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Aquatics Center to get second look by council

New councilmen to be sworn in, mayor pro tem selected

By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council is expected to put the finishing touches on ordinances and the fee schedule for the new municipal aquatic center Tuesday night, just in time for the facility's grand opening next month.

First reading of the amendments to the city code and ordinances passed on a 6-1 vote May 10, with District 2 Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. the lone dissenter.

At the heart of Ramirez's argument against the fee schedule is the proposed \$5 entrance fee for swimmers age 3 years and up, a sharp increase from the \$2 fee charged before the municipal swimming pool was closed.

The amendments would also rename the code from "Comanche Trail Park Municipal Swimming Pool" to "Big Spring Family Aquatic Center," as well as establish fees for pavilion rental and the facility.

According to Ramirez, the \$5 fee would put an undue strain on families with two to three children.

"For the average family with two or three kids, \$5 each seems a little too much. It could get really expensive," Ramirez told the council.

According to Mayor Tommy Duncan, the \$5 fee is a best "guess" at what will need to be charged to make sure the facility — financed by city bonds — doesn't become a burden to local taxpayers.

"Five dollars is a very good guess at what it will cost to run the pool," Duncan said.

Also on Tuesday's agenda is first reading of an ordinance that would repeal free entry for city employees to the aquatic center, which has long since been a part of municipal employee's compensation package.

The council will also canvass the returns from the May 14 election during the meeting, as well administer the oath of office to incoming members.

District 1 challenger Marcus Fernandez ousted longtime councilwoman Stephanie Horton in the election, taking 136 ballots (70.10 per other transactions involving cent). Horton emerged with just 58 ballots (29.9 percent) in the contest.

> The race for the District 3 seat on the council wasn't much closer, with challenger Glen Carrigan unseating

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Kentwood Elementary School students enjoyed a field day at Blankenship Field Friday morning. Their field day included activities like tug of war, shown here. Students enjoyed refreshments after the activities.

Host families sought for foreign students

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

It's about bringing the unforgettable expe-

Local resident Karen Ivy is working with Center for Cultural Interexchange to ensure area residents are able to experience different cultures without ever having to leave home. For the past three years, Ivy has been serving as area coordinator and as a host family.

"I wanted to have the experience of being able to teach them (the students) about American culture," Ivy said. "It's a chance to share our life experiences."

CCI offers different programs which allow not only students but adults to travel abroad. They offer Volunteer Abroad, Teach Abroad and Work Abroad for adults. Teenagers can take advantage of the high school abroad

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Film Society to open season July 1 with 'Back to the Future'

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

The Crossroads area will be the place to

be this summer, as the Big Spring Film Society announces its summer line-up, including WestFest, a two-day event combining movies and music that's sure to be a hit with the whole family. Area residents won't have to travel out

of town this Fourth of July weekend for quality entertainment, as the film society gets ready to present its first screening of 2011 on Friday, July 1, in downtown Big Spring with the 1985 classic "Back to the Future." There will be concessions on-site, and, as always, admission to the screening is free for the entire family. Also, expect a few surprises during the



show, according to event coordinators. Area residents won't have to wait long for the next installation in the summer

series, as the film society will bring the 1984 blockbuster "Ghostbusters" to the downtown area July 15. The screening is being held in conjunction with News-West 9's Under West Texas Skies, with the station broadcasting live from Big Spring. The show will also feature performances from the Goondock Saints comedy troupe, on-site concessions and

free admission. The fun doesn't stop there, however, as the screening of "Ghostbusters" will also herald the beginning of West-Fest, a new Crossroads festival high-

lighting the best in film and music. festival will pick up July 16 at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheatre, featuring music of Read them a Riot, Cure the

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Obituaries

Loren Dean Scobee

Loren Dean Scobee, 53, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 23, 2011. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Ima Jean Bassett

Ima Jean Bassett, 75, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 23, 2011 at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Victor H. Martinez

Victor H. Martinez, 87, of Big Spring, died Sunday at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

Police blotter

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

- MARK ANTHONY PATTIN, 48, of 1106 W. Third St. Apt. 13, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANGEL EDIEVERTO TORRES, 26, of 10000 E. Mosslake Rd., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- ROBERT LEE EVANS JR., 29, of 1502 Tucson, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another
- BILLY MANN KIRK, 65, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.
- Highway, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid – DWI related • MICHAEL DENA NALL, 32, of 1605 Sunset, was Saturday by DPS on a charge of failure to pay child
- arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance. • TIFFINY DAWN BURKE, 24, of 1600 Canary, was
- arrested Saturday on a warrant for theft by check.
- DONALD CERVANTES, 38, of 1708 S. Johnson, was arrested Saturday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, theft and a warrant from another agency.
- arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency and a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- KEVIN SHEA BOYCE, 32, of 2902 E. Cherokee, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less. • CYNTHIA LEE RIOS, 27, of 1412 Tucson, was ar-
- rested Sunday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts), driving while license invalid (two counts), expired license plate and no inspection certificate.
- LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ, 26, of 410 W. Eighth St., was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- THEFT was reported:
- In the 2300 block of Wasson.
- In the 1400 block of Robin.
- In the 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- In the 200 block of W. FM 700. In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1700 block of S. Gregg Street.
- In the 3300 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. • ASSAULT was reported:
- In the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.
- In the 1700 block of S. Johnson. In the 700 block of E. 15th Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

