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Some serious horsing around

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Easter may be the season of the bunny, but kids at Washington Elementary School were learning about horses last week.

Anne-Marie Lugo — an eighth grader at Forsan Junior High School — and her mother, Cindy, visited with the kindergartners about animal needs.

"The students in Mrs. (Yvonne) Loya's class sent us a very nice letter and asked if we would come and speak to them," Cindy said.

During the afternoon presentation, Anne-Marie and her mother spoke about the basic needs of a horse, prop-



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Anne-Marie Lugo, right, and her mother Cindy speak to kindergartners at Washington Elementary on Thursday afternoon. Students learned about animal needs and proper etiquette around

er etiquette when around a horse and answered any questions the students had.

"It's important for kids to

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Museum on museums: exhibit opens Tuesday

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Museums are known to hold history, all kinds of history. Sometimes, they have the opportunity to tell a little of their own.

The newest exhibit at the 'Our Heritage Museum,

Houses of History: Portraits of Rural Texas Museums," will do just that.

"Our former museum curator, Beth Williams Purcell, has compiled photographs displaying the history and importance of museums," said Tammy Schrecengost, museum curator.

The photographic display will open with a meet and greet reception with Purcell, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tues-

"This exhibit shows how small towns can have nice museums with interesting

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City, Alon talk water

Pact could be OK'd on Tuesday evening

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with the city of Big Spring say negotiations to amend the raw water agree-

ment between the city and local refinery owner Alon USA are going smoothly, with a contract expected to be presented Tuesday night. The same agree-

Walker ment was slated to

be presented during the council's March 27 meeting, however, because the negotiations hadn't been completed, City Finance Director Peggy Walker opted to table the matter until Tuesday's meeting.

Walker said she and other city officials expect to meet with the oil giant again before the meeting, but feels confident they will be able to reach an agreement on the contract in time for the council to review it Tuesday.

The contract has undergone a number of changes over the years, according to Walker.

"Negotiations have gone very well. Alon USA is a good community partner, and while, like any business, they don't want to pay anymore than they have to, they have been very understanding toward the city and the plight we're in because of the ongoing drought," Walker said.

"The last rate increase that was made to the contract which was originally signed in 1957 — was in 1997, and it called for the refinery to pay the city's cost for the water plus 5 cents. So, whatever rate the city has to pay CRM-WD for water, plus a nickel, is what they have been paying since then."

Walker said Alon USA also pays a portion of the overhead cost the city pays to the Colorado River Municipal Water District approximately \$304,000 — a situation that could change.

"Alon is planning to put in

some water wells, decreasing the amount of water they use from the city," Walker said. "That sounds good at first; however, it could have some drastic effects on our fiscal situation. They pay 25 percent of the overhead cost, which is based on how much water they use. However, if they decrease that amount drastically and cause that percentage to drop — say from 25 percent to 10 percent — the city will still have to pay the same

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Cars, Stars and Handlebars tickets officially available

Special to the Herald

Tickets for Big Spring State Hospital's Cars, Stars and Handlebars fundraiser are available now.

Cars, Stars and Handlebars will be held at 5 p.m. April 28 at the Big Spring Country Club, 2401 Driver Road, with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6 Each \$100 donation gives

the ticket holder and one guest entry to the evening of fun and food and musical entertainment on the country club patio, and the opportunity to take home a brand-new

vehicle.

This year's event is chaired by Stacy Barr. "Winners do not need to be

present to win the vehicle. but if they are one of the last 10 ticket holders in the reverse drawing, they must be present if they would like to sell their ticket to a bidder," Barr said. The winner will choose be-

tween a 2012 Harley Davidson Heritage Motorcycle FLSTC, a 2012 Silverado Extended Cab Pickup 2 WD LS, or a 2012 Ford Mustang Premium 2WD Pony Package The runner-up will take home a 51-inch plasma televi-

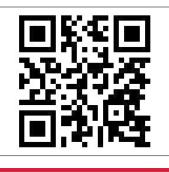
"It's a great idea and we have lots of fun doing it," said Daniel Patrick, sales manager of Pollard Chevrolet Buick Cadillac, who was in on the very first Cars and Stars six years ago. "It just sounded like (when it was first proposed) that it helped the volunteers

and helped build buildings for the patients." For Bob Brock Ford's Maury Peyton, who is in the process of purchasing the longtime dealership, this is his first experience with Cars, Stars

and Handlebars. "It sounds

like a worthwhile endeavor and I want to be a part of it," Peyton said. "It sounds like a very nice tradition. I like that stuff and want to be a bigger part of the community." Harley-Davidson's owner

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Obituaries

Patsy Ruth Rowe-Humphries Faye Jean (Miss Faye) McGee Annalee Hillger Sims 'MiMi' Annalee Hillger Sims "MiMi'



Patsy Ruth Rowe-Humphries was born to B.G. "Jack" Shepard and Patti Jewel Vernon on March 24, 1926, in Dallas, Texas, and left this world with her loving husband, Jack, by her side April 7, 2012, at the age of 86.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at 10 a.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery in

Coahoma, Texas.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday, April 9, 2012, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Patsy graduated from Coahoma High School in 1942. She had moved to Eunice, N.M., with her husband of 32 years, Ralph E. Rowe, and they moved back to Coahoma in 1970, where they owned and operated several businesses in Howard County until his death in 1977. She retired in 1986 and moved to Big Spring. She met Jack Humphries and married him Dec. 8, 2001, and they had 10 glorious years to-

She is survived by her husband, Jack Humphries of Big Spring; two daughters, Mary Maddy of Charleston, W.V., and Carol Brooks and husband Larry of Tucson, Ariz.; four stepsons, Glenn Humphries of Van Horn, Robin Humphries of Midland, Larry Race Charleston, W.V., Noel Aulds of College Station, Sean Aulds of Ventura, Calif., and Barry Maddy of Fort Meade, Fla.; six great-grandchildren, Ryan Bubelik of Phoenix, Ariz., Alex Aulds and Abbey Aulds of Servena Park, Md., Chris Aulds and Benjamin Aulds of Charleston, W.V., and Shane Howell of College Station; and many more that will love and miss her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two nurses Lisa, Becky, Betty and Pam. husbands, Francis Dunivan in 1943 and Ralph Rowe in 1977; and her sister, Mary Miller.

