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## Roadwork may hinder early voting

*Turnout still steady, administrator reports*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Early voting in this year's municipal and school board elections remains slow and steady, according to county election officials, as voters look to decide a number of local contests.

Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom said voting was fairly strong Monday, which marked the opening of early

voting across the state. "We had 124 voters come in and cast their ballot Monday," Bloom said. "It was a bit slower than I expected, but it's remained pretty steady. Things sort of slowed down a bit Tuesday however, but I think road construction going on around and near the courthouse may have something to do with that."

Major road demolition and construction has been hap-



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Road construction continues along Third and Fourth streets in Big Spring, shown here in front of the Hotel Settles. Election officials say lack of parking because of the road work may be a reason voter turnout is slower than expected. Early voting in the May 11 school board and municipal elections began Monday.**

pening on Third and Fourth streets — located on the north and south sides of the How-

ard County Courthouse — for some time now, causing some problems with the availabil-

ity of parking, according to Bloom. See **VOTE**, Page 3

## Accountability ratings under scrutiny

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Area educators are casting a wary eye at new school accountability ratings announced by the Texas Education Agency.

TEA Commissioner Michael L. Williams announced the four components that will be part of the new 2013 state accountability system for school districts, campuses and charters in Texas. The first ratings under this system will be issued by the

**"Which is it going to be, and why do we keep changing things? That only serves to confuse people. Let's stick with something."**

—Randy Johnson, Forsan ISD superintendent

Texas Education Agency this August.

Williams said the revised system will still rely heavily on student test scores, but also makes use of additional indicators aimed at providing parents and taxpayers greater detail on the performance of a district or charter and each individual campus

throughout the state.

The new accountability system will use a "performance index framework" that considers four areas (including student groups that are part of that index):

- Student Achievement — A snapshot of performance across all subjects, on both general and alternative as-

sessments, at an established performance standard. (All Students)

- Student Progress — Provides an opportunity for different campuses to show improvements made independent of overall achievement levels. Growth is evaluated by subject and student group.

- Closing Performance Gaps — This index emphasizes advanced academic achievement of the economically disadvantaged student group and the lowest performing race/ethnicity student groups at each campus or district.

- Post-secondary Readiness — This index measures how well school districts prepare high school graduates for college, the workforce, job training or the military.

District and campuses with students in grades 9 and above must meet targets on all four indexes. Districts and schools with students in grades 8 and lower must meet targets on the first three indexes, Williams said.

TEA also is doing away with its system that rated schools

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## Cars, Stars said huge success

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Herald Correspondent

Big Spring State Hospital's volunteer-run Cars, Stars and Handlebars event achieved many firsts Saturday night in Big Spring.

It was the first time all 750 tickets were sold out prior to the event and it was the first time it was held at the newly reopened Hotel Settles.

"The entire evening was a huge success," Cars, Stars and Handlebars Chair Stacy Barr said. "We had a great crowd and a lot of fun raising money for the patients of Big Spring State Hospital."

Cars, Stars and Handlebars is a wildly successful fund-raiser run by the hospital's Volunteer Services Council. Each

year, it raises more than \$30,000 and this year was no exception, said Community Relations Director Jamey Stegall.

"We are still crunching the numbers and paying the bills but it was very, very successful," he said. "Big Spring is to be applauded for showing the support they do for our patients. I am from the Metroplex and people there would give their right arm to get the support we do. I was truly amazed by how many people bought tickets and attended the event. It was a lot of fun."

Each ticket holder takes part in the event. The last ticket selected gives the ticket holder the choice of a brand-new vehicle.

This year's winner was Jordan Partee.

The runner-up who took home the 51-inch color TV was Stan Partee.

Stegall estimates that more than 500 people attended the event.

"We want to thank everyone who came out and supported the hospital," Barr said. "We look forward to seeing everyone again next year. And I encourage everyone to get their ticket early. We had to tell many, many people that we were out of tickets."

The Volunteers Services Council is one of the most active volunteer organizations in Big Spring. Volunteers donate time and money in a variety of ways, including running the successful Chalet Resale Shop.

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## Obituaries

### Michael 'Bubba' Birmelin



Michael "Bubba" Birmelin, 32, of Big Spring was found on April 28, 2013, in Big Spring. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Joel Miller officiating.

He was born Aug. 31, 1980, in Big Spring. He worked in the oil field. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Baptist.

He is survived by two sons, Michael Savell of Crosbyton and Trustin Edmondson of Big Spring; mother and step-father: Roseann and her husband Benjie Smith of Crosbyton; two brothers, Clayton Birmelin of Big Spring and Jason Birmelin of College Station; two sisters, Taylor Smith of Lubbock and Christy Rains of Abilene; grandparents, Joy Holcomb and W.C. and Joan Garver, all of Big Spring; numerous aunts and uncles; four nephews; and several cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### Fred Park

Fred Park, 70, of Coahoma died Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

- JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ, 23, of 2526 Ent Dr., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.
- HEATHER L. MAY, 28, of Joliet, Ill., was arrested Tuesday on charges of shoplifting and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- MARTY DEWAYNE RICHTER, 45, of 120 Moore Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter.
- FRANCIS MORENO RODRIGUEZ, 47, of 109 Algerita, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 1200 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place.  
In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.  
In the area of Oak Glenn and Macauslan.  
In the 200 block of Marcy Drive.  
In the 1400 block of W. Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1700 block of N. FM 700.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.
- MARIO ROBERT OVALLE, 39, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on a charge of failure to appear – driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, a Martin County warrant for failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and municipal warrants for no driver's license (three counts), failure to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts), operating a motor vehicle without a license plate and animal at large.
  - FRANCIS MORENO RODRIGUEZ, 47, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
  - KELLY MAUREEN OCONNELL, 30, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a Midland County warrant for theft of property with two or more previous convictions and Big Spring warrants for theft and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
  - MARTY DEWAYNE RICHTER, 45, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
  - SEAN EDWARD MARBLE, 24, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for failure to display or expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and violation of a promise to appear.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to

SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of McEwen. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 2500 block of E. 24<sup>th</sup> Street.
- RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 400 block of Armstrong.

## Take Note

- Kentwood Early Childhood Center will hold pre-registration for its pre-kindergarten classes from 9 a.m. to noon today through May 15 at the ECC, located at 2500 Merrily. For more information, contact the school at 264-4130.

- A benefit fund for the April Martinez family, who recently lost everything in a fire, has been set up at Prosperity Bank. Donations can be made to account number 3013914734. Ms. Martinez has four children ages 5 to 12.

- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

- Howard County Master Gardeners are preparing for this year's annual spring plant sale to be held May 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Green Thumb Cottage, 1604 W. Fourth between Jones and Brown Streets in Big Spring. Plants of all kinds, from trees to flowers, will be on display and reasonably priced. All will be clearly marked with information to aid in their care and Master Gardener's will be available to answer questions. There will be a drawing and a door prize. Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

- The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeCASA.org](http://www.BecomeCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

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### Local 3-Day Forecast

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Sunny skies with gusty winds developing later in the day. Near record high temperatures. High 99F.	Cloudy and windy with a few thundershowers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:59 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:59 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:58 AM
<b>Sunset:</b> 8:27 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 8:28 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 8:28 PM

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### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	47	t-storm	Kingsville	90	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	62	31	windy	Livingston	86	62	pt sunny
Austin	88	63	pt sunny	Longview	80	62	pt sunny
Beaumont	82	65	pt sunny	Lubbock	84	36	windy
Brownsville	89	70	pt sunny	Lufkin	85	65	pt sunny
Brownwood	91	52	pt sunny	Midland	99	50	sunny
Corpus Christi	84	69	pt sunny	Raymondville	91	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	83	58	pt sunny	Rosenberg	86	64	pt sunny
Dallas	85	59	mst sunny	San Antonio	90	66	pt sunny
Del Rio	100	66	pt sunny	San Marcos	88	64	pt sunny
El Paso	90	54	sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	60	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	98	49	sunny	Sweetwater	94	46	t-storm
Gainesville	82	50	pt sunny	Tyler	83	62	pt sunny
Greenville	82	58	pt sunny	Weatherford	84	51	mst sunny
Houston	86	65	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	83	42	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	58	pt sunny	Minneapolis	45	32	rain
Boston	65	45	mst sunny	New York	65	48	sunny
Chicago	80	53	sunny	Phoenix	91	61	sunny
Dallas	85	59	mst sunny	San Francisco	78	58	sunny
Denver	33	24	snow	Seattle	64	44	mst sunny
Houston	86	65	pt sunny	St. Louis	82	62	pt sunny
Los Angeles	74	60	pt sunny	Washington, DC	71	51	sunny
Miami	83	73	t-storm				

- 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.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

- The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

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## National Day of Prayer observance set Thursday

Herald Staff Report

Crossroads area residents are encouraged to take part in a brief National Day of Prayer program at noon Thursday on the third floor courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse.