• PAUL LEE BERRINGER, 40, was transferred to

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the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- KELLI ANN MCADAMS, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – open container.
- TIMOTHY D. TAYLOR, 52, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a warrant for an Austin parole vio-
- JEROME LOPEZ, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the Dawson County Sheriff's Office on Dawson County warrants for burglary of a building (two counts).
- SYLVIA ORTIZ, 43, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the Dawson County Sheriff's Office on a Dawson County warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. • VIRTIS LEE GIBSON, 47, was transferred to the
- county jail Friday by the Dawson County Sheriff's Office on a Dawson County warrant for possession of a controlled substance. ELIAS ALEX SOSA, 32, was transferred to the
- county jail Friday by the Dawson County Sheriff's Office on a Dawson County warrant for assault causing bodily injury - family violence. AMANDA JEAN MONTEZ, 24, was transferred
- to the county jail Friday by the Dawson County Sheriff's Office on Dawson County warrants for resisting arrest, search or transportation and failure to notify - report (two counts). CHRISTINA DAWN RIOS, 27, was arrested Fri-
- day by the HCSO on a bench warrant.
- MARK ANTHONY MCBETH, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for burglary of a building.
- TRAVIS MCKISKI, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of fraudulent possession of a controlled substance
- MARVIN ALLEN MCDONALD, 64, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense. MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 49, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • ROBERT OLIVER PULLIN, 65, was transferred
- JOSE HERMINIO RAMIREZ, 48, of 13703 Gail to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. JASON ANDREW CARRELL, 37, was arrested
 - JUSTIN W. HUMPHREYS, 33, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly con-
 - duct language. ZACK MONROE TURMAN, 33, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- ANGEL EDIEVERTO TORRES, 26, was trans-• PILAR ANN HILARIO, 31, of 1409 Bluebird, was ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
 - MARK ANTHONY PATTIN, 48, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - DARYL WAYNE BAKER, 43, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while
 - ROBERT LEE EVANS, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on an Austin
 - BILLY MANN KIRK, 65, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and operating an unregistered vehicle.
 - CHANCELLA PARRISH, 26, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.
 - JOSE HERMINIO RAMIREZ, 48, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.





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- MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- TIFFANY DAWN MENDOZA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- · DONALD CERVANTES, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check, theft and municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.
- MARTY EVANS, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and criminal mischief. • KEVIN SHEA BOYCE, 32, was transferred to the
- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less. • PILAR ANN HILARIO, 31, was transferred to
- the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor and driving while license invalid. CLINT RANKIN ELLIOT, 48, was arrested Sun-
- day by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. CYNTHIA LEE RIOS, 27, was transferred to

the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of

- failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts), driving while license invalid (two counts), displaying an expired registration and no valid inspection certificate. ELIASAR GARCIA, 37, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of hindering secured credi-
- tors and Martin County warrants for revocation of probation and theft. JOSEPH GARZA QUEVEDO, 32, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on Martin County warrants
- while intoxicated third or more offense. · LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to appear - unauthorized use of a

for blue warrant, failure to comply and driving

 ALAN CATON BOWELL, 37, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

The Salvation Army will hold an open house from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Tour the building and view the construction in progress.

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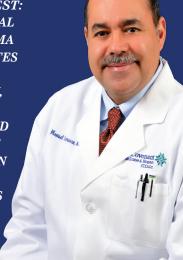
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- reported the following activity: MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Wyoming. One person
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of E. 13th Street. Service

was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Hotter. Service re-
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Scurry. One person
- was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Mobile. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3500 block of Calvin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of E. 12th Street. One per-

son was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of E. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported four miles north on Highway 350. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the area of Moss Lake. 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
- 500 block of N. Mosslake Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Midway Road and Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. Fifth Street. Service refused.

Take Note

- A fund has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union to help Belinda Gonzales and Roberto Perez, whose home in the 1600 block of Harding St. burned Sunday evening. The family of six is in need of everything — accommodations, clothing, help with clean-up. For more information or to ask how to help call Belinda at 432-599-2729. Monetary donations can be made to Angels Fire Fund at Cosden FCU.
- · All Coahoma High School alumni are invited to an all-school reunion on July 23. This year's program will focus on CHS music, to include honoring anyone associated with former CHS bands, choirs, musical groups, etc. Please help spread the word by sharing this information with any CHS alumni among your family/friends. The Reunion Planning Committee is meeting every other Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Dairy Queen. Contact Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588 or Patti Lee Meeks at 432-267-6688 for additional information, or with mailing addresses for CHS alumni. Addresses can also be e-mailed to Harold Aberegg at aberegg66@gmail.
- Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or

to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.
- · Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

HOST

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program or the summer immersion program .

"It's a way for the different cultures to be experienced," Ivy said.

Students have the option of attending an entire school year abroad, a semester or the sum-

"In case they aren't ready to be away from home for an extended period of time, but want to experience the program we have different programs," Ivy said.

There are 52 countries involved in the program which opens those in-

volved to the cultures of the Mediterranean, Europe, South America, the former Soviet Union, Turkey and more.

"This is a great way to bring the world to your front door for those who can't travel," Ivy said. One of the biggest fac-

tors in making the program run is the availability of host families and local coordinators. Local coordinators are in charge of finding families to host students interested in traveling to the area. "Local coordinators

have a 120-mile radius to use when it comes to placing the students in school," Ivy said.

Host families are responsible for opening their homes to the students once they arrive and ensuring they are able to get the full experience during their time

"Host families are expected to live their lives as normal and make the host student feel like part of the family," Ivy said.

In order to be a host family, a screening is conducted by the state department and an inhome interview is arranged. Once the family is cleared, the coordinator will match the family with a student fitting their lifestyles.

"The students are matched based on their activities, likes, dislikes and type of lifestyle," Ivy said. "We want to match the students and families as closely as possible. If the family leads a busy lifestyle, we are going to try and find a student that fits their lifestyle."

The program allows between 400 and 500 exchange students per region. There are four students in Coahoma ISD, two in Big Spring ISD, Lubbock, Midland and one in Rankin. In the Big Spring area there are four hosts families – one in Big Spring and three in Coahoma.

gram bringing cultural awareness to the students and community," Ivy said. "It's an experience that allows the student to experience Easter, Thanksgiving and enrich the lives of all those involved." To find out more infor-

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mation, visit the company website at www. cci-exchange.org. To find out how to be a host family, call the national office at 1-888-227-6231 or Ivy at 432-847-4555.

