more information, contact Doris Vieregge at (432) 213-

• On May 22, the Howard County Road Kill Running Club

(HCRK) will host the first Bob Fishback 5K fun run/walk

in Comanche Trail Park. The event will start at the Alice

Hayes Pavilion which is located by the Kids' Zone play

area. All proceeds will be donated to the Fishback family

Entry fee is \$20 and there will be awards for first through

third place female and male participants. You can either

pre-register, or register the morning of the event. Regis-

tration will open at 6:30 a.m. You can download the flyer

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felony, two counts). • Vergelio Garcia, 37, deliv-

erv of a controlled substance (second-degree felony), delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (first-degree felony) and possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

• Felicia Canales, 21, delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (third-degree felony).

• Epifanio Joe Guzman, 22, delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (first-

degree felony, two counts). Cody Spollino, 22, delivery of marijuana (state jail felo-

• Ernest Saiz, 18, two Howard County warrants and charges of delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, two counts).

• Kimberly Rueda Williams, 22, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree fel-

 Daniel Forest Mondier, 25, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, two counts), possession of a controlled substance (seconddegree felony) and possession of marijuana (misdemeanor).

• Jason Paul Bolt, 24, delivery of marijuana (state jail felony) and delivery of a controlled substance (second-de-• Joshua Valenzuela, 23, de-

livery of marijuana (state jail felony, two counts).

• Gilbert Junior Perez, 29, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, two counts).

• David Westbrook, 36, delivery of a controlled substance (first-degree felony), delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and possession of a controlled substance

(state jail felony).

• Ricky Yanez, 24, delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (first-degree

• Holston Banks III, 18, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

· Nadia Aguilar, 22, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony) and possession of marijuana (misdemeanor).

• Beverly Ortega, 22, delivery of marijuana (state jail

• William Sneed, 35, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Jessica Brooks, 22, delivery of marijuana (state jail felony, two counts). Keelie Parks, 18, delivery of

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marijuana (state jail felony).

"Everyone needs to be diligent to ensure vulnerable adults are free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation," said Urban. "Isolation places vulnerable adults at risk. That's why elder abuse prevention is everyone's business."

According to Meisner, Texas has more than 2.3 million residents 65 or older. Nearly one out of five people have a disability, and almost half of those older than 65 have a dis-

http://pages.suddenlink.net/hcrk/docs/Annual%20 Bob%20Fishback.pdf "In 2008, APS completed 68,683 investigations of abuse, neglect or exploitation involving adults living at home," she added. "Of these, more

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vestigated by APS has more than doubled. "The message is simple

but important. If you believe

than 48,380 were confirmed.

As a comparison, in 2007 APS

completed 64,459 investiga-

tions and confirmed in 45,934

cases. In the last decade, the

number of in-home cases in-

an elderly person is being abused, neglected, or exploited, report it by calling 1-800-252-5400. For more information about preventing elder abuse, and to download public awareness materials, visit

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EveryonesBusiness.org."

## **ELDERLY**

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education.

**VOTE** 

Tommy

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Shannon Thomason and

Oscar Velasco. The race

for the District 5 seat on

the city council pits

charge of unauthorized

NADIA JULIA AGU-

ILAR, 22, was trans-

ferred to the county jail

Sunday by the BSPD on

charges of possession of

marijuana – two ounces

or less in a drug free

zone and possession of

a controlled substance.

WILLIAM ELGIN

SNEED, 35, was trans-

ferred to the county jail

Sunday by the BSPD on

a charge of possession of

a controlled substance.

• BEVERLY D. BEN-

NETT ORTEGA, 22,

was transferred to the

county jail Sunday by

the BSPD on a charge of

WEST-

delivery of marijuana.

BROOK, 36, was trans-

ferred to the county jail

Sunday by the BSPD on

charges of manufacture/

delivery of a controlled

substance (two counts)

and possession of a con-

• CARL EDWARD DU-

HAMEL, 32, was trans-

ferred to the county jail

Sunday by the BSPD

on charges of deadly

conduct – discharge of

a firearm and failure

to identify as a fugitive

from justice – giving false information.

• GENE HERNAN-

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on charges of deliv-

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KEELIE BREANN

PARKS, 18, was trans-

ferred to the county jail

Sunday by the BSPD on

a charge of delivery of

COX, 26, was trans-

ferred to the county jail

Monday by the BSPD on

a charge of harassment.

CRISTA CAROLYN

WILLIAM

JESSICA FAYE

a parole violation.

counts).

marijuana.

• JODY

trolled substance.

DAVID

use of a motor vehicle.