Pallbearers will be Barry Maddy, Shane Howell, Larry Brooks, Leon Humphries, Robin Humphries and Ricky Overton.

loved laughter. We will miss you Mama, until we

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Barbara Begley, 71, of Big Spring died Monday,

April 9, 2012, at her residence. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today: • TRESSA SUE MILAN, 33, of Fort Stockton, was

- arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxica-• AMANDA LEE NIETO, 18, of 1400 Virginia, was
- arrested Saturday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and failure to appear. • ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 47, of 1023 Sta-
- dium, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public • ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, transient, was
- arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- PABLO GONZALEZ, age and address not provided, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public
- SHANNON DWAYNE HUDGINS, 34, of 604 S.E. Broadway in Coahoma, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

In the 100 block of Circle.

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54, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Holston Banks and Minister Kathy McGee officiating. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. at Hamlin East Cemetery in Ham-

lin, Texas.

She was born Dec. 23, 1957, in Hamlin, Texas, to Johnny B. (Green) Marshall and John Charles Marshall Sr. She was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She worked as a certified nursing assistant at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for more than 15 years and as a private sitter.

She is survived by her special friend, Steve Sanford; the father of her children, Ray McGee Sr.; the McGee family; one son, Ray McGee of Big Spring; three daughters, Alisha Fay McGee and Ernest Silvas of Big Spring, April McGee Franks and husband David of Big Spring and Angela McGee of Big Spring; stepdaughters, Dawntavia Ghant and Karissa Mitchell; grandchildren, Minnie Skye, Donisha, Dario, T.L., Nek, Jasa, D.J., Dreson, Quae, J-onyce, Vadaijha and Kamariah; two brothers, Shelton Humphries of Balmorhea and Leon Humphries of Marshall and Wayne (Cadillac) Marshall both of Gardendale; five grandchildren, Jason Aulds and Hamlin; two sisters, Mary Ann Coleman and Bonwife Donna of Servena Park, Md., Chris Aulds of nie Crumpton, both of Abilene; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends, and her best friend, Jody Rogers.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, May June Marshall (her twin) and Eddie May Jeffery; two brothers, John Charles Marshall Jr. and Larry Marshall; and one grandson, Keith.

The family would like to thank Home Hospice

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She was a woman who loved unconditionally and Nancy Arlene Reed

Nancy Arlene Reed, 61, of Stanton, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, April 6, 2012, at Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born July 10, 1950, in Hamlin, Texas, to Lou Dan (Branscum) Reed and Sam Houston Reed. She grew up in Big Spring. She had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 50 years. She worked for many years at Malone-Hogan Hospital and retired in 1989 from the Big Spring State Hospital after 17 years of service. She was a member of God's Rainbow Promises in Midland, Texas.

She is survived by her life partner, Sylvia Booth of Stanton; step-children, David Booth of Alpine, Dolores Long of Stanton and Donald Booth of Temple; The Big Spring Police Department reported the one brother, Sammy Reed and wife Susan and their children Scott and Robert, all of Midland; one sister, Sandy Halfmann and husband Gene and daughter Amy Claxton, all of Tulsa, Okla.; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX

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went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on April 7, 2012. She had a wonderful, warm and giving heart. She has a large family that continually grows with new members. She welcomed everyone she met with open, loving arms. She served on several commit-

tee's through her church since

1985. She also served as a Sunday school teacher, day care board member and a substitute teacher at Greenwood. She also volunteered at the Baptist Crisis Center for more than 20 years. One of her many passions was the prison ministry, for which she dedicated 22

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry William Hillger and Edna Lee Overton Hillger; one son, Clyde Berry Cunningham; one brother, Dale Roy Hillger; and one great-granddaughter, Kelsey

missed by all of her family and friends.

years of her life to this ministry. She will be greatly

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Paul J. Sims; daughter, Beverly Lentz and husband Brad; son, James "Jimmy" Cunningham and wife TJ; son, Joey Sims and girlfriend Wendy McKenzie; son, Robert Sims and wife Louise Sims; son, Wayne Sims and wife Missy; two brothers, Robert Hillger and wife Leta and David Hillger and wife Debbie; three sister in laws, JoAnn Hillger, Vada Moore and husband Thomas and Shirlene Miles; 16 grandchildren, Jimmy Cunningham, Becky Vanlandingham and husband Terry, Jason Lentz and wife Jessie-Ann, Samantha Williams, David Cunningham and wife Lindsey, Chasidy Thompson, Shelly Sanchez, Shelby Sims, Michael Paul Sims, Doobie Sims, Hunter Sims, Alexandrea Sims and Lauren Sims; 11 great-grandchildren, Kenneth, Zachary, Breana, Nathan, Ashton, Jayci, Jansen, Kadie, Brittany, Brandon and Amy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Watkins and his staff at Texas Oncology and all the nurses with Hospice and the Oncology Ward at Midland Memorial Hospital (4th Floor). We would also like to send a special thanks to all the family and friends who brought food and flowers.

A visitation will be held Monday, April 9, 2012, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at 10 a.m. at Greenwood Baptist Church with Dr. Bob Hines officiating. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Greenwood Baptist Church Building Fund, 10908 FM 307, Midland, TX 79706.

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THEFT was reported:

In the 1700 block of E. Third Street. In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

In the 400 block of S. Aylesford.