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MYERS & SMITH

Saundra Heffington Webb, 60, died Tuesday. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. today at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Mary Fowler, 93, died

Thursday. Funeral Services were at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Richard "Rich'

Shryack, 85, died Thursday. Graveside services with Military Honors will be at 4:30 p.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Victor H. Martinez,87, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ima Jean Bassett, 75, of Big Spring, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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incumbent Joann Staulcup by taking 170 ballots (56.86 percent) of the vote. Staulcup came in second in the contest

SOCIETY

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Sunday, and the Dusty

There will be vendors

and concessions on-

site, and, according to

Big Spring Film Soci-

ety Chairman Brandon

Johnson, the event rep-

resents a huge step for-

ward for the city of Big

Spring and the Cross-

"We're really hoping

the people will come out

and support WestFest

and help us make it an

annual event," Johnson

A short film contest is

also being held in con-

junction with WestFest.

with 109 ballots (36.45 percent), while Shannon Thomas had 18 ballots (6.02 percent). Write-in candidate Oscar Velasco managed just two ballots (.67 percent).

Both Fernandez and Carrigan are expected to be sworn in during

ger than five minutes,

make reference to the

"Ghostbusters" film and

be acceptable for a fami-

ly audience. Entries are

due July 8, according to

The film society will

round out its summer

season Aug. 27, as it

presents Movies on the

Mountain featuring a

screening of the 1982

Jim Henson science fic-

tion classic "The Dark

Crystal" at the Big

Spring State Park's his-

toric Scenic Mountain.

"Any time we get to

screen a film atop the

Scenic Mountain, it's

cial for us in the film

society," Johnson said.

"The backdrop the park

supplies is nothing

something very

Johnson.

Tuesday's meeting.

Also part of the canvass will be the results from the charter amendment election setting term limits for council members, which got the nod from local voters with 765 ballots (64.34

ing to the films families

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percent) in favor of the measure and 424 ballots (35.66 percent) against

Tuesday's meeting is to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St. For

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Texas briefs

Man shoots 9-year-old granddaughter dead

LUBBOCK (AP) — A 9-year-old Lubbock girl is dead after her grandfather shot her while rabbit hunting in what investigators are calling "a very tragic accident" at the family farm about 20 miles northwest of Lubbock. Lubbock Christian School Superintendent Peter

Dahlstrom, 61, was hunting with four grandchildren on the family farm Friday evening when he fired his .22-caliber rifle at a rabbit, Hockley County Sheriff Kevin Davis said in a statement. Instead, the bullet hit granddaughter Soren Dahlstrom, 9, who had stepped into her grandfather's line of fire.

The grandfather drove the child to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where she died. Dahlstrom gave a full statement to deputies, Davis said. There was no evidence of criminal intent or recklessness and no charges were filed, he said.

"This is simply a very tragic accident, and I cannot fathom what this family is having to endure," Davis said.

Soren was a third-grader at the school run by her grandfather.

"This is a great tragedy for our school," Brian Pitaniello, chairman of the school's board of trustees, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for a story in Sunday's editions.

Peter Dahlstrom has been the superintendent of the private school for 17 years, Pitaniello said. "He is a spiritual leader for our school. He loves our kids," he said.

Students organized a prayer vigil for the Dahlstrom family in the school auditorium Saturday that drew hundreds of students, teachers, parents and friends of the family, Pitaniello said.

Texas House to consider water conservation plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A plan to offer property owners tax breaks for water conservation is making its way through the Legislature as most of Texas struggles with drought.

A final vote was expected Monday in the Texas

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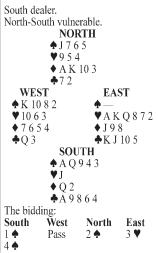
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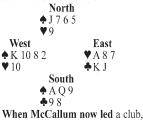
Famous Hand



Opening lead — three of hearts.

This deal from the 1989 North American women's Swiss team championship features excellent play by Karen McCallum, a member of the winning foursome. McCallum reached four spades

on the bidding shown. Looking at all four hands, it appears that she has to lose four tricks: one heart, one club and two trump tricks. But McCallum proceeded to prove otherwise, and she did it without benefit of a single peek at the opposing cards. She ruffed the second heart lead and played the ace and another club. West won with the queen and shifted to a diamond, covered by the ten, jack and queen. McCallum then cashed the A-K of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, producing this position with South needing to win four of the last five tricks:



West was helpless. In practice, she discarded her heart, and declarer ruffed with dummy's five. The heart nine was then ruffed with the queen. West overruffed with the king, but had to return a trump from the 10-8-2 into South's A-9. McCallum then won the last two tricks by ruffing a club with dummy's jack and a heart with the ace.

Observe that if West ruffs the club high or low rather than discarding in the diagrammed position, South can always maneuver to take

Tomorrow: The logic of defense. ©2011 King Features Syndicate Inc

The measure, which secured initial approval Saturday, offers property tax reductions for those who set aside open-space land for water conversation.

Backers say the tax breaks would encourage water conservation without forcing state government to pay. Critics say some of the bill's language overlaps with existing tax incentives for protecting

The U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday showed more than 97 percent of Texas is in at least moderate drought. More than 47 percent of the state has the most severe designation, known as exceptional drought.

Thousands lose power during North Texas storms

DALLAS (AP) — Thunderstorms that moved through North Texas have left thousands of people without power.

Dallas-based Oncor early Monday reported at least 3,400 customers without electricity as crews worked to restore service. Most of the outages from storms late Sunday, bringing heavy rain and strong winds, were in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

A tornado watch issued by the National Weather Service expired around 9 p.m. Sunday for north and central parts of Texas.

Brave dog to be honored for saving master

AUSTIN (AP) — A golden retriever from Texas is being praised as a national hero dog for saving his owner's life after an October bicycling accident in Central Texas.

The Humane Society of the United States on Tuesday will recognize an Austin-area pet called "Yogi" as the 2011 Valor Dog of the Year.

The animal led neighbors to where 58-year-old Paul Horton lay paralyzed after flipping off his mountain bike near Lake Travis. Horton was knocked unconscious along an out-of-the way road.

The Austin American-Statesman reports Yogi ran to the main road, where Bruce and Maggie Tate were walking when they noticed the agitated dog. The 85-pound pet helped lead the Tates to their injured friend.

Doctors say Horton remains paralyzed but has regained some sensation.

State begins annual seat belt enforcement campaign

AUSTIN (AP) — Better buckle up in your car, truck or other vehicle.

Monday marks the beginning of the 10th annual Texas "Click It or Ticket" seat belt enforcement campaign. Through Sunday, June 5, troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement officers will beef up enforcement of state laws requiring all riding in motor vehicles to buckle up. Also, children younger than age 8 must be in a child safety or booster seat unless they're talker than 4-foot-9.