Pastor Michael Willard of Cornerstone Church; Chaplain Joel Miller with the Chaplain's Emergency Service; and Tommy Sullivan, Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief are among those scheduled to lead the group in prayer.

The emphasis will be on praying for the country, community and individual needs, but especially for rain.

Thursday's program is expected to last around 30 minutes and will close with the Lord's Prayer.

## Water line break not as serious as thought

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with the city of Big Spring say a water line break reported near Comanche Trail Park Tuesday night wasn't as serious as first thought and area water customers had service through the night and this morning.

Johnny Womack, interim public works director for the municipality, said reports issued by the city following last night's break in the water line may have erred on the side of caution.

"When we first got the report, we were all but sure it was the major 12-inch transmission line in that same area," Womack said. "However, once we were able to get on the scene and get a good look at things, we realized it was a smaller line. I suppose you could say we erred on the side of cautiousness."

According to Womack, if the break had been in the major transmission line, taking action quickly — both in working to repair the line and informing the water customers affected — would have been crucial.

"Letting the customers in that area know about a break like that is vital," Womack said. "Getting the message to conserve water and not do any outside watering would have been pivotal to making sure everyone still had water pressure this morning."

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship

Hall, 400 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

## VOTE

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to Bloom.

"County employees have been warned not to park on the north or south sides of the courthouse, so you can just imagine what that's done to the amount of parking available to the public," Bloom said. "Tuesday, it looked like they were laying asphalt on both sides. In the past, the construction was pretty much limited to one side or the other, but right now it's pretty well a mess on both sides. I imagine that's affected the number of people who have come in to vote early."

Despite the parking woes, Bloom said the voters who have made their way to the polls have had good things to say.

"We've gotten a lot of positive feedback from the voters about the polls being moved to the first floor," she said. "I think that has made it a lot easier on everyone. We haven't had any complaints or questions about the ballot, so things are moving along fairly smoothly."

Bloom said there hasn't appeared to be any confusion regarding one of the mayoral candidates who dropped

out of the race, either.

"Manuel Ramirez Jr., who was one of the mayoral candidates, withdrew from the race. Unfortunately, he withdrew after the deadline for us to make changes to the ballot, so his name is still on the mayoral ticket," Bloom said. "That hasn't caused any obvious confusion as of yet, which I think is a really good sign overall."

Tuesday also marked the first day of extended hours for the early voting polls, according to Bloom. However, voters who missed out on them will get one more shot Thursday.

"Thursday, we'll have

extended hours at the early voting polls," Bloom said. "The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. — the same hours the polls are open on election day. As always, our hope is the extended hours will give people who normally work during regular poll hours a chance to cast their ballots early."

Bloom said branch voting will be held for the Forsan ISD race Tuesday, May 7, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Forsan High School. Forsan voters are being asked to decide whether to approve a \$24.8 million bond which would finance construction of a new building to replace

Elbow Elementary and extensive renovations at the junior high/high school campus.

According to Bloom, voters have until Friday to request a mail-in ballot.

"Voters who are 65 and older, disabled or will be out of the county and unavailable to vote during early voting or election day can apply for a ballot by mail," Bloom said. "If you want to apply, you need to contact the elections office so we can mail out the form. Voters must request this application, it won't automatically be sent out."

Early voting will continue through Tuesday,

May 7, with election day slated for Saturday, May 11. For more information on the election, contact Bloom at 432-264-2273.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

## RATINGS

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and districts on a scale ranging from "Academically Unacceptable" to "Exemplary." Instead, districts and campuses will receive one of three ratings:

- Met Standard — Given to schools and campuses that met accountability targets on all indexes for which they have performance data in 2013
- Met Alternative Standard — Given to schools which met modified performance index

targets for alternative education campuses or districts

- Improvement Required — Given to schools and districts which did not meet one or more performance index targets.

Williams said work will continue on converting this new system into a rating system that gives districts and campuses a letter-grade rating of A to F for 2014.

Forsan Independent School District Superintendent Randy Johnson is a member of the "com-

missioner's cabinet" — a group of administrators who meet periodically and provide recommendations to Williams.

"We asked the commissioner not to move forward with this, because it's going to change almost immediately," Johnson said. "The (Texas) Legislature is meeting about enacting new standards, so soon after (the announced standards) are enacted, they'll be out-dated."

"I'm not thrilled with the fact that these new standards are out and

that we'll have to change it again in the near future," he added.

That uncertainty over exactly what standard schools will have to meet serves no useful purpose, Johnson said.

"Which is it going to be, and why do we keep changing things? That only serves to confuse people," he said. "Let's stick with something."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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# It's always important to laugh

Urban legends can be as funny as the most hilarious jokes and, indeed, sometimes the distinction between the two types of folklore is blurry. Some of the funniest urban legends are, in fact, old or new jokes told convincingly enough to seem true. Does the distinction really matter? Probably not. The important thing is, they make us laugh.

By definition, an urban legend is “an entertaining story or piece of information of uncertain origin that is circulated as though true.” Typically, said stories concern outlandish, humiliating, humorous, terrifying, or supernatural events — events which, in the telling, always seem to happen to someone other than the teller.

I personally love them. To me, it's a kick wondering if it really is the truth — or not so much. One I have always enjoyed is about a farmer whose acreage was near the Iowa-Nebraska border. He farmed the land for many years without ever knowing for sure which of the two states he was producing his crops in. The day came when a surveyor informed him that for tax purposes it was necessary for that determination to be made and so the deed commenced. When the farmer was informed a few days later that his farm was, in fact, in the state of Iowa, he said, “Man, that's great news!” The surveyor asked why he was so happy about the report and the farmer replied joyfully, “No more of them nasty Nebraska winters!”

I'm pretty certain that never really happened, but it's funny just the same. I have never been convinced that fables or tales like that can ever compete with what is documented as factual happenings. For instance, a Charlotte, North Carolina man, having purchased a case of rare, very expensive cigars, insured them against (get this) fire! Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of fabulous cigars, and having yet to make

a single premium payment on the policy, the man filed a claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the man stated that he had lost the cigars “in a series of small fires.” The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason that the man had consumed the cigars in a normal fashion. The man sued — and won! In delivering his ruling, the judge stated that since the man held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that the cigars would be insured against fire, without defining what it considered to be unacceptable fire, it was obligated to compensate the insured for his loss.

Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company grudgingly accepted the judge's ruling and paid the man \$15,000 for the rare cigars he lost in the fires. After the man cashed his check, however, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of arson.

With his personal insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used as evidence against him, the man was convicted of intentionally burning the rare cigars and sentenced to 24 consecutive one-year terms.

We have all had what we would classify as bad days. But this supposedly true story makes me cringe, while at the same time realizing my bad days may not have actually been all that terrible. A man was working on his motorcycle engine out on his patio and somehow, the motorcycle slipped into gear. The man, still holding the handlebars, was dragged through a glass patio door and along with the motorcycle dumped onto the floor inside the house. The wife, hearing the crash, ran into the dining room, and found her husband lying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle next to him and the patio door shattered. The wife ran to the phone and summoned an ambulance. Because they lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several flights of long steps to the street to direct the paramedics to her husband.