"This marks the fifth year of APS' It's Everyone's Business campaign," said Meisner. "It's a statewide effort to educate Texans about the pervasive problem of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly and adults with disabilities, and to encourage citizens to get involved in making a positive difference. "Throughout May, APS

employees across Texas will distribute brochures and information kits, as well as participate in conferences, information fairs, and ceremonies honoring those who work on behalf of vulnerable adults." According to Karl Urban,

APS assistant commissioner, there are plenty of signs to watch for, the most common being isolation.

Troy

ability. to adopt a new sales tax. The proposition calls for

the adoption of a sales and use tax within the city limits at the rate of one-half on one percent to be used and applied to projects authorized by section 4B of the Development Corporation Act of 1979. The tax can also be used for the maintenance and operation costs associated with such projects.

Five candidates are seeking to fill two atlarge seats on the Coakins, Ashley Niblett, Michael Brooks Mike Blissard. For more information on early voting, contact

homa ISD board of

trustees. They are Craig

Ferguson, Brandon At-

Bloom at 264-2273.

COKER, 20, was arrestported in the 1700 block SHERIFF ed Monday by DPS on charges of speeding and refused. Continued from Page 2

violation of a promise

Tompkins, who is fin-

ishing his first three-

year term in the seat,

While Coahoma resi-

dents aren't being asked

to fill municipal seats

this year, they are de-

ciding on a proposition

against Craig Olson.

incumbent

to appear. SAMUEL EUGENE WOODS, 44, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of bail jumping - failure to appear, driving while intoxicated - third or more offense. driving while license

invalid and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• HENRY DEWAINE MILLER, 18, was arrest-

ed Monday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information (two counts) and no driver's license.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire

Department and Emer-

gency Medical Services

reported the following

DENT was reported

in the 1400 block of S.

Gregg Street. One per-

son was transported to

TRAFFIC ACCI-

activity:

of Lancaster. Service • MEDICAL was re-

ported in the 1900 block

of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway. One per-

SMMC. • TRAFFIC ACCI-DENT was reported near the 178 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was

son was transported to

transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Morrison. One person was transported to

SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported near the 187 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

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ported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was re-

ported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAFFIC ACCI-

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to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Pettos. Service refused.

· MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Sixth Street and Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAFFIC ACCI-

DENT was reported near the intersection of N.E. Sixth Street and Nolan. Two people were

· TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Lexington. One person was transported to

transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson. One person was transported to

• GRASS FIRE was reported in the 400 block of Owens.



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## MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Lenora A. Willingham, 94, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers

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## OTHER VIEWS

# School-funding dilemma awaits next governor

irst, the governor was on the cover of Newsweek, touting Texas and fueling speculation about a Rick Perry presidential bid in 2012. Then, a new statewide poll shows that only 4 points separate Perry from his Democratic challenger, Bill White.

And we weren't even out of April yet. No telling how Texas' gubernatorial shootout will look in September or October.

Being loyal Texans, we love the publicity and excitement. Texas really hasn't had a compelling governor's race since 1994, when George W. Bush upset incumbent Democrat Ann Richards. The races since have been boring, more or less, but Perry-White is shaping up to be the real deal.

So pardon us if we interject a small dose of reality. The next governor will face a heck of a dilemma in January, when the Legislature reconvenes. That's when our state government will face not one but two types of deficits.

There's the one the recession largely created, and it's anywhere from about \$10 billion on up. And there's the one caused by the school funding system that the Legislature created and Perry approved in 2006; that one is around \$5 billion.

The first one is tough, no doubt. Sooner than later, though, the economy's recovery — and rebound of property values and sales tax receipts — should help make that type of deficit a thing of the past.

The second one is a different beast. It faces a structural problem that may not go away without serious tinkering. The business tax that legislators redesigned in 2006 is not raising enough revenue to finance the property tax cuts that lawmakers also promised local school districts.

Since Perry and White intend to lead Texas for the next four years, we asked them to explain how they would deal with this reality as governor. ...

White was more specific in hinting at the answers he might pursue, but neither candidate provided a clear road map, other than saying they don't plan to back off the property tax cut.

Perry basically said he balanced the budget in 2003 and that he cares about education, so he will deal with this well in the next session.

White said he would scrub the budget, look at any existing tax loopholes and try to get more federal money.

The way we see it, the Legislature should start by closing tax loopholes. Depending on the loopholes' size, legislators possibly could cover the gap. But if that doesn't work and budget cuts aren't sufficient, the Legislature must consider raising the business tax rate, if only for a two-year period. Either way, or it needs to expand the tax to cover more compa-

Neither is a popular choice, which this week's horse-race excitement doesn't exactly square with the unpleasant truths awaiting Texas' next governor. Not to come off as killjoys, but Texas 2011 might not be nearly as much fun as Texas 2010.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

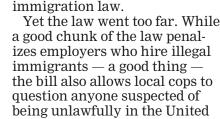
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# **America's political Grand Canyon**

et me lead with what should be an unremarkable observation: Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer did not write federal immigration laws that require permanent residents to carry green cards, employers

to check documentation or limits on the number of legal immigrants admitted each year. Washington did.