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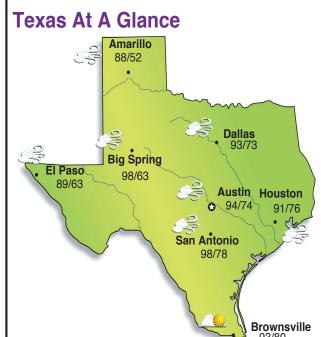
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Austin	94	74	windy	Longview	91	73	windy
Beaumont	90	74	windy	Lubbock	92	56	windy
Brownsville	93	80	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	72	windy
Brownwood	96	68	t-storm	Midland	97	67	windy
Corpus Christi	89	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	96	78	pt sunny
Corsicana	91	72	windy	Rosenberg	91	76	windy
Dallas	93	73	windy	San Antonio	98	78	windy
Del Rio	103	73	mst sunny	San Marcos	95	75	windy
El Paso	89	63	windy	Sulphur Springs	90	72	windy
Fort Stockton	98	63	windy	Sweetwater	98	63	windy
Gainesville	90	67	t-storm	Tyler	92	72	windy
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Chicago	56	46	pt sunny	Phoenix	87	65	sunny
Dallas	93	73	windy	San Francisco	61	50	sunny
Denver	62	43	t-storm	Seattle	66	50	pt sunny
Houston	91	76	windy	St. Louis	83	69	t-storm
Los Angeles	71	57	pt sunny	Washington, DC	89	67	t-storm
Miami	87	75	pt sunny				

Missouri officials say tornado killed at least 89

tore a 6-mile path across southwestern Missouri killed at least 89 people as it slammed into the city of Joplin, ripping into a hospital, crushing cars like soda cans and leaving a forest of splintered tree trunks behind where entire neighborhoods once stood.

warned Authorities that the death toll could climb as search and rescuers continued their work Monday. Their task was likely to be made more miserable as a fresh storm moved into the area. It was not expected to produce new tornadoes, but lightning, high winds and heavy rains were likely to hamper an already delicate door-to-door search.

A massive tornado that Rohr announced the number of known dead at a pre-dawn news conference outside the wreckage of a hospital that took a direct hit from Sunday's storm. Rohr said the twister cut a path nearly 6 miles long and more than a half-mile wide through the center of town, adding that tornado sirens gave residents about a 20-minute warning before the tornado touched down on the city's west side.

Much of the city's south side was leveled, with churches, schools, businesses and homes reduced to ruins. Fire chief Mitch Randles estimated 25 percent to 30 percent of the city was damaged, and said his own home was

City manager Mark among the buildings de- on told CNN. "It's going stroyed as the twister swept through this city of about 50,000 people some 160 miles south of Kansas City.

An unknown number of people were injured in the storm, and officials said patients were scattered to any nearby hospitals that could take them.

Authorities conducted a door-to-door search of the damaged area Monday morning, moving gingerly around downed power lines, jagged debris and a series of gas leaks that caused fires around the city overnight.

Early Monday, Gov. Jay Nixon said fires from gas leaks still burned across the city.

"It's a very, very precarious situation," Nixto be a stark view as people see dawn rise in

Joplin, Missouri." Residents said the damage was breathtaking in scope.

"You see pictures of World War II, the devastation and all that with the bombing. That's really what it looked like," said Kerry Sachetta, the principal of a flattened Joplin High School. "I couldn't even make out the side of the building. It was total devastation in my view. I just couldn't believe what I

saw." The Joplin twister was one of 68 reported tornadoes across seven Midwest states over weekend, from Oklahoma to Wisconsin, according to the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center. One person was killed in Minneapolis. But the devastation in Missouri was the worst of the day, eerily reminiscent of the tornadoes that killed more than 300 people across the South last month.

Sunday's storm in Joplin hit a hospital packed with patients and a commercial area including a Home Depot store, numerous smaller businesses and restaurants and a grocery store.



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Avoid three-game sweep

Rangers get a win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Matt Harrison joined the growing list of pitchers throwing like a Cy Young Award winner against the offensively inept

Harrison took a five-hitter into the ninth inning and helped the Texas Rangers avoid a three-game sweep with a 2-0 win over Philadelphia on His stat line was hardly dazzling.

Harrison (4-4) struck out three, walked three and threw 117 pitches in his longest outing of the season, finishing two outs shy of his first shutout since Harrison was winless in his last

five starts — a streak easily broken in Philadelphia. "Everything was working for me

and I was throwing strikes," Harrison

Harrison fanned Ryan Howard to

open the ninth, but was lifted after he walked Ben Francisco.

Neftali Feliz got two outs for his ninth save. Mitch Moreland had an RBI double off Phillies starter Roy Oswalt and Craig Gentry added a suicide squeeze.

"The plane ride will be a lot better," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "I hope this will be a momentum swing for us."

Both teams are expected to get a lift on Monday: Chase Utley for the Phillies, and Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz for the Rangers.

Two teams with loaded offenses have been hit hard by injury and underachievement. The Rangers entered batting .196 in their last five games and they have gone 11 straight games scoring four of less runs. They have one

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Miranda Parks, all-district catcher for Forsan High signs her letter of intent to attend Texas College of the NAIA to play softball this coming fall. Pictured with Miranda, seated are her mother (Ticia Rainer) and grandfather (Doyle Rainer) and, standing, Coach Shanna Roberts and many family members and friends.

Suspect detained for beating of Giants fan at Dodger Stadium

LOS ANGELES (AP)

- Police detained a suspect Sunday in the attack on a San Francisco Giants fan outside Dodger Stadium after a game between the rival teams, a brutal beating that prompted an outpouring of support for the victim and outrage in the sports world and beyond.

The suspect, whose name was not immediately released, was among several people detained for questioning after police served search warrants, Los Angeles police Det. Jose Carillo said. Police said he was one of two suspects that have been sought in the case.

It's unclear whether the others detained were possible witnesses or suspects in the March 31 beating that left

Bryan Stow with brain damage, said police Sgt. Kunch, who declined to give his first name per department policy.