After the ambulance arrived

and transported the husband to the hospital, the wife up-righted the motorcycle and pushed it outside. Seeing that gas had spilled on the floor, the wife retrieved some papers towels, blotted up the gasoline, and threw the towels in the toilet. Meanwhile, her husband was treated at the hospital and released to come home.

After arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle. He became despondent, went into the bathroom, sat on the toilet and smoked a cigarette. After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl while still seated. The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard a loud explosion and her husband screaming. She ran into the bathroom and found her husband lying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he was suffering burns on the buttocks, the back of his legs and his groin. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

The same ambulance crew was dispatched and the wife met them at the street. The paramedics loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. While they were going down the stairs to the street accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself. She told them and the paramedics started laughing so hard, one of them tipped the stretcher and dumped the husband out.

He fell down the remaining steps and broke his arm. Now that is a bad day.

Whether your favorite tale is factual or questionable is really not that important. As mentioned at the top of the column, the important thing is that we laugh when we read or hear them. I am reminded that laughter doeth good like a medicine and I hope you enjoy a big dose today.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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# Can Washington replicate FFA fix?

The Pecksniffs of America had nothing but scorn for Congress' vote last week to stop furloughs of air traffic controllers, which were ostensibly mandated under the 2011 Budget Control Act.

Congress failed to act to stop cuts to Head Start and Meals On Wheels, critics sneered, but did stop the Federal Aviation Administration cuts largely because they hit lawmakers where they live — on the planes that fly them to and from their home districts.

Nonsense. Congress did what it was supposed to do. Capitol Hill responded to the flying public's righteous anger. There was a fear factor: If a plane crashed, voters would blame Washington.

Republicans found unused money in the transportation budget. So after Democrats protested and the White House promised to veto any sequester modifications, they fell in line behind an FAA fix; it passed with bipartisan support and was punctuated with a presidential signature.

“Congress is capable of doing

that everywhere if the lawmakers really want to,” budget fellow Patrick Knudsen of the right-leaning Heritage Foundation opined.

It turns out that the Obama White House had miscalculated. It had become increasingly clear that the White House was using the FAA cuts to gin up voter outrage against the sequester cuts. And that wasn't going to fly.

Republicans took care of their constituents — businesspeople.

The real question is: Why haven't Democrats done the same thing if they believe that cuts to Head Start and Meals On Wheels are equally untenable?

Instead, Democrats have supported what, to them, are excruciating cuts because they find the notion of trimming 2.5 percent from a \$3.8 trillion budget to be unthinkable.

It's their Rubicon. They'd rather cut muscle than fat — that is, they'd rather cut welfare programs than find pork to cut in a still-growing federal budget pot.

Drew Hammill, a spokesman for House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, tells me that unlike transportation, welfare budgets are so tight that there's no fat left to trim. He adds that some Republicans have issues with a Senate bill that would cede the authority to make cuts

to the president. But that's not the Democrats' problem.

Liberal Washington Post blogger Ezra Klein thinks Democrats should bend. The Dems tried to kill the sequestration by making its cuts stupid and across-the-board. But the sequestration still lives. If sequestration is permanent, Klein wrote, “they might as well make it a bit less painful.”

Budget guru Steve Bell of the Bipartisan Policy Center used to think that Washington would cave on the sequestration by June because the cuts would be too painful. The former Hill staffer now thinks that won't happen. Except for the FAA cuts, there is little public protest, not even from the defense sector or the welfare lobby.

Bell told me, “I'm not sure there's much else that has the immediate impact on people's daily lives as air travel.”

And what does that tell you?

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Impeccably researched, Chiaverini's book is engrossing.

As Thomas Perry's "Poison Flower" (AUCD F PER T) opens, Jane Whitefield spirits James Shelby, unjustly convicted of his wife's murder, out of the heavily guarded courthouse in downtown LA. However, within minutes, Jane is kidnapped by men posing as police officers who shoot her as she is trying to escape. Shelby escapes. The men try to force her to reveal Shelby's whereabouts, but she refuses. In this unrelenting thriller, Jane must use all the tradition of her Seneca ancestors to outwit her enemies and save James and his sister.

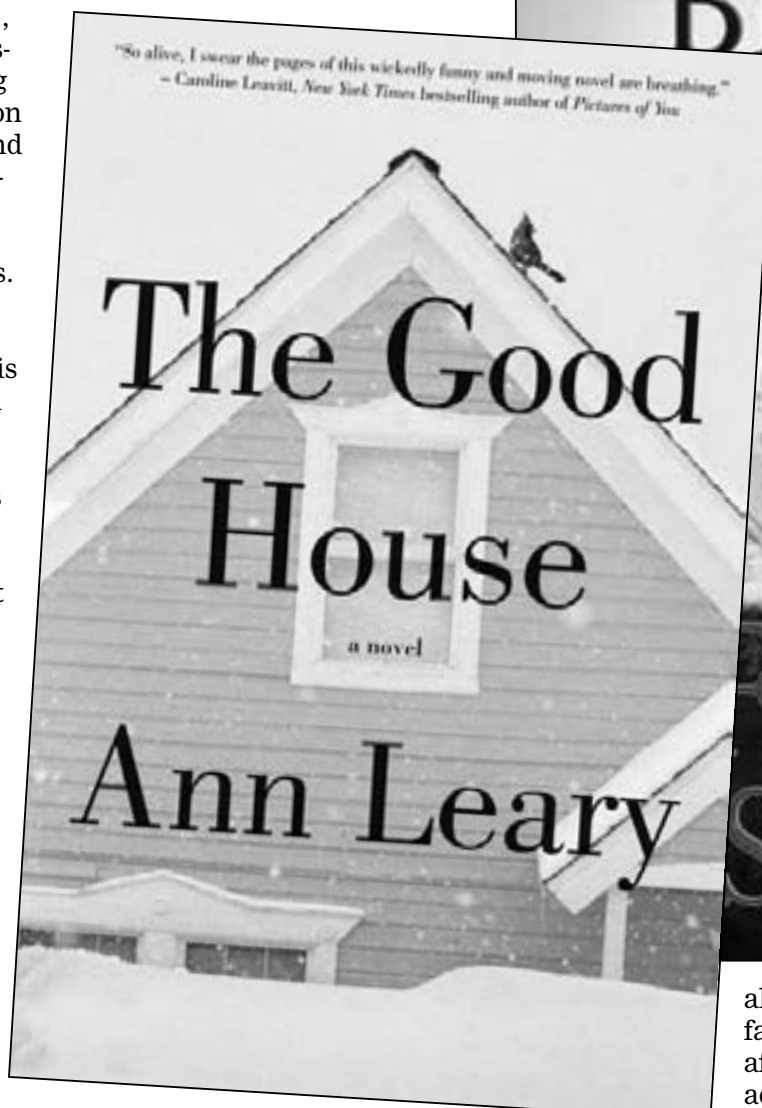
"Supervolcano: All Fall Down" (AUCD F TUR H) by Harry Turtledove, is volume 2 in the Supervolcano trilogy. In it, Turtledove reveals how the survivors of the disaster adapt to their new environment. North America is covered in ash. Farmlands cannot produce food. Machinery has been rendered useless. Cities are no longer habitable. And the climate across the globe grows colder every day. Former police officer Colin Ferguson's family is

spread across the U.S., separated by the catastrophe, and struggling to survive as the nation attempts to recover and reestablish some measure of civilization.

Brad Meltzer is one of my favorite authors. His books are tightly plotted, action goes pretty fast, and there is always an unexpected twist. In "The Fifth Assassin" (AUCD F MEL B), Meltzer pulls together the more than two dozen assassination attempts that have been made on the presidents of the United States (four of which have been successful). What if those four assassins had been working together? What was their purpose? Who do they/did they work for? Why kill the current president? Beecher White, hero of "The Inner Circle" (LP M MEL B) is about to come face to face with the fifth assassin.