But because Washington has failed to enforce those rules, Brewer signed into law a bill passed by the Arizona legislature to beef up and expand enforcement of federal



States and essentially bans "sanctuary city" laws in Ari-One might think that only

those who break immigration law need fear such a measure, especially given its ban on investigations based on "race, color or national origin." But in a state whose population is 29 percent Latino, many legal Arizona residents fear that they will be questioned because of the color of their skin or speaking with an accent because they've seen it happen before. Why alienate Latinos who

are good Arizonans when local police already can notify the feds after they arrest illegal immi-

By the same token, supporters of the bill feel alienated, too. Their belief in enforcing duly enacted federal laws earns them the tag of "racist" — whether they are or not.

Opponents of the new law drew swastikas on the Arizona capi-

tol, yet somehow, pundits aren't asking whether they are inciting violence. Some critics have likened the bill to the "Your papers, please" authoritarianism of Nazi Germany. Please. If you think you shouldn't have to carry identification, don't travel abroad. And don't drive. Then there's San Francisco's

response — calling for a boycott. City Attorney Dennis Herrera believes the Arizona law is "unconstitutional," and he may well be right. He was righteous when he told me, "We all know that racial profiling happens within the law enforcement community" — not only for arrests, but also when questioning innocent people.

I still have to ask: Why should San Francisco support a boycott of another government? Don't city politicians have their hands full governing this place, without telling other politicians how to run their turf?

'There is a need for uniformity in this area," Herrera told me.

Now that's choice, considering Ess Eff's "sanctuary city" policy. Back in 2007, Mayor Gavin Newsom proudly announced that he would not allow "any of my department heads or anyone associated with this city" to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrests of immigrant fugitives.

So one year, city solons proudly flout federal law; another year, they complain that immigration law is sacrosanct as a federal bailiwick, so how dare Arizonans trespass? So much for uniformity.

Herrera pointed to the success of a past boycott that drove Arizona to accept the Martin Luther King Day holiday. He noted that politicians from other cities Los Angeles, Oakland — want to join San Francisco in using their weight to force little Arizona to buckle. Alas, these bullying tactics only serve to divide the country.

It's easy for San Franciscans, from 700 miles away, to sneer at Arizonans. Folks here don't live in an area where cross-border drug violence has led to highway gun battles.

The Arizona Republic editorialized Wednesday that the bill was "ugly and indefensible." The paper also noted, "The feds did nothing while Phoenix became the kidnapping capital of the country. The feds did nothing as rancher Robert Krentz was murdered on his borderarea ranch.'

Just for good measure, Herrera told me the answer was for Washington to enact "meaningful immigration reform." President Obama said likewise.

Why not just pour gasoline on the entire state? Surely Herrera and Obama know that what they call "reform," many Arizonans see as "amnesty" that would encourage more of the illegal immigration that they are trying to stop. If Washington passes what amounts to an amnesty "reform," then I guarantee: More states will follow Arizona.

This is how America gets torn

The call for a boycott practically yells to America: Hey folks, if you don't like our politics — anti-ROTC, pro-medical marijuana and same-sex marriage, as Newsom famously said, "whether you like it or not" you shouldn't come here.

The folks who call for boycotts on the left and the right seek to isolate all who disagree. There's no debate, no real diversity and no need to listen. For the boycotters, it's a low-stakes

They don't even have to pay for their piety. Witness the proviso in the San Francisco supervisors' resolution that limited the Arizona boycott to areas where "there is no significant additional cost to the city.'

There is a significant cost, however. In trying to isolate Arizona, San Francisco risks becoming an island.

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## Prescription doesn't take danger away

t's been seen before. "Were you high on drugs?" shouted a reporter as Kayla Gerdes, an 18-year-old accused of killing a 69-year-old retired doctor by driving a van into her Long Island house, walked into court. "No," she

sobbed, "It was prescription drugs! It was all an accident! Please Clear in the ac-

cused teen's verbal defense of herself is that her actions are excusable because she was taking prescription not street — drugs. Of course, nobody

knows if the oxycodone that police say Gerdes was taking was actually prescribed for her or if she was taking it illicitly.

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That technicality, of course, does not matter to the family of Rebecca Twine-Wright, who died because she decided to mow her lawn on the same day Gerdes chose to get behind the wheel while allegedly high. And, no matter the circumstances under which she allegedly took the oxycodone, that particular prescription pain medication comes with a clear warning that prohibits

Whether she was taking a legal Amen prescription written in her name

or was popping pills pinched from the medicine cabinet of family or friends, nothing changes the fact that a woman lies dead because of these drugs. Prescription drugs are not safer than street drugs simply because a doctor signs off on them. In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control, by 2006, prescription opioid painkillers were involved in more overdose deaths than heroin and cocaine

Oxycodone is a powerful painkiller synthesized from the opium derivative thebaine. It resides in the same drug family as heroin and has many of the same addictive qualities, moodaltering effects and dangers as the "street" drug.