Several search war-

rants were served at an apartment building, Kunch said, but he couldn't say how many people were detained or whether they are male or female. Building manager Maritza Camacho told the Los Angeles Times that a SWAT team descended on the East Hollywood apartment using loudspeakers and with guns

Among the people taken out the building was a man with a bald head and tattoos on his neck and arms, Camacho said, a description that appeared to match the vague sketches released by police of one of the

Stow, a 42-year-old paramedic and father of two, was beaten in a parking lot by two men in Dodgers gear after the season opener against the Giants. No arrests have been made.

Last week, doctors reported that Stow is able to open his eyes but remains in critical condition after being transferred to San Francisco General Hospital. Stow had been at Los Ange-County-University of Southern California Medical Center since the attack that forced doctors to put him into a medically induced coma to avoid having seizures.

Police Chief Charlie Beck said recently that detectives are looking into about 500 leads in their search for the ating more than \$200,000 have been offered for information leading to the suspects' arrests.

Stow's sister said police called her family Sunday morning to inform them about the search warrants.

"I can't even tell you the emotions that we're going through right now," Bonnie Stow told KABC-TV, occasionally choking back tears. "To be excited is the least we can say."

An outpouring of support for Stow included fundraisers that ranged from bowling tournaments to pasta dinners to donated services such as haircuts and fitness classes. The events are listed on the family's

Giants manager Bruce Bochy said he heard

Sunday morning that a suspect was in custody.

"Great news. It's been hard on the family," Bochy said before the Giants hosted Oakland. "For them to work as hard as they have been, I'm talking about the police department, to have a suspect in hand is great news. Hopefully they'll catch everybody who was involved in this senseless act."

Giants team officials also released a statement commending Los Angeles police and thanking "the community for its tremendous support for the Stow family during this difficult time."

Dodger officials said the team's first official reaction will come dur- Beck beefed up security ing a Sunday afternoon press conference.

Giants fan Les Wong, 37 of San Francisco celheaded to the game.

"It's good to hear that they caught someone. That kind of thing doesn't belong in sports," said Wong, who was wearing a Giants hat and Giants t-shirt. "I'm glad to hear there is going to be some sort of justice."

Stow, who was wearing Giants gear at the time of the attack, was leaving the game at Dodger Stadium with two friends when he was attacked.

Moments earlier, Stow texted a family member to say he feared for his safety in the rowdy crowd.

Following the attack, at Dodger Stadium to deal with fights that had been breaking out at games in recent years.

Mavs regain series lead

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Oklahoma City Thunder are trying to use the same formula as the Dallas Mavericks to even up the Western Conference finals: Get angry and get a win.

After claiming homecourt advantage with a win in Dallas in Game 2, the Thunder got flattened in the first quarter of Game 3 and gave it right back. They fell into a humbling 23-point hole in the first 14 minutes on their home floor, and never could climb their way out of it.

"You lose a home game, you have to be angry," All-Star point guard Russell Westbrook said Sunday. "You've got to take care of home court." Dallas used exactly

that approach after losing at the American Airlines Center in Game 2 and yielding homecourt advantage. The Mavericks intensified their defense, building a 35-12 lead in the first 2 minutes of the second quarter, then turning away a late rally by Oklahoma City for a 93-87 win.

The Mays lead 2-1 heading into Game 4 Monday night in Oklahoma City.

"If you think about it, this is a must-win at the end of the day," Thunder guard Daequan Cook said. "If we win tomorrow, it's a threegame series. Two of the three games are in Dallas, so you want to take advantage of this opportunity to win at home tomorrow night and hopefully go to Dallas and win one, too."

After yielding only 88.3 points per game through the first two rounds, Dallas had allowed the Thunder to average 109 in the first two games. Coach Rick Carlisle said he thought the Mavs might have gotten out of their defensive habits because of Oklahoma City's transition-based, perimeteroriented offense.

"We've got to play with a certain edge. We didn't do that at home," Carlisle said. "We were able to recapture it in Game 3, and now we've got to keep it with us going forward."

"It's hard with the emotional ebbs and

flows of a series," he added. "It's hard to win and not have a letdown.'

A day after suggesting that Oklahoma City's defense against Dirk Nowitzki was stretching the rules and "the line may be crossed at times," Carlisle took a step back from those comments. He said Sunday he didn't want to get into "what's legal or not legal" and instead said the Mavs must put Nowitzki in better positions to succeed against Nick Collison.

"He's a hell of a player and he's making a hell of an effort, and we've got to make some adjustments to make it tougher for him," Carlisle said.

Nowitzki's production has been shrinking throughout the series. He's gone from making 24 of 24 from the foul line and scoring 48 points in Game 1 to earning only three free throws — one of them after a technical foul and managing only 18 points in Game 3.

"They were physical. Trying to drive, there was really not much being called for me," Nowitzki said. "I think I adjusted a little bit and had to shoot it off the dribble and not get all the way to the basket. I think that worked."

Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks said he didn't think that either team necessarily benefited from the game being called tightly or loosely. After all, Dallas won when Nowitzki was living at the foul line and when Collison kept him from getting there until the Thunder had to foul him while trailing in the final minute.

"(Collison) fights every possession," Brooks said. "He tries his best every possession, and Dirk is one of the best players at that position ever. That's probably the toughest person to guard in this league because he has such a great offensive game and he does so many things.

"Nick plays him well because his effort is always there, he doesn't give him a lot of room, doesn't give him angles

as much."

Sharks drowning in Western finals

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) Sami Salo scored twice and Ryan Kesler added a goal as the Vancouver Canucks capitalized on three twoman advantages in the second period to beat the San Jose Sharks 4-2 Sunday in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals to take a 3-1 series

The Canucks scored the three goals in a span of 1:55, needing only 37 seconds on the three situations 5-on-3 beat Antti Niemi three times.

Alexandre Burrows added an even-strength goal in the third period as the Canucks moved to the brink of reaching the Stanley Cup finals for the first time since 1994. Henrik Sedin had a franchise playoff-record four assists, twin brother Daniel had three, and Roberto Luongo made 33 Vancouver scored four

goals despite recording only 13 shots in the game and just seven after the first period.