In Earlene Fowler's follow up to "The Saddlemaker's Wife" (M FOW E) comes a heartfelt story of Ruby McGavin's return home to Cardinal Valley, Calif. In "The Road to Cardinal Valley," (AUCD F FOW E) Ruby hopes to find the peace and fresh start that her brother Nash so desperately needed. But secrets from the past from their mother Etta, will keep Ruby and Nash struggling until Etta comes to Cardinal Valley to help with the intervention Nash needs.

Ann Leary's "The Good House" (AUCD F LEA A) could be a "Peyton Place" book. Of course, some may not know what that means. It is something that "lays bare the secrets on one little New England town," although in "Peyton Place," the secrets were never told, but hinted at. Hildy Good is a townie, a lifelong resident of the historical community on Boston's North Shore and is even a descendent of one of the "witches" hung in nearby Salem. A successful real-estate broker who is lonely at night since her daughters staged an intervention and sent her off to rehab, she is now in recovery, more



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"Benediction" (AUCD F HAR K) is a continuation of the Holt, CO series by Kent Haruf. When Dad Lewis is diagnosed with terminal cancer, he and his wife, Mary, must work together to make his final days as comfortable as possible. Their daughter, Lorraine, hastens back from Denver to help look after him; her devotion softens the bitter absence of their estranged son, Frank (who is gay). Meanwhile, the town's newly arrived preacher attempts to mend his strained relationships with his wife and teenaged son, a task that proves

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# News in brief

## Justice Department OKs

### Ousting Texas school board

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — State-appointed managers will take over the El Paso Independent School District after the U.S. Department of Justice said it won't oppose ousting the locally elected school board in the wake of a testing scandal at several of high schools.

Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams named the new board of managers in December, saying the replacements were needed to regain the public trust. Williams said he plans to attend the official swearing-in ceremony and the board's first meeting next Tuesday.

The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division told the Texas Education Agency on Monday that it would not oppose the temporary transfer of powers from the district's elected board of trustees to an appointed board of managers, which could serve for up to two years. The Texas agency needed federal clearance under the voting rights law.

"This has been a long process for all those involved," Williams said in a written statement released Tuesday. "But with federal preclearance now secured, these five individuals, who are committed to restoring faith in the El Paso Independent School District, can finally begin their work."

The interim superintendent, Vernon Butler, said at a news conference Tuesday that he will work with the new board to meet its goals. However, he also noted that the ousted board had made policy changes and accepted the resignation or fired employees involved in the scandal to "ensure the illegal actions of the former superintendent never occur in the district again."

The decision to remove the El Paso school board — one of the most severe sanctions a district can receive — came after former Superintendent Lorenzo Garcia pleaded guilty in June to devising a scheme to keep hundreds of low-performing sophomores from taking the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test. Some students were held back in

the ninth grade, while others were told to drop out before the 10th grade accountability tests. Before the removal of the board, the district had already been put on probation by the state.

## Texas Senate approves modest gun measures

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas senators on Tuesday advanced modest changes to state gun laws, trading incremental progress across the political aisle as they approved new penalties for those who seek to buy guns for criminals and voted in favor of allowing college students to keep guns in their cars on campus.

Both measures came with promises made to ease suspicions on the floor of the chamber.

"It shows how we're working together as a Senate," said Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston.

In a 27-4 vote, the Senate approved a bill that would allow college students with concealed handgun licenses to keep their weapons locked in their cars on campus parking lots. Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, assured Democrats his bill would not be extended to include classrooms.

And in a unanimous vote minutes earlier, the Senate approved new criminal penalties for "straw purchasers." Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, assured Republicans that his bill would not be extended to include new restrictions on gun ownership.

Prompted by a spate of mass shootings, gun reform efforts at the federal level have lost momentum since a broad proposal collapsed in a spectacular single day of voting. But in Texas, one of the most permissive states for gun owners, lawmakers have proven willing to consider small changes desired by advocates on both sides of the issue. Proposals to change the number of hours required for a concealed handgun license and to provide funds to train school employees in handgun use have gained bipartisan support.

## Air Force says former Lackland commanders punished

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The U.S. Air Force has revealed it disciplined senior officers at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland for a number of failings that include not properly informing superiors as the worst sex scandal in Air Force history played out.

The Air Education and Training Command, responding to questions from the San Antonio Express-News, acknowledged that five former commanders and a senior noncommissioned officer have been punished. The training command declined to identify them. Of the five commanders, one was a wing commander, another a group commander and three were squadron commanders.

The scandal has seen more than 30 basic training instructors at Lackland investigated for misconduct involving recruits and technical school trainees. A military trial is scheduled to begin Wednesday for Staff Sgt. Emily Allen, the only woman to face charges.

## West explosion takes center stage at state Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The deadly explosion at the West Fertilizer Co. plant is the focus of a special hearing at the Texas Legislature.

State lawmakers on Wednesday are expected to press investigators and regulators for answers about the blast and the risks at similar facilities in Texas. Fourteen people were killed and 200 were injured when the plant exploded two weeks ago in rural farming town of West.

The state fire marshal is leading the investigation. That office is scheduled to testify to the House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee along with officials from seven other agencies.

Gov. Rick Perry has said that spending more state money on inspections would not have prevented the blast. State environmental regulators had last visited the fertilizer plant in 2006.

## Penalty phase starts in courthouse shooting trial

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Testimony opens in the penalty phase of a Houston man's trial in the death of a 79-year-old bystander outside a South-

east Texas courthouse last March.

Prosecutors will ask a Galveston County jury to condemn Bartholomew Granger for killing Minnie Ray Sebolt outside Beaumont's Jefferson County Courthouse.

The jury convicted the 42-year-old Granger of capital murder Tuesday after almost two hours of deliberation. He had admitted that he opened fire on his daughter for testifying against him in a sexual assault case, but he denied shooting Sebolt.

State District Judge Bob Wortham said the trial could last into next week as jurors choose between the death penalty and life imprisonment without parole.

The trial was moved 75 miles from Beaumont to Galveston so jurors wouldn't walk past the crime scene daily.

## Jury selection to begin for trial of former DA

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Jury selection is to begin in Brownsville for the trial of a former South Texas prosecutor swept up in a broad federal investigation of South Texas judicial corruption.

Former Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos faces a host of federal racketeering and conspiracy charges. The trial is scheduled to begin May 13.

Villalobos is accused of taking more than \$100,000 in bribes and kickbacks in exchange for using his prosecutorial discretion.

The federal investigation has netted guilty pleas from former state District Judge Abel Limas and others.

Federal prosecutors charged Villalobos a year ago while he was running for a U.S. House seat.

## 2 killed, 5 hurt in SUV-shuttle crash

BUDA, Texas (AP) — Two people are dead and six others were hospitalized in stable condition after a sport-utility vehicle traveling the wrong way on a road slammed into a shuttle carrying residents of a senior center.

The crash happened about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday on Farm Road 2770 in Buda, 15 miles southwest of Austin.

Buda Police Chief Bo Kidd says the SUV veered into the path of the oncoming shuttle from the Creekside Villas senior community. The 68-year-old man driving the SUV and a 74-year-old woman aboard the shuttle died. Of the six other shuttle occupants, two were taken to University Medical Center-Breckenridge in Austin and four went to Seton Medical Center-Hays in Kyle. All were listed in stable condition.

Police say it's unknown why the SUV veered into the shuttle's path.

## East Texas city urges residents to own firearm

GUN BARREL CITY, Texas (AP) — An East Texas city is staying true to its name by passing a resolution encouraging homeowners to own a firearm.

The city council in Gun Barrel City on Tuesday approved the measure that urges residents to have a weapon in their home, "together with ammunition."

There are exemptions included in the resolution, such as for those with a mental disability or who "conscientiously oppose" having a weapon.

The city 55 miles southeast of Dallas is steeped in firearms: Its logo features two revolvers and the motto is, "We'll shoot straight with you."

## George W. Bush library opening to public

DALLAS (AP) — The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum is set to open to the public following a brief ceremony.

It opens to the public Wednesday morning. The library and museum, along with the 43rd president's policy institute, are housed in the George W. Bush Presidential Center.