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.

 SHAWN CARL ANDERSON, 40, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke pro-

- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. KIMBERLY FOSTER, 30, was booked into the
- county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. SCOTT RICHARD FONSECA, 23, was booked
- into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for television improperly located
- ROBERT GARDNER LYNCH JR., 51, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • RAYMUNDO H. LEON, 36, was arrested Friday
- by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication. JUAN PABLO LOZANO, 39, was arrested Friday
- by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication. LAFAWN JOHNSON CANTU, 39, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- AMBER MICHELLE BROWN, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on municipal capias warrants for no driver's licenses and driving while license
- EUGENE SCOTT, 62, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to ap-• PETER MANUAL CANDELARIA, 24, was
- booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- JOEL RODRIQUEZ, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check – more than

\$20 and less than \$500.

- JOSEPH MICHAEL GONZALES, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or
- TRESSA MILAN, 33, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public in-
- AMANDA NIETO, 18, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection and violation of a promise to appear.
- PABLO PEREZ GONZALES, 49, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxi-
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 47, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. CHARLES BERTRAM CAHOON, 43, was arrest-
- ed Saturday by DPS on charges of theft of property and theft of service. ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, was booked into
- the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and criminal trespass. SHANNON DWAYNE HUDGINS, 34, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman
- off bond for criminal mischief. OLIVIA ROSA RODRIQUEZ, 21, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check (two counts) and theft of property by check.
- KIRK STEVENS, 49, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense. JESSE ACOSTA TARIN, 51, was booked into the
- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and municipal warrants for public intoxication, failure to appear (two counts) and possession of drug paraphernalia. TERESA LORENE LANG, 29, was arrested
- Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. JEREMY DESHAWN GAITHER, 33, was booked
- into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a Lubbock warrant for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in a drug free zone.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Sunset. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W.

17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

- Lancaster. Service refused. TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of W. Fifth Street. One person was transported to
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of W. Fourth Street. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Au-
- burn. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

The Breathing Believers team has joined with

Pizza Inn to help raise money to benefit the fight

- against cystic fibrosis. Tonight, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., residents are invited to stop by and dine in at Pizza Inn. Pizza Inn will donate 10 percent of the night's sales plus all tips to the cystic fibrosis. · An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phil-
- lips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney transplant in San Antonio on June 14. Brittney is a graduate of BSHS and is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips.
- The Howard County Republican Convention will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, in the thirdfloor courtroom of the county courthouse. • Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.
- is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. This Friday, Mike Potter and Kevin Rainwater will be providing entertainment. The cost is \$8 per person. An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad
- "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.
- The Lone Star District will be holding its Spring School Night for Scouting signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 26 in the First Baptist Church Gymnasium.

HORSES

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know about horses, especially if they are going to get involved. That way, they know what they are getting into before they get into

it," Anne-Marie said. added, Cindy

always nice to educate the kids. It's not only good for the industry, but it's also good for the kids." Education and

involvement with horses isn't anything new for Anne-Marie. She has

been riding since before she could walk and has been competing since she was 6 years old. competitions Her

include barrel racing, goat tying and pole bending. She has competed in several different levels of competition, including Texas Junior High Rodeo, West Texas Rodeo, American Junior Association Rodeo and

"From the moment I took that first step onto the horse I was hooked. It's an addiction," Anne-Marie said. "It is something I continue to do because it teaches me me what I am capable of doing." Anne-Marie will soon be traveling to Abilene

to not only be competi-

tive, but it also shows

to compete in the state competition of Texas Junior High Rodeo. She will also be taking part in the 52^{nd} anniversary

of the American Junior Rodeo Association in Big Spring in May.

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Nancy Arlene Reed,

61, died Friday. Private

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and unique collections," Schrecengost "Small town museums typically have

very small budgets, but can be successful with the proper management and local, as well as area wide, involvement."

The exhibit will be on display to the public through May 1. The museum is located at 510 Scurry; hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors. To find out more, call the museum at

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amount to CRMWD. "It's a really tough situation, which is why

we're looking so closely at the negotiations. On one hand, we have to decrease our use and conserve as much water as possible. However, if our costs go up because Alon is paying less of

that overhead cost and we can't recover that in water revenue, we're going to be in a tough situation.'

Tuesday's meeting is to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in City Council

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the meeting agenda can

be found online at www.

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tions and money earned at The Chalet Resale Shoppe pay for items that customers need but the state does not fund.

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Robert Walker is hop-

ing this is the year someone will choose a motorcycle. Harley-Davidson joined Cars and Stars the second year, making it Cars, Stars and Handlebars. "I thought it was a pretty good idea. Our involvement has been real good. Motorcycles just have to appeal to the (winner) for them to choose it."

The Volunteer Services Council gave Cars, Stars and Handlebars Committee members 750 tickets to pre-sell, Barr said. "The last week leading up to the event is always busy for people who still have tickets to sell," she said. "We try to remind everyone that when they are gone, they are gone, so we encourage every-

one to get them early."

Tickets are available

from committee members Stacy and Mark Barr; Cash and Leslie Berry; Leslie Elrod; Noel and Brenna Hoff; Jeanie and Richard Knocke; Justin and Sara Myers; Scott and Erin MacKenzie; Suzanne Markwell; and John Paul and Kristen Nichols; and also from Bob Brock Ford, Pollard Chevrolet Buick Cadillac, Home Realtors, American State Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Lone Star Bank, State National Bank and Western Bank. Tickets also can be purchased from the

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A million Texas children remain without insurance

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) More than a million Texas children remain without health insurance, and those kids are not getting the care they need, according to a published report.

The startling condition of the state's children came into vivid focus last week with the release of the annual Kids Count survey. The analysis of official state and federal data by the non-partisan Center for Public Policy Priorities found that 1.2 million Texas children have neither private nor public health insurance.