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Desjardins and Ryane Clowe had

the Sharks, who failed to capitalize on five early power-play chances and fell to 1-6 at home in the conference finals in franchise history. San Jose will need to win Game 5 in Vancouver on Tuesday night to extend the series and get another chance in the

In a series dominated by special teams play, this game was no different with nearly 15 of the first 33 minutes being spent with a team on the power play.

Shark Tank.

That's where the Canucks dominated in a turnabout from their 4-3 loss in Game 3. They allowed three power-play goals in that game and failed to convert during 1:55 of 5-on-3 time in the second period.

The Canucks clearly solved both of those issues before Game 4 despite being without defensemen injured Christian Ehrhoff and Aaron Rome. First, they killed off five straight minor penalties to open the game as they spent 10:00 of the first 24:06

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Venus and Mars come together in Taurus, the sign of the bull. The powers of attraction that Venus wields are made even more irresistible in Taurus, her native realm of the sky. The heavenly arrangement suggests that men and women will get along well as they focus on their commonalities and try to strike agreements that are

mutually pleasing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may behave in a way that surprises you, going overboard with a reaction that seems to come out of nowhere. But upon closer examination, you'll see that it really does come from some-

TAURUS (April 20-May Intellectually, you know that you have a great deal of freedom to choose the way in which you will live, though you don't

always feel the truth of this. Today you will revel in your freedom and exercise your will at every **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll realize how

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important it is to give yourself a treat, but not every day — that makes it a habit, not a treat. The infrequency of an indulgence is precisely what makes it delightful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your point of view and your attitude are the two strongest determining factors in whether or not you make your goal. The perfect combination will be slightly detached and reasonably lighthearted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll have remarkable expertise on all matters of attraction. You'll display your knack for knowing what lure to use to reel someone in. You'll use your skills to help others do the same.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are anxious to connect with a friend, though you may find it difficult to schedule. Exciting social plans may have to wait until you handle some of the practical matters that make your life run smoothly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Instead of being blocked, you will use the obstacles in your path to climb to the next level. Note that you'll have to move them around a bit and possibly stack them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Connect with the right helpers. Go for the best. There are many who can help you along a little bit, but you're looking for the kind of mentor who has the power to catapult you into the stratosphere.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Challenges and opportunities will present themselves in such a way that you can't tell them apart. Tonight: Let yourself have something you didn't feel deserving of in the past.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your cosmic gift of the day is a whopping dose of boundless enthusiasm. Your inner cheering section will hoot and holler until you've broken through the ribbon of the finish line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People will care about what you do, mostly because you approach

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your work with such attention to details. Inside, you may be your own worst critic. But outside, you're your own best PR person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Acceptance is an art. It takes practice. The more you can accept yourself the more loving you will be toward others. Your ability to love unconditionally will expand because of today's experiences.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 23). The year brings a highly charged spirit of enterprise. Your desire for success will attract new customers and clients. In June, you'll learn from and connect with other curious minds. The next seven weeks are filled with friendly fun, impromptu social events and felicitous meetings. September features harmonious companionship. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 3, 26, 8 and 13.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "Where is the sun today, and what does that mean?"

At this time of the year, the sun is skipping through the realm of Gemini and will continue to do so until June 21, 2011. This is the third stage of the zodiac. The zodiac begins with Aries, which represents the raw energy of birth and survival. Then the sun progresses to the second sign, Taurus, which focuses on the material world and how we perceive it with all of our senses. The sun's entrance into Gemini, the first air sign, introduces an intellectual element to the zodiac and homes in on

man's unique need to gather information. Gemini, the sign of communication, offers the chance to establish lines of contact and expand our personal and professional networks. This part of the solar journey is a bubbly and social time of year, noted for its conversational opportunities. It's an intellectual energy, and the sharing of knowledge brings good fortune while the sun transits Gemini. We are less concerned about social strategy than we are about making friends and letting people know that we're ready and willing to have a dialogue. On a practical level, the Gemini sun is also a perfect time to upgrade your phone plan.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Gemini singer/songwriter Jewel is expecting her first baby with ninetime world champion rodeo cowboy Ty Murray. Jewel's natal Mars, the planet of action, and Saturn, the planet of lessons, are both in Cancer, the sign of mothers. This configuration suggests that her new baby boy will strongly influence her professional life and be the source of her greatest learning and development.

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Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared

Dear Ann Landers: "Smarter Now in Florida" wanted to know what kind of person looks for companionship through personal

I can tell her. They are the same "losers" who look for employment in the classifieds because they have exhausted all other possibilities and are pretty darned desperate.

And how about us morons who look in the newspaper to find a used car, kitchen appliances and "likenew" TVsets? Heaven help us! Haven't we any other resources?

Not all of us can go to an Ivy League college and meet Mr. or Ms. Right on campus. Nor

do we all work in a profession—first date and will soon celebrate that allows us a large circle of our eighth wedding anniversaacquaintances with similar interests.

Take night classes? Do volunteer work? Know what we'll find? Two hundred women in full war paint and one cowering male.

For some of us, personal ads are the perfect solution. I met my wonderful husband when he responded to an ad I placed many

Our son is now in college, and our marriage is the envy of our friends.

Using personals to find a wealthy man who looks like a movie star is nonsense, but for the discerning, sane and sensible, the personals are the way to go. — A.G. in Hollywood, Calif.

Dear A.G.: Thanks for your vote of approval on the personals. I was unprepared for the blizzard of letters from readers who also sang the praises of those ads. Keep reading for another one:

From Boston: I was 39 and had never been married. The divorced gentleman I met through the personals proved to be everything I

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From Detroit: One of your readers asked what kind of person looks for a soul mate in the personal ads of a newspaper.

Well, I can tell you. They are the losers, the damn fools, the morons and the desperate.

I know what I am talking about

because I was one of them. By the time I discovered the man I had been living with for three years was sleeping with my divorced sister, I had been tied up with the louse for so long that I no longer had any legitimate social contacts. So, I decided to try the per-

After sifting through 55 responses, the one I settled on (and nearly married) turned out to be an ex-con — a bigamist who was wanted in four states.