The center was dedicated last week in a ceremony featuring comments from Bush and President Barack Obama, along with former Presidents Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter and Bush's father, George H.W. Bush.

## Sudoku Answer on Page 3

# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## The Pause That Refreshes

North is declarer. He has aces in both hands.

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**WEST**  
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♦ 10 9 8  
♣ A K Q J

**EAST**  
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♥ 7 6 5 4  
♦ 7 6 5 4  
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

**SOUTH**  
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## News in brief

### Obama wants more certainty on Syrian chemical weapons use before deciding on U.S. response

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said he wants more information about chemical weapons use in the Syrian civil war before he decides on escalating U.S. military or diplomatic responses, despite earlier assertions that use of such weapons would be a “game-changer.”

With the U.S. disengaging from the unpopular war in Afghanistan and still smarting from the difficult conflict in Iraq, Obama has been reluctant to unleash American military power in the Syrian fighting, a civil war that has killed tens of thousands of people. The president said at a Tuesday news conference that the conflict is a “blemish on the international community generally.”

Obama said the evidence available does not yet merit the quick use of American military power. He has called for the United Nations to investigate.

“What we now have is evidence that chemical weapons have been used inside of Syria, but we don’t know how they were used, when they were used, who used them. We don’t have a chain of custody that establishes what exactly happened. And when I am making decisions about America’s national security and the potential for taking additional action in response to chemical weapon use, I’ve got to make sure I’ve got the facts. That’s what the American people would expect.

### Bangladesh May Day crowds demand worker safety as death toll in collapsed building tops 400

SAVAR, Bangladesh (AP) — Thousands of workers paraded through central Dhaka on May Day to demand safety at work and the death penalty for the owner of a garment factory building that collapsed last week in the country’s worst industrial disaster, killing at least 402 people and injuring 2,500.

A raucous procession of workers on foot, pickup trucks and motorcycles wound its way through central Dhaka on Wednesday. They waved the national flag and banners, beat drums and chanted “direct action!” and “death penalty!”

From a loudspeaker on the back of a truck, a participant spoke for the group: “My brother has died. My sister has died. Their blood will not be valueless.”

May Day protests, customarily an opportunity for workers in this impoverished South Asian nation to vent their grievances, have taken on a poignant significance this year following the April 24 disaster.

Five garment factories were housed in the illegally constructed, eight-story Rana Plaza that collapsed in this Dhaka suburb. Five months after a fire killed 112 people at another clothing factory, the collapse again exposed safety problems in Bangladesh’s garment industry, which is worth \$20 billion annually and supplies retailers around the world.

### Family will claim older Boston bombing suspect’s body, uncle says as investigation deepens

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Relatives of the dead suspect in the Boston Marathon bombing will claim his body now that his wife has agreed to release it, an uncle said as officials in both Washington and Russia deepened their investigations into him and his ties.

The body of Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, has been at the medical examiner’s office in Massachusetts since he died after a gunfight with authorities more than a week ago.

Amato DeLuca, the Rhode Island attorney for his widow, Katherine Russell, said Tuesday that his client had just learned that the medical examiner was ready to release Tsarnaev’s body and that she wants it released to his side of the family.

Police said Tsarnaev ran out of ammunition before his brother, 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, dragged his body under a vehicle while fleeing the scene. His cause of death has been determined but will not be made public until his remains are claimed.

“Of course, family members will take possession of the body,” uncle Ruslan Tsarni of Maryland told The Associated Press on Tuesday night. “We’ll do it. We will do it. A family is a family.”

### Police check possible link to Calif. girl’s death

PLACERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Investigators in Northern California are looking for a possible link between a man accused of breaking into an apartment and trying to kidnap a toddler and the killing of an 8-year-old girl about 45 miles away in Calaveras County.

Police were summoned to the apartment at around 8 a.m. Tuesday after Jason Wryrynen, 44, tried to take a 15-month-old girl from her mother, The Sacramento Bee reported. The mother was able to wrestle her daughter away and struggled with Wryrynen until officers arrived.

While stressing there is “no confirmed nexus” between the two crimes, Placerville police Capt. Mike Scott said there are some similarities between Wryrynen and the description of the suspect in the killing of Leila Fowler in Valley Springs.

Placerville officers were talking to Calaveras County investigators, and a DNA sample was collected from Wryrynen.

Calaveras County officials have been collecting evidence but so far have no suspects in Leila’s killing. She was attacked in her home around noon Saturday.

### FDA allowing 15-year-olds with ID to buy morning-after pill over the counter

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprise twist to the decade-plus effort to ease access to morning-after pills, the government is lowering the age limit to 15 for one brand — Plan B One-Step — and will let it be sold over the counter.

Today, Plan B and its generic competition are sold behind pharmacy counters, and people must prove they’re 17 or older to buy the emergency contraception without a prescription. A federal judge had ordered an end to those sales restrictions by next Monday.

But Tuesday, the Food and Drug Administration approved a different approach: Plan B could sit on drugstore shelves next to condoms, spermicides or other women’s health products — but to make the purchase, buyers must prove they’re 15 or older at the cash register.

Manufacturer Teva Women’s Health, which had applied for the compromise path, said it planned to make the switch in a few months.

The question is whether Tuesday’s action settles the larger court fight. Earlier this month, U.S. District Judge Edward Korman of New York blasted the Obama administration for imposing the age-17 limit, saying it had let election-year politics trump science and were making it hard for women of any age to obtain emergency contraception in time for it to work.

### Ayotte defends vote against gun control; daughter of Newtown victim confronts her

WARREN, N.H. (AP) — A woman whose mother was killed in last year’s school shooting in Newtown, Conn., confronted Sen. Kelly Ayotte Tuesday during the senator’s first public appearance in New Hampshire since voting against gun control legislation.

About 150 people attended the town hall meeting, where Ayotte defended her vote against a bill that would have required criminal and mental health background checks for people buying guns online or at gun shows.

After the vote two weeks ago, the New Hampshire Republican, a former prosecutor, expressed concern that expanded background checks could harm the rights of gun owners.

“I’m just wondering why the burden of my mother being gunned down in the halls of her elementary school isn’t as important,” WMUR-TV reported Erica Lafferty asking.

Lafferty’s mother, Dawn Hochsprung, was the principal of Sandy Hook Elementary School, where 20 pupils and six educators were slain in December. She died after lunging at the gunman to try to stop him from firing.

### Republicans excited, but Democrats have advantage in 8-week sprint to Mass. special election

BOSTON (AP) — National Republicans cheered former Navy SEAL Gabriel Gomez’s Massachusetts primary victory, but Democratic Congressman Ed Markey enjoys tremendous advantages in the special election to replace former U.S. Sen. John Kerry.

Tuesday’s primary elections set up an eight-week sprint to the June 25 election.

In Markey, the race pits a longtime liberal politician known for environmental advocacy against Gomez, a fresh-faced social moderate with a distinguished biography and untested political skills. On paper, it looks like a competitive contest, but

Republicans quietly concede that Markey is the strong favorite in a state where only around 11 percent of voters are registered Republicans.

“As we’ve shown before in the state, anything can happen in a special election,” said Republican strategist Ron Kaufman, Massachusetts’ national committeeman.

Indeed, little-known Republican state Sen. Scott Brown stunned Democrats in his 2010 special election U.S. Senate victory in a contest that became a referendum on Obama’s healthcare overhaul. So far, at least, this race has drawn little national interest, even before being overshadowed by the Boston Marathon bombings.

### Detroit wall dividing whites and blacks in 1940s remains, spurs art, jobs and object lessons

DETROIT (AP) — When Eva Nelson-McClendon first moved to Detroit’s Birwood Street in 1959, she didn’t know much about the wall across the street. At 6 feet tall and a foot thick, it wasn’t so imposing, running as it did between houses on her street and one over. Then she started to hear the talk.

Neighbors told her the wall was built two decades earlier with a simple aim: to separate homes planned for middle-class whites from blacks who had already built small houses or owned land with plans to build.

“That was the division line,” Nelson-McClendon, now, 79, says from the kitchen of her tidy, one-story home on the city’s northwest side. “Blacks lived on this side, whites was living on the other side. ... That was the way it was.”