Almost 40 percent of Texas mothers received little or no prenatal care and one in seven babies were born premature, statistics show. The difference between being insured and uninsured is stark: 90 percent of insured kids are healthy, while only 58 percent of kids without insurance are considered healthy.

It comes as no surprise that the percentage of children covered by health care is directly related to the employment rate and the parent's economic status.

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Opening lead — seven of hearts.

This deal occurred in a tourna-

ment played in France in 1963 to

select the French representative that

year to the annual European team championship. And quite a deal it

It started off innocently enough

when Jacques Stetten, playing with Leon Tintner, opened third-hand

with one spade. East bid two hearts

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Tomorrow: The practical side of bridge.

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Famous Hand

Texas children living in poverty, a rate that consistently runs 5 percent above the national average, Texas ranks 41st in the nation in number of uninsured kids, even though the unemployment rate is lower than the national average.

When uninsured kids get sick, their parents have no place to take them other than a public hospital's emergency room, which by law cannot turn them away. And if those parents cannot pay the extremely expensive bill? The taxpayer picks up the tab.

anyone knows anything about health care, conservative or liberal, and they will tell you this is the most inefficient way to care for children. Neither is it the best care. "A large percentage of

those kids will end up in the emergency room as their primary source of care, which is hugely inefficient and ridiculously expensive," said Dr. Skip Brown, a medical professor and director of a pediatrics center at the University of Texas Medical Branch. "When you go to the emergency department, those guys

By Steve Becker

modest overcall, but no better call

was available - and South bid three

At this point, the bidding became frenetic. North bid three hearts, a

cuebid indicating a strong hand with

a probable void in hearts, and East

doubled. After two passes, North

then bid four hearts! This was a fur-

ther cuebid, confirming the heart

void, and even more importantly, it

urged South to bid a slam in either

diamonds or spades, depending on

South quickly accepted the invi-

tation by bidding six diamonds. True, South had only 10 high-card points (six of which he knew were wasted

opposite North's void). But South

also had a seven-card suit and a void

in clubs that North could not possibly

Not only that, but when East dou-

bled, Tintner had enough confidence in his partner's bidding and his own

values to redouble! East - holding A-A-A-K — no doubt thought his

opponents had gone berserk and

would pay heavily for their indiscre-

But that wasn't how things

turned out. Tintner easily made six

diamonds redoubled for a score of 1,330 points, losing only a diamond

trick, and poor East was left wonder-

ing what in the world had hit him.

his hand

know about.

are not there to be primary care providers."

Brown said the children also miss out on the most important factor in getting good care: a doctor who knows the patient and their medical history. Children with asthma and diabetes — chronic diseases best treated by a family doctor on a routine basis — comprise many, if not most, of the kids who show up in the emergency room.

"There are kids missing out on care," he

About half of the uninsured children would qualify for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program, if they applied, according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Many of the parents don't know they are eligible, have not bothered to apply or the state has not finished processing their applications.

From 2007-2010, Texas Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, for kids not quite poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, grew by 10 percent and did a good job of treating kids, according to an official review released last week. Texas' programs consistently scored above the national average in treating asthma, diabetes and mental health issues. Customer satisfaction was consistently high, according to the independent assessment by the University of Flori-

The Legislature cut state spending on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program by \$2.03 billion for 2012-2013, according to a budget analysis by the Center for Public Policy Priorities. More than \$800 million of those cuts will be to reimbursement rates for doctors who agree to treat poor or disabled children.

The reduction in payments to doctors treating Medicaid patients will make it harder for patients to find care, officials say.

Doctors can only afford to have about 25 percent of their patients on Medicaid to keep their business viable. Lower reimbursements means that fewer doctors will accept Medicaid patients, and more people will end up in the emergency room, the study shows.

Many lawmakers have promised to restore funding for programs that help kids stay healthy when they meet again in 2013, but officials at the Department of Health and Human Services warn of more budget deficits ahead. When the Kids County survey comes out next year, it'll offer Texans another check on the health of Texas kids.

State briefs

Woman dies in RV fire

NOONDAY, Texas (AP) — A 47-year-old woman has died after her parked recreational vehicle caught fire in East Texas.

Smith County First Assistant Fire Marshal Oren Hale says the fire broke out Sunday afternoon at the RV park in Noonday, located about 10 miles southwest of Tyler. Hale says the materials used to build the RV.

like many manufactured homes, meant it burned quickly. He says it was unclear what caused the Park owner and manager James Westberry tells

the Tyler Morning Telegraph that the woman, whose name was not immediately released, had lived in the park for about 10 days.

Palo Duro Canyon gets building

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A ribbon cutting is planned this week at Palo Duro Canyon State Park for a 4,080-square-foot stone building at the base of the descent into the canyon.

A Thursday ribbon cutting is set for the pavilion intended to host events including wedding receptions, family reunions and corporate retreats.

The Amarillo Globe-News reports the Mack Dick Group Pavilion is designed to be reminiscent of the work done at the park by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

The state park located near Amarillo attracts more than 300,000 visitors each year.

Area businessman Mack Dick donated \$1 million through the Amarillo Area Foundation toward the building. Matching funds from the state were also used and the Friends of Palo Duro Canyon Foundation donated money for the kitchen and furnishings.

Stabbing case heads back to court

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A man twice convicted – but later freed — of the 1977 rape and murder of an East Texas woman is heading back to court.

Kerry Max Cook was twice sentenced to death after being convicted of killing Linda Jo Edwards. Courts overturned both convictions. In 1999, Cook agreed to plead no contest to murder in exchange for a sentence of time served.

Now, Cook wants new DNA testing that he says could prove he is innocent. The current Smith County district attorney, Matt Bingham, has said he doesn't oppose more testing.