Used in specific instances of severe pain — such as in terminal cancer cases - oxycodone has its proper place in the medical world. That does not make the drug "safe" for non-prescribed or not-as-directed use. While effective under certain circumstances, oxycodone come with huge dangers when misused, including impairing one's driving. Opioid painkillers must be treated as potentially dangerous and used only under strict condi-

Too many of us are given a painkiller prescription for a legitimate reason and only use a portion of the prescribed pills. Instead of destroying and getting rid of the unneeded portion, we save pills at the back of the medicine cabinet for possible

Leaving these drugs in your medicine cabinet is like inviting a heroin dealer into your home. Instead of your child needing to take the scary step of obtaining illegal drugs on the street, he or she may simply decide to try what is already on hand.

use later on.

Oxycodone potentially has the addictive power of heroin and once the household supply has been exhausted, painful withdrawal symptoms can lead to the newly-minted addicted seeking out the equivalent street drugs. Keeping these medicines lying around unused for "a rainy day" simply opens the door to abuse and ignores how dangerous these products can be when used improperly.

Saying that they were "only prescription drugs" does not make Twine-Wright any less dead, and it does not justify Gerdes' alleged actions. Drugs are drugs, and we must be vigilant in their use and placement in our homes.

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# Hawks clinch WJCAC crown

Howard earns second straight title by sweeping Clarendon in four-game weekend series

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Howard College Hawks appear to be getting their mojo

A week after their coach lambasted the team for playing "the worst baseball I've seen in nine years here," the Hawks clinched the Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball title with a four-game sweep of Clarendon College Friday and Satur-

The Bulldogs came in with a slim chance to catch the Hawks in the WJCAC, but those hopes were doused when Howard won both Friday games. Then, as if putting an exclamation point on the proceedings, the Hawks (36-8 overall and 21-3 in conference) run-ruled Clarendon twice Sat-

"I think those first two games (Friday) might have broke (Clarendon's) spirits," Howard Coach Britt Smith said after the Hawks' 12-2, 14-2 doubleheader sweep Saturday. "I think it was apparent to them that they were in big trouble. You have to give our kids credit — they got the lead and stayed in the game all weekend."

Smith said the team held a players-only meeting after struggling against Midland College last week.

"They made the commitment to play together and play unselfishly and support the guys who were playing, regardless if they were playing — and it showed all weekend."

In Saturday's first game, the Hawks raced out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and never looked back, ending the game in the sixth inning on Anthony Calhoun's three-run home run to the deepest part of center field. Tyler King earned the completegame victory for Howard.

In the nightcap, Clarendon took a 2-1 lead in the second inning on a two-run shot by Kyle Harris, who homered twice in the game. The Hawks, however, responded in their half of the inning with five runs, two coming on a homer to left by catcher Rick Stover, and Howard never looked back from there.

Carlos Gonzales came on in relief of starter Carter Hahn in the third inning and pitched one-hit ball the rest of the way to earn

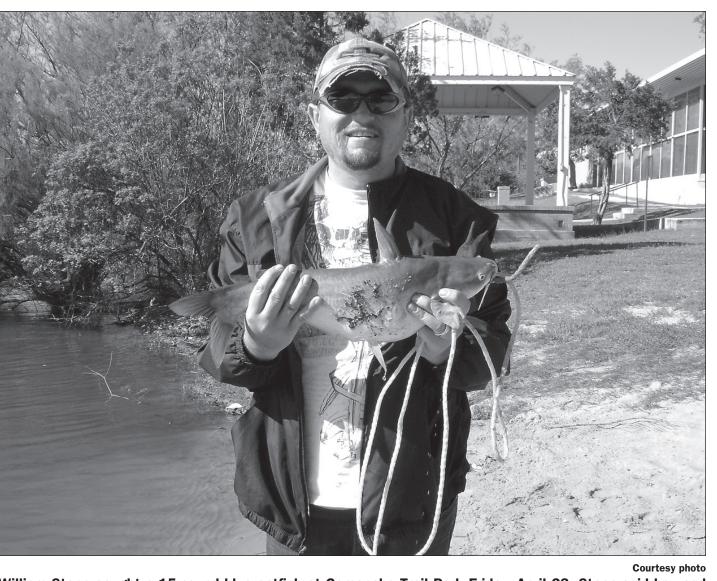
Offensively, the Hawks rapped out 13 hits against five Clarendon pitchers in the second game. Leading the way at the plate were designated hitter Landon Steinhagen (3-for-4 with a double) and Marcellous Biggins, Kevin Sah

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**HERALD** photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College shortstop Anthony Calhoun, right, steps on second base to force out a Clarendon runner, then fires to first to complete a double play during the Hawks' 12-2 victory in the first game of the teams' doubleheader Saturday at Jack Barber



William Stapp caught a 15-pound blue catfish at Comanche Trail Park Friday, April 23. Stapp said he used night crawlers for bait and was bottom fishing at the time he reeled in his catch.