That’s not the way it is anymore. But the wall remains, a physical embodiment of racial attitudes that the country long ago started trying to move beyond.

And slowly, in subtle ways, it is evolving into something else in its community, something unexpected: an inspiration.

### SD tribe faces deadline, \$4.9M price to block development near Wounded Knee massacre site

ST. JOHNS, S.D. (AP) — A small patch of prairie sits largely unnoticed off a desolate road in southwestern South Dakota, tucked amid gently rolling hills and surrounded by dilapidated structures and hundreds of gravesites — many belonging to Native Americans massacred more than a century earlier.

The assessed value of the property: less than \$14,000. The seller’s asking price: \$4.9 million.

Tribal members say the man who owns a piece of the Wounded Knee National Historic Landmark on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is trying to profit from their suffering. It was there, on Dec. 29, 1890, that 300 Native American men, women and children were killed by the 7th Cavalry in the final battle of the American Indian Wars.

James Czywczynski, whose family has owned the property since 1968, is trying to sell the 40-acre fraction of the historic landmark and another 40-acre parcel for a total of \$4.9 million. He has given the Oglala Sioux Tribe until Wednesday to agree to the price or plans to open it up to outside investors.

Earlier this month Czywczynski said he had three offers from West Coast-based investment groups interested in buying the land for the original asking price.

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Grady senior Ellyn Avery recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Midland College. Avery is a standout athlete in basketball and track. She was an all-state hoops selection and led the Lady Wildcats in scoring. Also pictured is Midland College Head Basketball Coach Ron Jones.

### Sports Calendar

#### THURSDAY

##### State Golf

• Big Spring (boys) at state tournament (through Friday), Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Austin.

##### Softball Playoffs

• Howard College vs. Midland College or Western Texas College, Region V championship tournament (Game 1), 2:30 p.m. Lubbock Christian University.  
• Coahoma vs. Eldorado, area round - Game 1, San Angelo Lake View, 7 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

##### Softball Playoffs

• Big Spring vs. Andrews, area round - Game 1, Muggs Field, Midland, 6 p.m.  
• Coahoma vs. Muleshoe, area round - Game 1, Lubbock Cooper, 6:30 p.m.

##### Baseball Playoffs

• Big Spring vs. Pecos, bi-district round - Game 1, Andrews, 7 p.m.  
• Forsan vs. Van Horn, bi-district round - Game 1, Monahans, 6 p.m.

##### Baseball

• Odessa College at Howard College, doubleheader, Jack Barber Field, noon (final home games).

#### SATURDAY

##### Softball Playoffs

• Big Spring vs. Andrews, area round - Game 2, Muggs Field, Midland, 1 p.m., Game 3 (if necessary), 30 mins after Game 2 concludes.  
• Forsan vs. Eldorado, bi-district round - Game 2, San Angelo Central, 1 p.m., Game 3 (if necessary), 3 p.m.  
• Coahoma vs. Muleshoe, area round - Game 2, Lubbock Cooper, 10 a.m., Game 3 (if necessary), 30 minutes after Game 2 concludes.

##### Baseball Playoffs

• Big Spring vs. Pecos, bi-district round - Game 2, Andrews, 11 a.m., Game 3 (if necessary), 30 minutes after Game 3 concludes.  
• Forsan vs. Van Horn, bi-district round - Game 2, Monahans, 1 p.m., Game 3 (if necessary), 30 minutes after Game 2 concludes.

##### Baseball

• Howard College at Odessa College, doubleheader, noon (regular season finale).

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

## Hawks trounce Westerners, 12-0

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

SNYDER — Howard College Head Baseball Coach Britt said the Hawks played one of their best games of the season Tuesday as they shut out Western Texas College, 12-0, but it was also the last non-conference affair for HC as it prepares for their final Western Junior College Athletic Conference series with Odessa College this weekend.

The offense was active as Nick Bullington went 2-3 and hit a solo home run, Brennan Johnson went 3-4 and recorded three RBI, Omar Garcia picked up a RBI and went 2-4 at the plate and Reed Seeley went 2-3 with a walk.

Smith also credits right-handed pitcher Diego Rodriguez for a quality showing on the mound in his first start.

“Rodriguez pitched very well,” Smith said. “He went five innings in his first start. He threw strikes and we only walked one guy. We also played well defensively — we turned three double plays.”

The Hawks (33-19, 21-11) need to win two-of-four games against the Wranglers to earn a spot at the Region V Championship Tournament in Grand Prairie — a change from Smith’s usual conference-clinching squads, but still alive nonetheless.

“We have to play well, it’s that simple,” Smith said. “Whenever we put together all three phases of the game, we win. We need to put together quality games. If we play well 50 percent of the time this weekend, we should be OK. It depends on which team shows up.”

Brian Drapeau, Tommy Burns, David Gates and David Palladino — Smith’s

most reliable arms — will each get a start on the mound during the four-game series which will decide Howard College’s postseason fate.

“It could work to our advantage,” Smith added. “Usually, we clinch and don’t have much to play for the last month of the season. This team just isn’t as talented, or they aren’t as motivated — I don’t know. Maybe we are starting to play a little better. I’d like to think we’re going to win at least two games against Odessa.”

The four-game finale will begin at Jack Barber Field on Friday at noon. Games three and four will be held in Odessa on Saturday, also beginning at noon.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com

## Darvish gets boost from bats, Texas tops ChiSox 10-6

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Yu Darvish could’ve made things a lot easier on himself if only his foot had found the bag.

The Texas Rangers still won another game, and so did Darvish.

Texas scored six times in the sixth to break it open right after Darvish had missed first base and given up a tying home run, beating the Chicago White Sox 10-6 on Tuesday night.

“If I had touched the bag that would have ended the inning and I wouldn’t have given up the home run,” Darvish said through his translator. “But I think the home run fired up our team, and we scored a lot of runs after that, so I think it turned out to be a good one.”

Darvish (5-1) became the first Texas pitcher in 15 years to win five times in April, overcoming a shaky start with the help of some big hits — and that big inning.

Mitch Moreland, who had three hits, delivered a go-ahead double in the sixth and Adrian Beltre capped the burst with a two-run homer. The bases were loaded when Beltre got to the plate before two wild pitches by Nate Jones allowed two runs.

The Rangers were coming off consecutive losses for the first time this season, and were shut out in Minnesota in their last game Sunday.

“We were what, 11 innings before we scored a run, then we got some big hits, and just kept coming,” manager Ron Washington said.

Nelson Cruz and Jeff Baker homered on consecutive pitches in the fourth off White Sox starter Jose Quintana. Texas scored twice more in the fifth when Ian Kinsler had his fifth double in five games, driving in a run before he scored on a single by Elvis Andrus.

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## Wild Humber hurts Astros in loss to Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) — Considering his previous two outings, Phil Humber was pleased with his performance against the New York Yankees.

Still, it wasn’t good enough.

Humber threw four wild pitches in giving up four runs, and the Houston Astros failed to take advantage of Hiroki Kuroda’s rough start in a 7-4 loss Tuesday night.

“I feel like I threw the ball well. I’m a little bit frustrated, but it’s part of the game,” Humber said. “Just keep working harder, keep getting better.”

Kuroda (4-1) threw 67 pitches in the first three innings, putting at least two runners on in each one. But just as he did in his previous start, he got into a better rhythm and retired 14 of his final 15 batters.

The right-hander won his fourth straight decision, matching a career best. He walked four for the second time this season.

“If we could have gotten a few runs earlier with the opportunities that we had and made a couple of the crucial break-point plays, then the outcome could have been a little different,” Houston manager Bo Porter said.

The Astros didn’t take batting practice one night after amassing 17 hits. They had several early opportunities against Kuroda but looked a lot more like the young, free-swinging club they are than they did on Monday. They struck out 12 times

With two on in the first, Carlos Pena struck out and Chris Carter grounded out. Jose Altuve grounded into a fielder’s choice with the bases loaded in the second and Houston went down three in a row following Jason Castro’s double and Pena’s walk to open the third.