The prosecutor during one of Cook's trials is now a judge and has already stepped aside. But Judge Christi Kennedy, another Smith County judge, has refused.

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Police: shootings possibly revenge

rampage that left three people dead and terrorized Tulsa's black community, and police said one suspect may have been trying to avenge his father's shooting two years ago by a black

Police identified both suspects as white, while all five victims in the rampage early Friday were black.

Police and the FBI said it is too soon to say whether the attacks in Tulsa's predominantly black north side were racially motivated. Police spokesman Jason Willingham said that investigators are considering many possible motives but based on Facebook postings, revenge appeared to be a factor.

In a Thursday update on Facebook that appeared to have been

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — written by 19-year-old Two men were arrested Jake England, he an-Sunday in a shooting grily blamed his father's death on a black man and used a racial slur. He said Thursday was the second anniversary of his father's death.

"It's hard not to go off," given the anniversary and the death of his fiancee earlier this year, the posting said.

"It's apparent from the posting on the Facebook page that he had an ax to grind, and that was possibly part of the motive," Willingham said. Acting on an anonymous tip and backed by a helicopter, police arrested Jake England and Alvin Watts, 32, about 2 a.m. Sunday.

Police identified those killed as Dannaer Fields, 49, Bobby Clark, 54, and William Allen, 31.

Two men were wounded but were released from the hospital, Jordan said.



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Hawks take two from WTC, win series **3-1**

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks swept the Western Texas College Westerners Saturday at Jack Barber Field, winning Game One 8-2 and Game Two 3-2. The Hawks went 3-4 in a four-game series.

The Hawks were forced to play from behind as the Westerners put two runs up in the top of the first inning in Game One.

Lights out pitching for the Hawks by starter Clayton Crum and reliever Michael Gill would prevent any more WTC runs, however, as the two hurlers combined for 11 strikeouts during the game.

The HC offense came alive in the bottom of the second inning when Elliot Richoux reached base on a grounder up the middle. Richoux stole second base during Jordan Allen's at bat, then Allen hit a sacrifice fly to advance Richoux to third. Reed Seeley walked to put runners on the corners and Todd Ritchie doubled, bringing Richoux home making it a 2-1 game.

Withtwooutsinthesameinning, BrettBell smacked a two-RBI double, scoring Seeley and Ritchie and gave the Hawks a 3-2 lead.

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Howard College's Brett Bell slides safely into second base Saturday during the Hawks' 3-2 win in Game Two over the Western Texas College Westerners. The Hawks took three games out of four against WTC.

Watson wins Masters, dons the green jacket

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Sometimes, winning a golf tournament or putting on a green jacket can change a

Bubba Watson insists he's not that guy.

Maybe that explains his ability to pull off the impossible when the pressure was boiling over at the Masters

Perched atop pine needles far right of the fairway with a better view of a TV tower than the green, the left-hander hooked his way out of trouble and into history. His 155-yard curveball landed on the green and beat South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen on the second hole of a playoff and turned Oosthuizen's double eagle earlier in the round into the second-best shot on a day filled with magic at Augusta National.

While Oosthuizen failed to get up and down from in front of the green, Watson wrapped it up with a no-stress two-putt on the 10th green to clinch his first major, then sobbed hard on his mother's shoulder.

"The thing is, golf is not my everything," Watson said. "But for me to come out here and win, it's awesome for a week and then we get back to real life. I haven't changed a diaper yet, so I'm probably going to have to change a

Watson insists the shot that earned him the green jacket wasn't as ridiculously hard as it looked. Mostly because of his attitude. He hasn't taken formal lessons and insists he has never hit a ball perfectly straight. His motto, as he explained to caddie Ted Scott on the day they met six years ago: "If I have a swing, I have a shot."

So when he blocked the tee shot on No. 10 into the woods, behind the gallery, onto the pine straw, way back in jail, he felt no sense of panic.

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball

Big Spring at Brownwood, 6 p.m.

Big Spring at Brownwood, TBA.

TUESDAY

Baseball

- Howard College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m.
- Forsan at Denver City, 7 p.m.
- Coahoma at Slaton, TBA.

Softball

- Big Spring at Brownwood, 6:30 p.m.
- Forsan at Denver City, 5:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Slaton, TBA.

Tennis

Forsan at Denver City, TBA.

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Rangers take opening series

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Matt Harrison had barely settled on the bench after getting out of a jam to complete six scoreless innings for the Texas Rangers when Josh Hamilton quickly got the left-hander back on his

Hamilton's first homer of the season was a 441-foot blast that landed in the second deck of seats high above the Rangers bullpen in right-center field, and the most impressive of three homers Texas hit in a 5-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Sunday night.

"It's amazing, no matter how many times you see it," Harrison said. "You keep waiting for him to hit one out of the stadium. He has unbelievable power, and he plays great defense."

Along with several teammates, Harrison jumped up and watched in awe when Hamilton led off the sixth inning against Gavin Floyd (0-1). The ball that kept rising and landed several

"He got through that baby like he hits them off me during BP," manager Ron Washington

Hamilton, who was 2 for 4 and scored twice, also had a pair of nifty inning-ending defensive

Harrison (1-0), a 14-game winner last season who had a 1.69 ERA in four Cactus League starts this spring, struck out three and walked two while giving up four hits in six in-

Mark Lowe, Robbie Ross and

Koji Uehara each worked a

scoreless inning of relief. With two runners in the top of the sixth, Harrison struck out A.J. Pierzynski just before

Hamilton's blast.

"It wasn't a night for the ball to really jump," Hamilton insisted. "I knew it was probably gone when I hit it, but I didn't realize or didn't know where it landed until I saw the replay."

After Murphy pulled a ball into that second deck in the third, closer to the line for a 396-foot shot and a 1-0 lead, Harrison gave up a leadoff double to Gordon Beckham in the top of the fourth.