# Randall ousts **Lady Steers** from playoffs

**Herald Staff Report** 

LUBBOCK — Unfortunately for the Big Spring Lady Steers, their stay in the Class 4A softball playoffs was a short one.

Canyon Randall downed the Lady Steers 13-3 Saturday to complete a two-game sweep of their bi-district playoff series at Lady Westerner Field.

As it did in the first game of the series, Randall (22-4) broke out the bats in a big way, collecting 19 hits against the Lady Steers (18-15), who hurt their effort by committing 10 errors.

"I think we were just shell-shocked from the day before and tried to do too much Saturday," BSHS Coach John Sparks said. "We weren't focused on the job at hand."

Big Spring scored its first run Saturday when Kenzie Hunt led off the Lady Steers' half of the second inning with a single and eventually scored on a hit from Macy Briggs. The team's other two runs came in the bottom of the fifth on RBI singles by Jillian Valle and Valerie Ross.

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# Murphy clutch as Rangers down M's in 11

SEATTLE (AP) — Lightsout pitching from the Rang-

What in the name of Nolan Ryan is going on with Texas? "Our pitching staff's been

our backbone all year," David Murphy said after he tied Sunday's game with a single in the ninth inning, then hit a sacrifice fly to drive in the go-ahead run in the 11th inning of a 3-1 victory over the

Seattle Mariners. The usually pitching-poor Rangers have a 3.48 ERA. less 10th before Feliz saved punch in baseball. Then we (86), Last in home runs (nine

their lowest mark through 25 games since 1993. The leaders of the American League West have won 8 of 11 games.

The latest contributors: C.J. Wilson, Texas' closer last season who allowed five hits and a lone run in seven innings to lower his ERA to 1.65; plus relievers Chris Ray, Darren Oliver, Dustin Nippert and Neftali Feliz. They held Seat-

tle hitless over the final four innings. Nippert (1-2) pitched a score-

his fifth game in six chances. It was his second extra-inning save of the series, as the Rangers swept a three-game set in Seattle for the first time since April 13-15, 1999 — Texas' next-to-last series at the old Kingdome.

This sweep came while fac-

ing Mariners co-aces Cliff Lee nowhere."

and Felix Hernandez, plus Doug Fister, whom Murphy correctly labeled as "out of "That's the best one-two Next-to-last in the AL in runs

starters at 1.29. "To kind of squeak out some games against those starters shows we're fighting out there." Fighting with arms, for a change.

had Fister," Murphy said

of the unlikely ERA leader

among American League

Then again, it helps Texas

was facing Seattle. The Mariners' offense, in the word of manager Don Wakamatsu, is "anemic."

— including none in a full week).

"If someone would have said you'd throw 26 scoreless innings in a three-game series and get swept, they'd think you were crazy," Wakamatsu said. "Kind of tells you the shape of the offense."

Seattle scored three earned runs in the 32 innings of the series. The last came when Chone Figgins singled and stole second to begin the bot-

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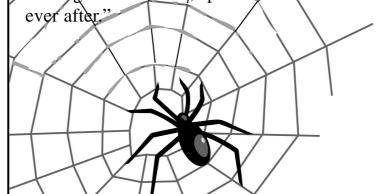
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By Steve Becker

## Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable ↑ A J 10 8 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 8 5 **EAST** ♦ OJ932 SOUTH ♦ K 6 ♣Q 7 The bidding:
West North East

1 ♥ 3 ♠ 4 ♠ 5 NT Pass Pass Pass Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

The biggest swings in bridge usually involve slam hands. Good slam bidding is a skill well worth cultivat

Pass

ing, since the failure to bid a makable slam results in the loss of a slam bonus, while bidding a slam that fails

results in the loss of a game.

Today's deal features an unusually good bidding sequence that enabled North-South to arrive at an unbeatable six-notrump contract. The deal was played in a team-of-four championship many years ago. North was John Moran, and South was Milton

Q. Ellenby.

It is easy to see that if a six-spade contract is undertaken with North as declarer, rapid defeat follows. East's diamonds produces two immediate tricks for the defense.

It seems perfectly normal for North-South to arrive at six spades, especially since they have 13 tricks

in the form of five spades, five hearts and three clubs without a diamond lead. However, with East on lead and West in possession of the ace of diamonds, the slam unfortunately fails In fact, it did fail when the deal was played at the other table.

At the point when Moran made his highly unusual five-heart bid holding only the Q-3 — he was concerned that there might be two quick diamond losers if he became declarer. To guard against this possibility, he offered his partner a chance to play the hand alternatively at

either hearts or notrump.