After Pena’s walk, Kuroda allowed just one batter to reach — a leadoff single in the fifth by Altuve. Kuroda struck out five after the walk and had eight Ks overall.

“Today, like last outing, my balance was off, mechanically,” he said through a translator. “My release point was off, too.”

While Kuroda found his groove, Humber (0-6) looked spooked with runners on.

The right-hander entered having given up 18 hits and 15 runs over his last two starts and got in trouble right away.

Brett Gardner walked and stole second, Ichiro Suzuki had an infield hit and, after Pena made a fine stab behind first base on Robinson Cano’s sharp grounder, Travis Hafner hit an opposite-field single to left for the first run.

The Astros turned their fifth double play of the series and major league-leading 36th to end the threat.

Suzuki struck out but reached on a wild pitch in the third and scored on Hafner’s hit to center field. In the fifth, the Yankees used three singles, two wild pitches and a grounder by Jayson Nix to score twice.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Is this idiotic or what?  
— California

**Dear California:** It would be rude to read the paper in such a way that your hosts must wait for you to finish, or that you drag sections of it all over the house and fill in all the clues to the crossword puzzle. But there is nothing wrong with reading the paper early, putting it back together nicely and having it available to your hosts when they awaken.

You can resolve this simply enough. When you arrive, inform your hosts that you are an early riser, and ask whether they would mind if you fetch their paper and read it with your coffee, promising to keep it in pristine condition for when they are ready to read it. You also could offer to go to the local coffee shop and bring back coffee and muffins (and a newspaper) for everyone else.

**Dear Annie:** I need to vent. My daughter, my 8-year-old granddaughter and I recently went to a

Broadway show.  
After we were seated, a woman, her young daughter and her mother sat next to us. The woman was rather large, but instead of taking the aisle seat, she gave that to her mother and sat next to me. She was practically sitting on top of the chair arms due to her size and was taking up part of my space.

At the end of the show, she told us we would need to climb over her because her knees hurt and she couldn't move yet. I'm sure her knee problems are due to her size.

This woman looked to be in her mid-30s. At this rate, she might not live long enough to see her daughter reach adulthood. Don't you think she should have taken the aisle seat? — *Loved the Show, Disliked the Seat*

**Dear Loved:** It seems logical that the person with the most difficulty moving would prefer the aisle seat, but perhaps the woman's mother

insisted on taking it. When stuck in these situations, there isn't much you can do other than show tolerance for two hours.

**Dear Annie:** I had to laugh when I read "Frustrated Cook's" letter. I remember how my parents battled with me over eating broccoli when I was a kid. I was forced to finish it, so I would wash small bites down with my sweet tea, as if they were pills.

I'm 48 now, and broccoli is one of my favorite foods. However, I can no longer tolerate sweet tea. I think texture is often the issue, as it was for me. When I had kids, I never forced them to eat what I fixed. I gave them the option of making themselves a peanut butter sandwich if they did not want to eat my meals, but I also did not prepare a separate dish for them. — *Memphis Mama*

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## Pet Talk: Understanding, overcoming your pet's fears

While many of us would like to believe our little puppy is fearless, the truth is that there are many things a pet will experience that may frighten it at first as it attempts to understand more.

"Pets can be fearful of all types of things," says Dr. Mark Stickney, Clinical Associate Professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM). "Thunderstorms, fireworks, cars, and even children can all potentially be sources of fear for a pet."

Pets become scared because they, like all animals, have evolved to recognize threats. Animal's fear physiology is similar to that of humans with the heart rate, blood pressure, and body temperature rising when frightened. Dogs, bred as pack animals, need to be with their owners when afraid. Cats, being more solitary, hide when scared and may be less destructive.

The critical socialization period — 8 to 12 weeks of age — is an important factor in shaping the behavior of both puppies and kittens. During this time, the pet should have its first vaccinations and then exposed to all sources of stimuli including people, things, and sounds.

"If you plan to have the animal accompany you while horseback riding, take it to a place where it can see and smell horses. If you



plan to take the animal along during hunting, take it to the field where it can see and hear gunshots," said Stickney.

Crate training is also imperative from the first day the pet comes home. This gives the pet a place to feel safe when you leave the house.

"The crate should always be a safe and happy place. The pet should never be put in these crates to be punished or for any negative experience," said Stickney.

One way to overcome fear is to expose the pet to the source of its fear and reward them for when they are brave.

"Some dogs experience anxiety and become distressed when they hear keys being picked up. One way to desensitize them is to frequently pick up keys and then sit back at home or leave the house for a minute and then come back. The pet will slowly recognize to ignore these cues,"

said Stickney.

A current market trend is tight-fitting pet jackets to aid in behavior. While these may help, they are shown to mostly aid in modifying mild behavior problems.

"The idea is that animals feel safe and secure when they are compressed, just like babies when they are swaddled," said Stickney.

To aid in more severe fears, specialized veterinary behaviorists prescribe a combination of behavioral medication and pharmacological treatments.

"Pharmacologic therapy only serves to help the behavior modification, there is no such thing as a single solution to fix the problem," said Stickney.

"The sooner you address these issues, the better it is because these fears do not go away on their own," said Stickney. "Nothing is easy about rearing a puppy. It's a big responsibility, but there are incredible benefits if you put in the time and effort early on."

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## Helpful tips for first time pet owners



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For years, research has shown that having a pet can be very beneficial to a person's health. In addition to warming your heart, a cute and cuddly friend can also help protect it by helping to lower your blood pressure, reduce stress, and improve your overall mood.

From online websites to local drives, the opportunity to adopt is abundant. Millions of dogs and cats are looking for their forever home. With the many joys associated with pet ownership, there are also many things to consider. Here are several tips to be mindful of regardless of whether you are a first-time or seasoned pet parent:

• **Visit the Vet:** Get your new buddy checked out at your local veterinarian's office. While many pet adoptions include a complete medical check-up with the adoption fee, it's still important to ensure they are up-to-date on all shots and preventatives. The vet is also a valuable resource to answer any questions you may have about the proper care of your new companion.

• **Get to Grooming:** Many people think it's only "for the dogs," but both canines and felines need to be groomed on a regular basis. Though this task may seem uncomfortable for your pet, beginning this routine will make the task more predictable for them. Your vet can help you select the proper brush and bath supplies for your pet.

• **Avoid Odors and Stains:** Accidents happen so be sure that you have a plan to fight stains and odor with the proper household cleaners. For your feline friends, make sure that the litter box is easily accessible. A litter like ARM & HAMMER® Ultra Last Clumping Cat Litter is long-lasting, with powerful odor destroyers to continuously eliminate even the worst odors and keep your home smelling fresh and clean.

• **Pet-Proof Your Home:** Make sure your home is a safe haven for your new furry friend, from the floor to the ceiling. Cats love to scratch and dogs love to chew. Providing them with the proper toys will not only keep them happy, but will also help protect your furniture and personal items.

• **Instill Good Behavior:** Begin good behavior habits from the moment you bring your pet home. Though nipping may seem adorable at first, this behavior may become a pattern that could become

a big problem later. Use simple words to praise and command, setting boundaries and confirming you are the boss. For more formal training, seek your local animal trainer or enroll your pooch in an obedience class.

### Mercurial May Day

Mercury has a change in tone this May Day, leaving the excitement of Aries for the steady progress of Taurus. In the sign of the bull, the communication master reminds us that he is also the ruler of commerce. (It's no coincidence that the word "merchant" shares the first four letters of his name.) Money is indeed a clear form of communication.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Meeting other people's definition of success can only be a hollow win. Decide what is important to you, and cut out the rest. Then you'll be well on your way to an outcome that meets your own definition of success.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You won't think about what you want without considering what it takes to get there. Winners take chances. Heroes endure personal risks to help others. VIPs act to make others feel important.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Quality products cost more money and are worth the price. Often the manufacturers of these items are willing to let you try before you buy. Take them up on

that kind of offer today.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Because you are emotionally centered and morally grounded, you are likely to make excellent decisions in the days to come. You just might tackle your current challenges without a scintilla of doubt.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Stay calm. Remove yourself from stressors. Go easy. If you get angry, you'll only get angry again later with yourself for allowing yourself to lose your cool in the first place.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The creative urge of yesterday is not going away, though it may be another week before you have all of the resources necessary to execute it properly. Develop your plans on paper.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You strive to be articulate — not because you want to sound smart, but because you sense that the strong love you feel would best be communicated with beautiful words, artfully ordered.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Believing something does not automatically make it a fact. You will either do research or you will leave an opening in your line of thinking for proof or disproof.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's something you've wanted to accomplish for several weeks, but life seems to push back your plans again and again.