But with one out, Harrison reacted to Paul Konerko's comebacker by reaching down between his legs to grab the ball and then catch Beckham off third base.

"The biggest key in the game," Harrison said. "I kind of stuck my glove down there and the ball went in it." In the bottom of that inning,

Hamilton had a leadoff single before Beltre's two-run shot landed in the Rangers bullpen for a 3-0 lead.

Hamilton made a diving catch in the left-center gap on a slicing flyball hit by Alejandro De Aza in the seventh. He ended the second when he reached out on the run to stab a liner

by Pierzynski in the right-center gap before tumbling to the

"It's one of those things where you're running as fast as you possibly can and it don't seem like you're making any ground up," Hamilton said.

"The ball just continues to move away from you, and fortunately, the last minute, I felt like Murph (the left fielder) was not in the area and I could take a good dive for it without any kind of collision going on, so I did."

Floyd, 0-3 in his final five starts last season, struck out three and walked two. He allowed only one earned run over 14 innings in two games last year against the Rangers, who this time got five runs (four earned) in 52-3 innings against the right-hander.

"Harrison pitched great. It's one of those nights where you just tip your hat to him," Ventura said. "He pitched great and they maximized everything they got off of Gavin. Five runs on six hits, they have that kind of power and you just go on to play another day."

Texas opens a four-game series at home Monday night against AL West rival Seattle, with 25-year-old Yu Darvish making his much-anticipated major league debut. The righthander, who signed a five-year deal with the Rangers this winter, was 93-38 with a 1.99 ERA in 167 games the past seven seasons in Japan's Pacific League.

MLB opening weekend full of surprises

MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Sports Writer

tion for it."

The Yankees and Red Sox are both 0-3 for the first time in 46 years. Atlanta is stumbling in April the same way it

did last September. The Orioles, Mets and Mariners are on top of

the standings, while Houston has a winning record for the first time since July 2009. Yep, it was a wacky opening weekend in base-

ball, complete with stirring comebacks, near nohitters and more than a few surprises. One day after Ubaldo Jimenez pitched 62-3 hit-

less innings for Cleveland, Jason Hammel carried a no-hit bid into the eighth in his Baltimore debut. But the wildest finish Sunday came in Detroit, where the Tigers rallied twice on late homers against Boston's beleaguered bullpen.

"You don't see those kinds of games at this level very often," Tigers catcher Alex Avila said.

"There's really no rhyme or reason or explana-

Avila's two-run shot with two outs in the bottom of the 11th gave Detroit a 13-12 victory, leaving the Red Sox winless under new manager Bobby Valentine.

The Tigers trailed 10-7 when Miguel Cabrera tied the game with a three-run homer off Alfredo Aceves in the ninth. Boston then scored twice in the 11th, but Mark Melancon (0-2) couldn't hold the lead.

Cabrera and Prince Fielder singled before Delmon Young's sacrifice fly cut the margin in half. Avila followed with a drive to right and the ball appeared to hit a restraining gate just above the wall before caroming back onto the field.

Avila paused near second base before being waved around by the umpires. The play was not reviewed.

Valentine said he asked and was asumpires that the ball had clearly hit the railing above the fence.

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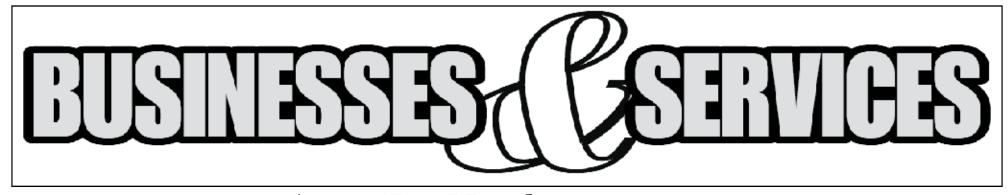
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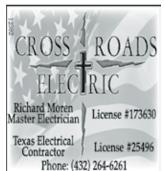
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HOLIDAY MATHIS

review and assess what it means to be human on

our own medium-sized planet.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your mood is curious, experimental and creative. It takes an open mind and heart to live in this headspace. You'll take a suggestion, try it on and see where it leads

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've probably heard that antibiotics arose from the accidental contamination of a Petri dish. Mistakes can bring about glorious events and discoveries. Be open to the magic that might come of a blunder.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Something about your chemical and emotional makeup will work in favor of creating harmony for yourself and others around you. You have a talent for neutralizing acidic personalities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're firing on all cylinders and will be especially intuitive, as well. When you look at a person, you can see the chemistry, habits, emotions and ideas that helped to form this individual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The sector of the brain that responds to feelings of love is different from the one that responds to feelings of attraction, but the two can light up at the same time, which is what happens today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Any regret you'll have in life will have, at its root, a poor decision. To minimize your regrets, maximize your ability to make quality decisions.

Think long term. Ten Feb. 18). You know you're several years ago.) But it years from now, what will you wish you would have done? Do it now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your collaborations will be free of conflict. This is easiest, but will it bring about the best result? Ask someone to play devil's advocate by trying to shoot down your plan. You'll learn how to make it bulletproof.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In determinate games, the starting player can always win if he knows strategy. In indeterminate games, two perfect players could play on forever. Play your love life like an indeterminate

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll enjoy connecting with attractive someone on of mutual matters interest. You're likely to be further besotted if this person also happens to with agree worldview

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A sign mate declared, "He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us." — Martin Luther King Jr.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

passionate when you can't get enough of your subject matter. Your energy only increases as you learn and practice. The more you engage your talents in the matter the more prolific you become.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The spirit of play is alive in you. Engaging the right playmates will be key to maintaining this buoyant energy throughout the day. You'll gravitate to flexible thinkers and emotionally agile people.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 9). Your horizons open with possibilities, starting with a change in your inner circle. Make room in your heart to love a new addition. June sees you putting a talent handed down through vour ancestry to good use. Your public and private personae merge interesting ways when you're spotlighted in August. Pisces Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 40, 21, 6 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: Holiday: As Christians, we are not supposed to read horoscopes. (Not only that, but I had a bad experience with them

seems like every time I meet someone I like, my curiosity gets the best of me. I started reading your horoscopes in our local newspaper. So far, I have found your horoscope to be very accurate for my zodiac (Cancer). I have even acted on what was said in someone else's reading (Scorpio), and it turned out just the way you said. At this time, I'm not taking the readings too seriously, because I don't need another emotional breakdown, but I just thought you might like to know that so far you're doing well."