Ellenby, attuned to his partner's fears, then came through with the winning five-notrump bid, which Moran happily raised to six. As a result, South became declarer, and from his seat the slam was impreg-

Making six notrump was worth 1,440 points, which, added to the 100 points gained at the other table, points gained at the other table, yielded a pickup of 1,540 points on

Tomorrow: Tour de force

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury is still retrograde, which sometimes makes it seem like business is going very slowlv. Some projects that we thought were completed will need to be deconstructed and reconstructed differently. This could happen many times, but that's what is necessary to become masterful. The Capricorn moon helps us see the big picture and keep going.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Self-control can be too much of a good thing

on a day like today, when spontaneous emotions are too pure and joyful to be ignored. You're safe, so let down the guard and

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follow your impulses. (April

**TAURUS** 20-May 20). Not everyone who is smiling is happy. Today you could find that the more subtle and serious types are actually quite content. Furthermore, one of them has something to share with you. Say hello.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Getting your point across may be more difficult than usual. A loved one may not hear what you're saying because he or she is too busy overlaying his or her own experiences onto your words and actions.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are wide awake and ready to make stellar decisions regarding your domestic life. Your peak hours are between noon and 3 p.m. When things at home are running right, you'll excel professionally and socially.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).

You're a giver. It comes naturally to you. Someone will appreciate you for all the little things you do — which only makes you want to do more of them. Gratitude brings out the best in all. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

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22). You tend to take on either the big projects or the massive ones, depending on your mood. Regardless of the scale you choose, everything happens with a series of small action steps. Celebrate the completion of each one. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). You are even more receptive than usual. Be careful not to accept other people's projections, especially the negative or inappropriate ones. Place an imaginary bubble around yourself for deflection and protection.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though you prefer to let people do their thing, it's just not practical today. You'll need to direct your loved ones and colleagues if you want the end result to reflect your vision.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some loved ones will encourage and support you, while others will critique and irk you. Both styles are helpful motivation to get you where you want to be by the end of the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because of the position and intensity of the sun, relationships will be illuminated in a whole new light. You'll see the ways in which you are so alike and also the differences. You'll find much to admire either way.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Avoid scary news and people who are complete downers. You're in a powerfully creative mode and can't afford to have the wrong kinds of influences around you now. What you think about, you bring about.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Communication chasms abound. But since you're so observant, you'll be able to skip over them. All you have to do is look for feedback about whether your message was understood and follow up accordingly. T O D A Y '

BIRTHDAY (May 3). This year you realize your true role as you embrace the following mantra: The difference is you. You are the one who can change negatives into positives, find opportunities in limitations and make the most of each win. Love lifts vou this month. Your work over the coming weeks will build your reputation and earnings. Cancer and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 25, 15, 49 and 38.

Astrological Topic: Astrology and Monday: Each day of the week has its own special astrological vibration, because each day has a different planet that is said to "rule" it. In fact, the planets have so much influence on the days of the week that each day was named after its ruling planet. Monday is named after the moon, and this first workday of the week has plenty of our closest celestial neighbor's characteristics. It's no coincidence that we often feel dreamy or moody on Mondays. How best to tune in to this day's vibe?

Ease into your week gently. Use Mondays to catch up with your clients and associates. Have meetings, reply to vour e-mails, return phone calls — it's all about strengthening your emotional connections to people. Don't push yourself too hard on Monday. Relaxing with a steaming mug of Earl Grey (bergamot), mint or jasmine tea herbs that have a special affinity with the moon — will help you align your body with Monday's frequency. When you align your body, mind and actions with the flow of the cosmos, your life will begin to flow more smoothly. Monday night calls for spending quality time at home with your loved ones.

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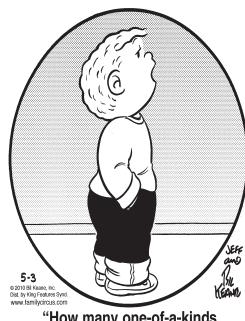
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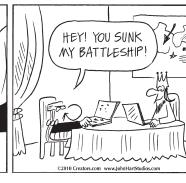




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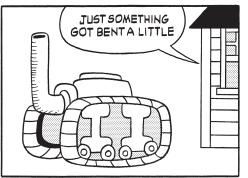






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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 3, the 123rd day of 2010. There are 242 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this

In 1494, Columbus discovers Jamaica.

1660 - Peace of Olivia is si In 1814, France's King Louis XVIII returns to Paris after allied forces defeat Napoleon Bonaparte.

In 1921, West Virginia imposes the first U.S. state sales tax. In 1933, Nellie Taylor is sworn in as the first female director of the U.S. Mint.