From now on, I'm sticking with the squares I meet in church. They may not be exciting, but they are a heck of a lot safer. — Sadder but Wiser

Dear Detroit: Sometimes we have to be "Sadder" before we become "Wiser." Thanks for the frank testimony.

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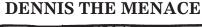
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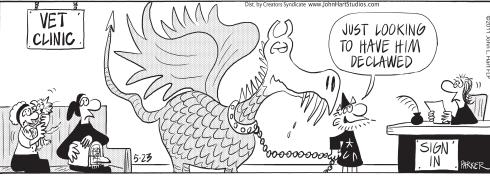


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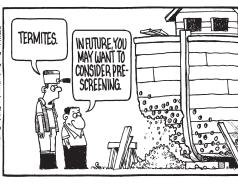
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 23, the 143rd day of 2011. There are 222 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On May 23, 1911, the newly completed New York Public Library was dedicated by

President William Howard Taft, Gov. John Alden Dix and Mayor William Jay Gaynor (the library was opened to the public the next day). On this date:

In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English. In 1533, the marriage of

England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void. In 1701, William Kidd was

hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and mur-1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to rati-

fy the United States Constitution.

in 1873, Canada's Parliament

voted to establish the North West Mounted Police force. In 1934, bank robbers Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker

were shot to death in a police

ambush in Bienville Parish, In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler committed suicide while imprisoned in Luneburg, Germany.

In 1967, Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran to Israeli ships, an action which precipitated war between Israel and its Arab neighbors the following month. In 1984, Surgeon General C.

Everett Koop issued a report saying there was "very solid" evidence linking cigarette smoke to lung disease in nonsmokers. In 1991, talk show host Johnny Carson stunned an

NBC affiliates' meeting in New York by announcing his retirement from "The Tonight Show," effective in one year. Today's Birthdays: Bluegrass

singer Mac Wiseman is 86. Actor Nigel Davenport is 83. Actress Barbara Barrie is 80. Actress Joan Collins is 78. Actor Charles Kimbrough is 75. Actress Lauren Chapin is 66. Country singer Misty Morgan is 66. Country singer Judy Rodman is 60. Singer Luka Bloom is 56. Actor-comedian Drew Carey is 53. Actor Linden Ashby is 51. Actress-model Karen Duffy is 50. Rock musician Phil Selway (Radiohead) is 44. Actress Laurel Holloman is 43. Rock musician Matt Flynn (Maroon 5) is 41. Singer Lorenzo is 39. Country singer Brian McComas is 39. Singer Maxwell is 38. Singer Jewel is 37. Actor Lane Garrison is 31. Actor Adam Wylie is 27.

Thought for Today: "You can construct the character of a man and his age not only from what he does and says, but from what he fails to say and do." -Norman Douglas, British author (1868-1952).

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- 1 Musical drama 6 Bit of numerical
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- 73 Valentine

- 17 Nonsense
- 18 Beasts of burden
- 20 Energy for a
- 26 Statute

- 44 Aquarium fish
- 47 Moves stealthily
- 55 Car with a
- 60 Early-stage
- 65 Fire-hydrant
- 68 Eye-color area

- 71 Annoying person
- 72 Small fruit pie

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- 31 Has some
- **36** Air-show stunt
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home run in the last seven games.

Texas touched Oswalt (3-2) for eight hits and broke through for a run in the

"I knew with Oswalt pitching, it would be a close game, so I wanted to give the team a chance to win," Harrison said. "It's good to finally have a win. It seems like it's been two months. This is a me."

right and advanced to second on a grounder. Moreland drove the ball the opposite way off the left-field wall for a run-scoring double.

made a nice grab in the hole to throw out Harrison and end the inning.

an Beltre, who had doubled. Oswalt lost for the first time (10-1) at Citizens Bank

real confidence booster for Michael Young singled to

He was left there when shortstop Jimmy Rollins

The Rangers made it 2-0 in the eighth when Gentry's suicide squeeze scored Adri-

Park. He was 6-0 in eight starts with the Phillies. He

Oswalt said he couldn't change his approach when the offense is slumping.

"You've just got to hit your spots a little bit better," Oswalt said. "You've got to kind of dance of between raindrops out there. You can't give up too many hits in one inning."

Texas blew its chances to bust the game open. The Rangers squandered

runners on the corners in the fifth when Ian Kinsler grounded into a force out. They had two runners on in the seventh when Young hit into a double play.

Help is on the way.

Washington said Hamilton and Cruz should be activated off the disabled list in time for Monday's home game against the Chicago White

Both are expected to play Sunday for Triple-A Round Rock in the final game of their minor league rehab assignments.

Hamilton, last year's American League MVP, is recovering from a broken bone in his upper right arm. Cruz is rehabbing a strained fore Monday's game.

struck out three and walked right quadriceps muscle.

The Phillies are in a funk and they'll need more than Utley's return to jolt the offense.

The Phillies have not scored more than three runs in a game since May 13. They scored a combined five runs in the first two games of the series, just enough to win with Roy Halladay and Cliff Lee on the mound.

Oswalt wasn't so lucky. In the third, Placido Polanco left two runners stranded on a dribbler up the first base line. The Phillies had eight

hits on Saturday, snapping a streak of seven straight games with six or less. The NL East leaders had five on Sunday. It was so bad that Howard tried to bunt for a hit in the ninth. "We're going to hit, we're

going to hit better," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "We're going to bottom out one of these days. Hopefully, it was today."

NOTES: The Phillies dropped to 5-1 against the Rangers in interleague play. ... Utley will be activated off the 15-day disabled list be-

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short-handed.

The Sharks, who converted their first five power-play chances this series, struggled to set up in the offensive zone with the man advacntage on Sunday. When they did get into the Vancouver end, Luongo made eight saves on the five power plays and gave San Jose few chances at rebounds.

The Canucks' frustration at the early spate of penalties turned midway through the second period when the Sharks were called for four in a span of 2:46 to lead to the scoring outburst. With Dany Heatley already

in the box for high-sticking, Torrey Mitchell got called for hooking Daniel Sedin to give Vancouver its first two-man advantage. The Canucks took just 10 seconds to capitalize with Kesler beating Niemi with a one-timer from the circle off a pass from Salo.