I'm happy to hear that you're getting some insight out of reading about your sign and also the Scorpio sign — two water signs that are deeply and inexplicably connected. I encourage you to always do what you feel drawn to do and never give a horoscope, an astrologer or anyone else for that matter more power than your own intuition. I believe you are being divinely guided to read and do what is helpful and peaceful for

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"Classic" Ann Landers®: Whining attitude, little sympathy

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a new bride. My husband's family treats "Eddie," my husband, very unfairly. They are also cold to my 2-year-old son and me.

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cold people, because they are very affectionate toward Eddie's sisters and brothers and their children.

Eddie has employment difficulties since we married and relocated. In the months we

have been together, my family has helped out financially. They are not rich, just

comfortable. Eddie's family also

comfortable, but they refuse to help us. They say they can't afford it, which is not true. They live a lavish lifestyle and have substantial income.

LANDERS

I believe Eddie should learn how to demand treatment. equal needs to ask for his share. He plans to adopt my son as soon as the

boy is a little older. In the meantime, my son is being treated like a

second-class citizen in comparison to the other grandchildren. If they buy a new outfit for their other 2-year-old grandson, they should buy one for our son also. Right? A psychologist told us

situation could change if we are willing to work at it. I believe we should start writing letters to my in-laws telling them exactly how we feel.

Eddie says it doesn't matter to him, but I know it hurts him plenty. What should we do about this? Florida

Dear Florida: Your letter has a whining quality that really turned me off. I suspect that same attitude turned off Eddie's parents, too. He is in no position to demand "equal treatment" anything else. A gift is whatever people want to give. You seem to think

that if your in-laws buy something for their other grandson, they should buy one for your child, too. Again, I say a gift is not something you can demand. The good news is that you are in counseling. Terrific. I hope you will take this column to your next session and discuss your attitude problem. You need help.

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Today's Highlight History:

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On this date:

In 1682, French explorer Robert de La Salle claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France In 1865, Confederate Gen.

Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after being denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway. In 1947, a series of tornadoes

in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 181 lives. In 1959, NASA presented its

first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, 91, died in Phoenix, Ariz. In 1962, "West Side Story"

won the Academy Award for Best Picture of 1961; Sophia Loren was named Best Actress for "Two Women," while Maximilian Schell received the Best Actor Oscar for "Judgment at Nuremberg." In 1965, the newly built

Astrodome in Houston featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees. (The Astros won, 2-1, in 12 innings.) In 1983, the space shuttle

Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1992, former Panamanian ruler Manuel Noriega was convicted in Miami of eight drug and racketeering charges; he

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served a 17-year U.S. prison sentence.

In 1996, in a dramatic shift of purse-string power, President Bill Clinton signed a line-item veto bill into law. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the veto in 1998.)

In 2005, Britain's Prince Charles married longtime love Camilla Parker Bowles, who took the title Duchess of Cornwall. Today's Birthdays: Playboy

magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 86. Naturalist Jim Fowler is 80. Actor Jean-Paul Belmondo is 79. Actress Michael Learned is 73. Country singer Margo Smith is 70. Country singer Hal Ketchum is 59. Actor Dennis Quaid is 58.

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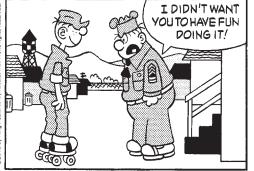
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- 23 Nervous
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- horse to
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Duane Below (2-0) got one out for the win — even though Tigers manager Jim Leyland said he wouldn't be available — in a game that lasted 4 hours, 45 minutes.

Detroit swept the season-opening series, scoring 26 runs and winning twice in its final at-bat.

"I'm too tired right now," Avila said.
"I'm glad we have an off day (Monday). This weekend has been crazy."
It was the first time the Red Sox lost

when scoring 12 runs or more since a 22-13 defeat against the Chicago White Sox on May 31, 1970, according to STATS LLC.

The bullpen has been a major problem, giving up 11 runs, 10 earned, and 18 hits over 11 1-3 innings in Detroit.

Boston is without newly acquired closer Andrew Bailey, who had surgery on his right thumb.

Aceves and Melancon are the primary candidates to close in Bailey's absence, and both blew saves on Sunday.

"This is a work in progress," Valen-

tine said. "We're three days in after losing our closer, and we're still trying to figure it out."

So are the rival Yankees, who started with three consecutive losses at Tampa Bay.

Closer Mariano Rivera blew the opener. New York was dominated Sunday by right-hander Jeremy Hellickson, who came within one out of a three-hitter in a 3-0 win on his 25th birthday.

The Pays, who took advantage of

The Rays, who took advantage of Boston's record collapse to win the AL wild card last year, matched the best start in club history (2002).

The last time New York was 0-3

it went on to win 114 games and the 1998 World Series. But the Yankees and Red Sox hadn't both opened with three straight losses since 1966, according to STATS LLC. "At times it seems magnified when

it's the beginning of the year," New York manager Joe Girardi said. "We've all been through three-game losing streaks. This is a resilient club. We'll be fine."