In 1937, Margaret Mitchell wins a Pulitzer Prize for her novel "Gone with the Wind." In 1971, Anti-war protesters

calling themselves the Mayday Tribe begin four days of demonstrations in Washington, D.C., aimed at shutting down the nation's capital.

In 1985, Lebanese Christians protesting against sectarian fighting in their country occupy their diplomatic missions in

Australia Argentina, and Sweden. In 1986, In NASA's first post-

Challenger launch, unmanned Delta rocket loses power in its main engine shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to destroy it by remote control.

In 1992, Guerrillas loyal to radical fundamentalist Hekmatyar fight with militia on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan. In 1998, Yugoslav forces bat-

tle ethnic Albanian rebels smuggling weapons into Kosovo, killing at least 10 according to Serbs. In 2004, The U.S. military

reprimands seven officers in the alleged abuse of inmates at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, the first known punishments in the case. Six of them - officers and noncommissioned officers - received the most severe administrative reprimand in the U.S. military. A seventh officer received a more lenient admonishment.

In 2009, Pakistan's army and the Taliban blame each other for a rise in tensions that threatens to destroy a muchcriticized peace deal.

Today's Birthdays:

Nicolo Machiavelli, Italian political philosopher (1469-1527); William Broome, English scholar-poet (1689-1745); Golda Meir, Israeli statesman (1898-1978); William Inge, U.S. playwright (1913-1973); Betty Comden, U.S. songwriter-entertainer (1919-2006); James Brown, U.S. soul musician (1928-2006); Pete Seeger, U.S. folk singer (1919--); Engelbert Humperdinck, British singer (1936--); Christopher Cross, U.S. singer (1951--); Ann B. Davis, U.S. actress (1926--).

Thought For Today:

If you want anything said, ask a man; if you want anything done, ask a woman -Margaret Thatcher, former British prime minister.



## Newsday Crossword

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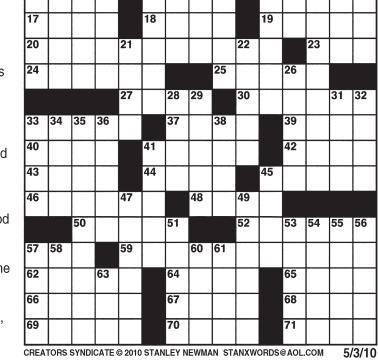
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# Howard drives in 3, Braves sweep Astros

ATLANTA (AP) — Jason Hevward knows the Atlanta Braves can't dwell on their three-game sweep of slumping Houston.

Heyward said the Braves, like the Astros, "are still in last place and still have some work to do."

Heyward and Melky Cabrera each drove in three runs and the Braves beat Houston 7-1 on Sunday, handing the Astros their sixth straight loss.

"Let's keep it going." Heyward said.

Heyward, the rookie sensation who had homers in three straight games before Sunday, had two hits. He ranks among the NL leaders with seven homers and 23 RBIs and has demonstrated a flair for key hits in his first month in the major leagues.

"I think what makes it most impressive is when he gets his hits and RBIs," Braves starter Derek Lowe said. "You know it's not by accident he's having the success

he's having."

The Braves outscored the Astros 21-4 in their first threegame sweep of Houston since 2003. The modest winning streak followed nine straight losses, Atlanta's longest skid in almost four years. The losing streak was capped by an 0-7 road trip.

"We needed to get on track, we needed to get back to winning games," said Braves catcher Brian McCann, who scored two runs. "That road trip wasn't us. We need to make sure it was just a bump

"This was a big series for us. Big, big series."

The Braves begin a ninegame road trip at Washington on Tuesday.

Heyward gave Atlanta a 1-0 lead in the second with a sacrifice fly to deep right field. He had a run-scoring double in the Braves' three-run fourth inning off Bud Norris and drove in another run with a bases-loaded infield single in the three-run fifth.

"Jason just keeps going," said Atlanta manager Bobby Cox, who said the sweep helped "a lot."

"We needed some wins," he explained. "We needed to get a streak going. We never gave up on ourselves. We got in a mess by ourselves and we have to get out of it by our-

Lowe (4-2) snapped his twogame losing streak, giving up six hits and one run with a walk and three strikeouts in five innings. He allowed at least one hit in every inning and gave up his only run on back-to-back doubles by Michael Bourn and Jeff Keppinger in the fifth.

Lowe said his performance was "nothing great, but good enough to win."

Norris (1-3), making his first career start against Atlanta. gave up a career-high seven runs on eight hits and four walks in 42-3 innings. He has two losses during the team's six-game skid.

"It's very frustrating,"

Norris said. "We have to get over it. It's not about what's happening today. It's tomorrow. We have to look to tomorrow. We have to get home and get on a winning streak."

The Astros held a team meeting after Saturday's 10-1 loss. Manager Brad Mills said Sunday he "just wanted to kind of tighten things up a little bit."