You'll have to strengthen your resolve to tackle this.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have confidence in your gifts, but you also know that no one has all the answers. This humbles you. You will experience profound connection when you share your wisdom and listen to the wisdom of others.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll find yourself in a new place without a clear guide after which to model yourself. Observe the people who look like they know what they're doing. Ask for tips about what's appropriate.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't really compete to win. You love the rush of the game. Of course, the rush is always more tangible when you're winning, which is why you focus so intently today.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 1). Your work will be highly rated, and there is something even better than winning that comes of this event: You'll no longer care what others think. You are free to create to your own liking. Memorable social arrangements occur over the next seven weeks. July sees you traveling. Commitments are cemented in September. Cancer and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 4, 44, 19 and 30.

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Terrier Mix  
Small  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope



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"JIFF IS MY BFF... BEST FURRY FRIEND!"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"When we get older, running won't be fun. It'll just be exercise."

### HAGAR

WHAT'S THE NAVIGATOR TRYING TO... I'M NOT SURE... BUT I GUESS IT'S SOMETHING LIKE... WE'RE ALL DOOMED!

### BC

WHADE, WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY? A DIVORCE!

### WIZARD OF ID

I WANT PLANNING ON SPENDING THAT MUCH.

### BLONDIE

A HISTORY WERE STANDING HOW PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING WITH ANOTHER FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS... WE'VE NEVER LEARN TO GET ALONG... HEY!! KEEP YOUR HEDGE!! IT'S MY HEDGE!!

### AGNES

AGNES, WHAT IS SIXTEEN TIMES TEN? THEORETICALLY... THEORETICALLY IT'S ONE HUNDRED GRASS... BUT I'M PREPARED TO DEBATE THAT ON MANY LEVELS... WHOEVER HEARD OF BATH WITHOUT DEBATE?

### HI AND LOIS

I HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS AND SO FEW ANSWERS... WOULD YOU LIKE SOME STRAWED SPINACH? NO!... FORTUNATELY I HAVE ONE GOOD ANGER.

### This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 1, the 121st day of 2013. There are 244 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On May 1, 1963, James W. Whittaker became the first American to conquer Mount Everest as he and Sherpa guide Nawang Gombu reached the summit.
- On this date: In 1707, the Kingdom of Great Britain was created as a treaty merging England and Scotland took effect.
- In 1786, Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna.
- In 1898, Commodore George Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American naval force destroyed a Spanish squadron in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.
- In 1911, the song "I Want a Girl (Just Like the Girl That Married Dear Old Dad)," by Harry Von Tilzer and Will Dillon, was first published.
- In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated. Singer Kate Smith made her debut on CBS Radio on her 24th birthday.
- In 1941, the Orson Welles motion picture "Citizen Kane" premiered in New York.
- In 1960, the Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane over Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.
- In 1961, the first U.S. airline hijacking took place as Antulio Ramirez Ortiz, a Miami electrician, commandeered a National Airlines plane that was en route to Key West, Fla., and forced the pilot to fly to Cuba.
- In 1963, the Coca-Cola Co. began marketing TaB, its first low-calorie beverage.
- In 1971, the intercity passenger rail service Amtrak went into operation.
- In 1982, the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn., was opened by President Ronald Reagan.
- In 1992, on the third day of the Los Angeles riots, a visibly shaken Rodney King appeared in public to appeal for calm, pleading, "Can we all get along?"

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Scott Carpenter is 88. Country singer Sonny James is 84. Singer Judy Collins is 74. Actor Stephen Macht is 71. Singer Rita Coolidge is 68. Pop singer Nick Fortuna (The Buckingham) is 67. Actor-director Douglas Barr is 64. Actor Dann Florek is 62. Singer-songwriter Ray Parker Jr. is 59. Hall of Fame jockey Steve Cauthen is 53. Actress Maia Sverdlovsk is 51. Country singer Wayne Hancock is 48. Actor Charlie Schlatter is 47. Country singer Tim McGraw is 46. Rock musician Johnny Colt is 45. Rock musician D'Arcy is 45. Movie director Wes Anderson is 44. Actress Julie Benz is 41. Actor Bailey Chase is 41. Country singer Cory Morrow is 41.

Answers to previous puzzle:

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### THE OTHER COAST

WHAT'S WATCHING, SAKURA? AN END-OF-THE-WORLD FLICK CALLED "DOKUSAY TERROR!"... WHAT DISASTER IS IT THIS TIME GANT? TINA WAVES? MASSIVE DANCES? ROGUE WINDAVES?... THE WORLD RUNS OUT OF DOGS BISCUITS... WHAT KIND OF WASTED MIND THROWS UP THESE PHOTOS? THERE ARE SOME SCENES I CANNOT BRING MYSELF TO WATCH!

### SNUFFY SMITH

WHOA!! HE'S A LVELY ONE!!... I'LL SAY!! HE COULD RUN FER OFFICE!!... FLIP!! FLOP!! FLIP-FLOP!! FLIP-FLOP!!

### BEEBLE BAILEY

LOOK! I GOT A VALENTINE FROM BEEBLE... HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S FROM BEEBLE?... BECAUSE IT'S THREE MONTHS LATE... OH

### Newsday Crossword

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# Ladies Golf Association News

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association couple's play results: First place was won by the team of Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth and

John and Gus Leonardi with a five-under par. Second place was Howard and Trish Gabbard and George & Betty Murphy with a

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# RANGERS

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Geovany Soto drew a one-out walk in the sixth off reliever Matt Lindstrom (1-2). Moreland's double made it 5-4, and he scored on a single by Kinsler.

The last Texas pitchers to win five games in April were Aaron Sele and Rick Helling in 1998. Darvish leads the majors with 58 strikeouts in 38 2-3 innings and nine more in his six

innings. Darvish had thrown 18 consecutive scoreless innings before the White Sox, whose .229 batting average coming into the game was tied for the worst in the AL, scored twice and had four hits only six batters into the game. Darvish had allowed three hits in each of his three previous starts.

"I really couldn't get into my rhythm from the beginning, and it wasn't really a smooth outing," Darvish said. "He had a rough first

inning, then he put up four zeroes," Washington said. "It all started when he didn't touch first base, but he left a breaking ball up, the first mistake I felt like he made. Fortunately enough, we were able to put some runs on the board to pick him up. He picked us up."

Chicago got even at 4 with two outs in the sixth when Dewayne Wise hit a two-run homer, the first home run off Darvish this season. That came a batter after Darvish failed to get his foot down on first base to complete what would have been an inning-ending double play.

Moreland fielded Hector Gimenez's grounder to first and threw to second. Darvish took shortstop Elvis Andrus' relay throw and caught the ball in time for the out, but he wasn't on the base and unsuccessfully reached back to try to touch it with his foot.

Darvish immediately patted his chest with his hand, acknowledging his mistake, and even smiled. A few seconds later, he hung a slow breaking pitch over the center of the plate to Wise, who snapped an 0-for-15 slide with four hits. Darvish then struck out Alejandro De Aza to end the inning.

After scoring two quick runs, the White Sox had two runners on with one out in the second without scoring.

"You're not going to get all of them, but you miss those opportunities and you kick yourself. You have those opportunities and you got to try to cash them in," White Sox manager Robin Ventura said. "You get a couple in the first, you come up again and you get two guys on, and you think, a base hit right here, you're feeling pretty good about it. But he's not easy to hit, either, so it makes it tough."

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