Atlanta's meltdown last year mirrored that of the Red Sox. The Braves had a $10\frac{1}{2}$ -game lead over St. Louis for the NL wild card in late August

but went 9-18 in September and were eliminated on the final night of the regular season.

They've been just as sluggish to start 2012. Atlanta batted .151 and managed all of seven runs in a threegame sweep by the New York Mets, expected to finish last in the powerful NL East.

"It's never good to come into the season and get swept," Braves catcher Brian McCann said.

"Nobody in here is thinking about

"Nobody in here is thinking about last year."

Mets lefty Jonathon Niese took a nohitter into the seventh inning in his first start since signing a \$25.5 million, five-year contract.

For the first time in 27 years, and only the third time ever, the Mets are 3-0 while the Yankees are 0-3.

"We're going to surprise some peo-

"We're going to surprise some people this year," Niese said.

Other early surprises include the

Other early surprises include the Orioles, who finished a three-game sweep of Minnesota behind Hammel. He faced the minimum 21 batters through seven innings, issuing two walks, before Justin Morneau's lead-off double in the eighth.

The Mariners are 3-1 going into Monday night's game at Texas, where

Japanese star Yu Darvish makes his Rangers debut. And the lowly Astros took two of three at home from Colorado.

The win gives them a winning record for the first time since they were 51-50 after games on July 29, 2009.

Houston lost its first five games last season and dropped eight in a row to start 2010.

There were several big comebacks Sunday, too.

Ryan Roberts and Lyle Overbay hit consecutive homers off Matt Cain and the Arizona Diamondbacks tied a franchise record by rallying from six runs.

They beat San Francisco 7-6 for a

They beat San Francisco 7-6 for a three-game sweep in a season-opening series between teams expected to tussle for the NL West crown.

Jay Bruce's second homer of the game and Scott Rolen's game-winning single in the ninth lifted Cincinnati over Florida 6-5. N

New Marlins closer Heath Bell blew a save in his first opportunity.

And the Pirates beat Philadelphia in their final at-bat for the second time in less than 24 hours when Andrew McCutchen hit an RBI single off the center-field fence for a 5-4 victory.

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"I get down there, saw it was a perfect draw," Watson said. "Even though the tower was in my way, I didn't want to ask if I could get relief or anything, because it just set up for a perfect draw — well, hook. That's what we did. We just kept talking about you never know what's going to happen out here. Anything can happen."

Can and pretty much did on this day.

The excitement started with a pair of holes-in-1 on No. 16 by Adam Scott and Bo Van Pelt, each of whom was playing for position, not the championship.

The fireworks really started when the leaders got on the course.

Standing on the fairway, 253 yards from the hole on the par-5 second, Oosthuizen hit a 4-iron that bounced on the front of the green, then rolled toward a cup that

looked like it had a magnet in it. The ball dropped and the South African was the owner of the fourth double-eagle 2 in Masters history and the first on the second hole — to say nothing of a two-shot lead that moments earlier had been a one-shot deficit. He held that lead for most of

the day, but realized as the round went on that there's nowhere else to go after you've touched the sun. "When something like that

happens early in your round, you think that this is it," Oosthuizen said.
"That was my first double eagle

ever. So it was tough. It was tough the next five holes to just get my head around it and just play the course."

He played it solidly, if not spectacularly, and finished at 10-under 278.

Watson, meanwhile, saved his charge for where they usually come at Augusta — the back nine on Sunday. He made a tricky 6-foot putt on No. 13 to start a string of four straight birdies. The fourth one put him in a tie for the lead and the leaders, in the same twosome, finished parpar to set up the first playoff at Augusta since Angel Cabrera of

Argentina won in 2009.

There was a four-way tie for

third at 8 under — Britain's Lee Westwood, Sweden's Peter Hanson, Matt Kuchar and Phil Mickelson.

Mickelson, going for his fourth green jacket, looked like the favorite coming into the day but dug himself a hole on No. 4 - a 10-minute sitcom that could've been titled "Typical Phil."

There was the tee shot off a railing and into the trees, well left of the green; the two right-handed hacks from the woods, the first of which popped up and moved about a foot; the blown flop shot from a trampled down area where the fans had been standing; then, of course, an out-of-this-world up and down from the sand to save 6.

Westwood got in the mix, but it was a double-bogey 6 on Friday that more or less gave him too big a deficit to overcome. He shot 68, matching Watson for the best final round among the top six

final round among the top six.

But it's a guy named Bubba
who was celebrating his first major while Westwood still waits.

And Oosthuizen remains stuck on one major — the 2010 British Open — and clearly in awe of what he witnessed at the end.

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HAWKS

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It was all downhill from there.

Paul Hendrix led off the bottom of the third inning for the Hawks by belting a solo homerun. Colt Bickerstaff took a base on a wild pitch, and scored another run for HC with the help of a Richoux single and a bad throw charged to WTC.

Seeley hit one into the left field gap for a double, scoring Richoux and increasing the Hawks'

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lead to 6-2.

Things got interesting in the top of the fifth when Crum seemingly lost control of his accuracy. With the bases loaded from three walks, Crum struck out two consecutive WTC batters, pitching himself out of what could have been a fiasco of an inning.

Allen doubled in the bottom of the fifth, scoring Bickerstaff who drew a walk. Another insurance run was added in the sixth inning when Bell scored on a throwing error.

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Game Two.

The Hawks again had to overcome an early deficit as WTC put a run on the board in the top of the first inning.

It took five innings, but HC broke out of its offensive slump with a Dexter Kjerstad solo homer. Richoux — thanks to a two-RBI single which scored Bell and Brendan McCurry — gave the Hawks a 3-2 lead over the scrappy Westerners in the bottom of the eighth inning.

The Hawks now boast a record of 30-7 on the season and will face Midland College Tuesday on the road. The first pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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