Just 1:23 later, the Sharks got caught with too many men on the ice, giving Vancouver its second two-man advantage. This time, it took the Canucks 16 seconds to score when Salo

took a pass from Henrik Sedin and blasted it past Niemi from just inside the blue line.

After the ensuing faceoff, San Jose defenseman Douglas Murray hit the puck over the glass for a delay of game call. Ten seconds later, Salo capped the outburst with a big shot from between the circles as the Canucks ended up scoring on three of their four shots in the second period.

The rare afternoon start did little to dampen the enthusiasm from the normally boisterous Sharks fans or the sizable contingent of Canucks fans who made the trip to San Jose. The Sharks were unable to

give their fans an early goal to cheer about. The best scoring chance during those 10 minutes of power play-filled action came for the Canucks, but Mason Raymond was stopped in close twice by Niemi at the end of a 2-on-1 with Jannik Han-

Notes: The three goals were the fastest in the playoffs for the Canucks, beating the previous mark of 2:18 against Calgary in 1989. ... Vancouver scored one 5-on-3 goal all regular season. ... Sharks captain Joe Thornton left in the third

Fuentes claims fault Athletics fall in 11 innings

FRANCISCO (AP) — Brian Fuentes stood in the Oakland clubhouse and succinctly summed up why he's been struggling for the past week. "I'm just probably not

making pitches," Fuentes said following the Athletics' 5-4 loss to the San Francisco Giants in 11 innings Sunday. "There wasn't really anything that happened that wasn't my fault."

Fuentes, Oakland's fill-in closer while twotime All-Star Andrew Bailey rehabs from a

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strained right forearm, hasn't pitched in a save situation in two weeks but has three losses in the last five days.

Two of them came in the series with the Giants, who swept the three-game set with their cross-bay rivals after rallying from two runs down in the eighth.

That left Fuentes (1-6) leading the majors in losses by a reliever.

"Things haven't gone perfectly for him the last few outings, that's for sure," A's manager

Bob Geren said. "(Opponents are) getting some hits off him. They're not necessarily pounding him and hitting him hard, but they're getting some runs when they need to."

Emmanuel Burriss singled home the winning run Sunday off Fuentes, scoring speedy Darren Ford from second. Ford just beat right fielder Ryan Sweeney's throw to the plate, sending the Giants running out of the dugout to celebrate their fifth straight victory and seventh walk-off win this season.

"I don't know who else scores in the game except Darren," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "Anybody else and it's not even close."

Pinch-hitter Nate Schierholtz hit a tying, two-run homer in the eighth off Grant Balfour over the right-field wall and just short of splashing in McCovey Cove. The rally spoiled another stellar outing by A's starter Gio Gonzalez and sent Oakland tumbling to its fifth straight loss and ninth overall at AT&T Park.

The Giants stifled their neighbors across the bay with solid pitching in the first two games, with ace Tim Lincecum throwing a three-hitter Saturday after Ryan Vogelsong allowed only

one unearned run Fri-When Oakland day. finally found a way to score in the finale, it simply wasn't enough.

It was that kind of weekend for the visitors, who broke out of their scoring slump but still came up short. "Anytime you lose a

close game it's tough, but the guys had a lot of energy," Geren said. "It's one you have to shake off and start over. Hopefully the offense the last half of this game takes that momentum down to Anaheim."

Sergio Romo (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Ford started things for the Giants in the 11th with a one-out, pinchhit single to right. He stole second on the first pitch, and Oakland intentionally walked Buster Posey before Burriss capped the latest Giants rally.

The script was the same almost from the start.

Freddy Sanchez doubled in the first down the left-field line, and Andres Torres hustled from first to beat the relay throw at the plate to give San Francisco a 1-0 lead.

The Giants had a bit of a scare when Posey took a foul tip from Gonzalez off his mask in the second, bringing Bochy and a team trainer out of the dugout to check on the catcher. Posey was holding the right side of his face and ear while grimacing, but he stayed behind the plate.

Rockies at home MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ryan Braun delivered the clutch hit for the

Brewers tap the

Brewers. It nearly was their only hit. Braun hit a two-run

triple off Rockies ace Ubaldo Jimenez and scored on a throwing error, lifting the Milwaukee Brewers to a 3-1 win and a three-game sweep over Colorado on Sunday. Braun came all the

way around to score in the third after center fielder Dexter Fowler tried to make a diving catch, then compounded the problem by committing a throwing error.

"When you're facing a pitcher like Ubaldo you know you're not going to get too many opportunities or square up too many balls. So when you do get hits you hope guys are on base," Braun said. "We were efficient with our hits."

Or hit.

Braun's liner was the only one off Jimenez until Mark Kotsay's double with one out in the eighth.

"It is unbelievable. One hit, three runs, very unusual game," Brewers manager Ron Roenicke said. "Braunie's ball, hit it in a good spot, the guy dives for it and it allows us really to get the third run there, which is important."

Jimenez (0-4) threw the seventh complete game of his career, but struggled to find the strike zone with five walks and a hit batter. "I've been a work in

progress," Jimenez said. "I made a major step today, but I still have things to work on." Randy Wolf (4-4) al-

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lowed four hits and pitched around trouble for seven innings. He got key double plays in the fourth and fifth innings before settling down. Kameron Loe pitched the eighth and John Axford saved his 12th game, including his last nine chances in a row. He struck out Jason Giambi following a two-out walk in the ninth to end it.

Milwaukee improved to an NL-best 16-6 at home and has won 10 of its last 13 overall. The Brewers are playing their best baseball of the season despite almost being one-hit for the third time this year.

"I'm just happy with the way we've played for the last couple of weeks. I think we're playing the kind of ball that allows us, in a long season, to get to where we want to be," Roenicke said. "To win a game with two hits is not going to happen very often."

Colorado took a 1-0 lead in the third when Fowler tripled with two outs and scored on Carlos Gonzalez's single to right. But that was the only offense for the Rockies, who finished this road trip 1-4 and have scored 16 runs in the span. Todd Helton returned from back spasms, but struck out twice and didn't get a hit in four at-bats.

"We hit some balls hard. When we do square balls up, we're not catching much of a break. That's for doggone sure. We just have to move on," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said.



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