Mills tweaked his lineup Sunday, Carlos Lee, normally the cleanup hitter, swapped spots with Lance Berkman and batted third. Four players Lee, Keppinger, Bourn and Kaz Matsui — each had two hits, but the Astros left two runners on base in the first, third and seventh innings.

"We can't seem to get that timely inning," Mills said. "They just don't seem to

"Hopefully, we can learn from this and move on."

Heyward's sacrifice fly in the second drove in McCann. who walked. McCann led off the fourth with a sin-

gle, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on Heyward's double. Cabrera and Omar Infante added run-

scoring singles for a 4-0 lead. Kris Medlen followed Lowe with two scoreless innings. Takashi Saito and Billy Wagner each pitched one

Chipper Jones was 0 for 3 with a walk, leaving him hitless in 14 at-bats.

shutout inning.

The Braves were without shortstop Yunel Escobar for the third straight game due to a strained left adductor. When asked if Escobar is close to returning, Cox said: "I don't think real close."

NOTES: Mills said RHP Samuel Gervacio, who left Saturday's game with a right shoulder strain, was "a little tender" on Sunday. Mills said Gervacio, who spent 17 days on the disabled list early in the season with a strained right shoulder, will be examined by team doctors Monday if he's unable to throw with-

## RANGERS

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tom of the fourth. Franklin Gutierrez then singled home the game's first run.

Wilson loaded the bases by hitting Casey Kotchman with a pitch, but he then struck out .094-hitting Eric Byrnes on three pitches. Center fielder Julio

Borbon saved Wilson from more runs allowed with a sprinting, reach-

ing catch of Rob Johnson's deep liner to end the inning.

"The way Fister was throwing, you didn't think we had a chance," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. The 26-year-old right-

hander, a Double-A reliever at the start of last season, passed Minnesota's Francisco Liriano for the lead in ERA by giving up just three hits and striking out three in eight innings to deny Wilson of his third consecutive win.

After Fister left, Andrus walked against closer David Aardsma and then stole second to begin the ninth. One out later, Murphy grounded a single up the middle to tie the game and send Fister to a tough no-decision.

Aardsma blew his second save in 10 chances.

In the 11th, Murphy lined a sacrifice fly off Mark Lowe (1-3), following a single by Borbon and an infield, bunt single by Andrus.

Andrus eventually scored on the second passed ball of the inning by catcher Johnson, who looked crossed up by Lowe — then angry inside an otherwise lifeless Mariners club-

The crowd booed the home team lustily when it ended.

Fister, who entered April battling for a place in the back of Seattle's rotation, has given up two runs or fewer in

each of his five starts.

He retired his first 15 batters before Justin Smoak led off the sixth with a towering fly. The rookie dropped his bat to watch what appeared to be a tying home run, but Ichiro Suzuki, the ninetime Gold Glove outfielder, timed his jump perfectly and soared above the wall in right field to grab the ball and keep Texas scoreless.

Max Ramirez finally ended Fister's perfect game when he got his

focused," Sparks said.

first hit in 14 at-bats in the majors dating to July 13, 2008.

In his previous home start against Baltimore, Fister didn't allow a hit until the seventh.

NOTES: Texas slugger Vladimir Guerrero did not start after playing 10 innings in RF Friday night, then all of Saturday's game at DH. Washington plans to have Guerrero, who singled as pinch-hitter in the eighth, back in RF on Monday.

## **PLAYOFFS**

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Despite the abrupt end

to the team's season, Sparks considered the campaign a success.

"It was a good season for us; we just faltered at the end. Those things

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happen," he said. "One of the goals we had at the start was to have a winning season and we accomplished that, so I feel good about this sea-

son. Plus, we've got a lot of young players, so we're looking forward to next year."

The Lady Steers, however, will say goodbye to three of their main cogs — pitcher Hunt, shortstop Linzee Yarbar and left fielder Briggs.

"When they were in games, they were very

"They're all excellent students, and that's the most important thing, but they're also good athletes and wonderful, wonderful young ladies."

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and Chase Durham, who

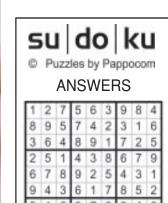
had two hits apiece. "(Saturday) was the first day in a long time that we played with that kind of energy," Smith said, "and it was great to

see them play that way." The Hawks wrap up their regular season with a four-game series against Frank Phillips College Friday and Saturday, then prepare for the Region V baseball tournament, to be held later this month in Fort

Worth. Howard will be seeking its second straight trip to the National Junior College Athletic Association World Series, but Smith said there's no comparing this year's squad to last year's national champions.

"We don't know how good we are right now haven't we played at a super-high level," Smith said. "We're not going to be a favorite going into the regional tournament because we're short-staffed in pitching ... so we're going to have to come up with a different plan than last year."

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