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Early voting begins April 27 for municipal, school elections

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Early voting in municipal and school district elections begin in a week.

Ballots can be cast for Big Spring and Coahoma city and school district races on Monday, April 27 through Tuesday, May 5, at the election office located on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

Voting will be held during normal business hours. Extended voting hours will be held on Thursday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days.

The county is still accepting applications to receive a ballot by mail. The cut off date to apply for a mail-in ballot is 5 p.m. April 30. To request an application, call Brooke Wells at 432-264-2273.

People who qualify to vote by mail are those who will be out of the county during the early voting period and election day; persons who are age 65 years and older; or are sick and disabled or are confined to jail during the early voting period and on Election day.

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Coming up

- Big Spring Powwow, Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, tickets \$3 for adults, children younger than 12 are free.

- Child Abuse Awareness Prevention, April 30, 6 p.m. hosted by SMMC.

- Healthy YOU! kick-off, May 7, Big Spring Country Club, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For tickets call 432-268-4699.

STAAR rally

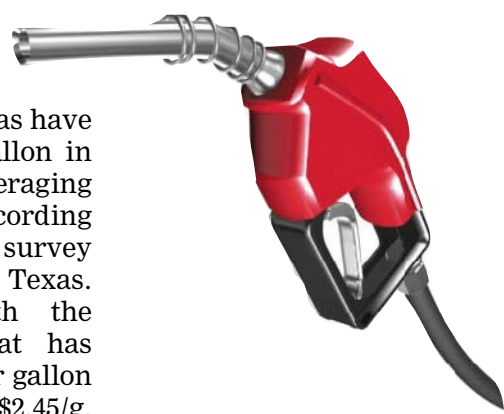


HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody
Students at Washington Elementary School participated in a pep rally Friday afternoon to let off a little steam before STAAR testing which began today. The rally included pep talks, cheers and dancing with even a few – ok, much more than a few — teachers joining in on the fun.



Gas prices edge slightly up in Texas

Special to the Herald



Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 5.0 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.26/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 6.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.45/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 122.1 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 3.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 2.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 121.5 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"Oil prices saw notable gains last week, rising to new 2015 highs. That translated into some hefty gasoline price increases in some states, while none were left behind. All fifty states saw gasoline prices move higher," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst. "Largest price increases were witnessed in the Northeast and East, with New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire,

South Carolina and Massachusetts all seeing average rise over 10c/gal. I would lay blame for these increases on over-sensitive traders, who bid oil prices higher last week after oil inventories rose at their smallest amount since January. Also entering the equation is that U.S. domestic oil output fell last week, perhaps a harbinger of what's to come," DeHaan said.

About GasBuddy.com
 GasBuddy is the premiere source for real-time local gas prices. Founded in 2000, GasBuddy.com developed as an initiative to provide consumers access to local, current gas prices. Through the GasBuddy.com website and the free GasBuddy mobile app, users can find and share gas prices with fellow drivers, saving big money at the pump.

FISD now accepting transfer applications

The time period to transfer into the Forsan ISD system as a student for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade must have their transfer application to the school by May 29. Students in grades sixth through 12 have until July 30. Guidelines, timelines and applications are available at each Forsan ISD campus.

BSISD memorial tree dedication set for May 1

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A tree dedication ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, at Blankenship Field. The trees will serve as a living monument honoring Big Spring High School students who died while still enrolled at the school.

This year, former students Shelley Lopez (Class of 2017), Lynn Davis (Class of 1982), and Dave Thomas (Class of 1970) will be honored.

"The public is invited to attend," said George Bancroft, BSISD community relations coordinator. "Shelley Lopez' and Lynn Davis' tree and

plaque sets were donated by their families. Members of the Class of 1970 donated the tree and plaque set for Dave Thomas."

The Memory Tree program was introduced this year and the district intends to make this opportunity available annually. The trees

will be planted 40-feet apart beginning just south of the bleachers at Blankenship field.

For more information, contact George Bancroft at Big Spring ISD Central Office by phone at 432-264-3600 or via email at gbancroft@bsisd.esc18.net.

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Group seeks rehiring of workers at 5 closed Wal-Mart stores

NEW YORK (AP) — A group made up of Wal-Mart workers is asking labor regulators to go to court to force the discounter to rehire all 2,200 employees affected by the abrupt temporary closing of five stores a week ago.

The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union filed the charge on behalf of OUR Walmart with the National Labor Relations Board on Monday, arguing the closings were retaliation for labor activism. Wal-Mart says it closed the stores to fix plumbing issues.

One affected store, in Pico Rivera, Calif., has been a hotbed for worker protests against Wal-Mart. It was the first store to wage such protests, in October 2012. The other stores are in Midland and Livingston, Texas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Brandon, Florida.

"This is a new low, even for Wal-Mart," Venanzi Luna, an eight-year Wal-Mart worker and member of OUR Walmart, said in a statement. "Through OUR Wal-Mart, we're going to keep fighting back until the company gives us our jobs back."

Wal-Mart couldn't immediately be reached for comment on the action. But it has argued it closed the stores because of major plumbing issues, not because of worker protests.

Wal-Mart spokesman Lorenzo Lopez told *The Associated Press* that the stores would remain shuttered for up to six months. The company has said that the workers would be put on paid leave for two months and it would look to transfer some to nearby stores.

He did acknowledge that it was atypical for Wal-Mart to temporarily close stores for plumbing issues but said the company wanted to improve the customer experience.

"We understand this decision has been difficult on our associates and our customers and we aim to reopen these stores as soon as these issues are resolved and improvements are made," Wal-Mart said in a statement.

Lopez noted that the stores have had between 100 and 140 service calls for plumbing issues, the highest incidence of plumbing issues in its 4,500 stores. He declined to elaborate on specific problems but

said they involved water leakage and that equipment needed to be cleaned out.

He also said the retailer would look to make other updates to the stores. Lopez said the company has not filed any local construction permits because it still is assessing what needs to be done.

The worker group wants the labor board to seek a court injunction, which can be quicker than typical NLRB proceedings, the group said.

Wal-Mart has gotten itself in trouble for similar actions. In June 2014, the Canadian Supreme Court ruled that Wal-Mart had violated labor laws when it closed a store in Quebec. The employees in that location had voted to join a union. That made it the first unionized store in North America just before the store was closed.

Wal-Mart has been making moves to increase pay for its workers. The company announced in February that it was increasing the minimum wage it pays its hourly workers to at least \$9 this month and to at least \$10 in February 2016. The federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour.

Take Note

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May 2014 and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the fall 2015. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2015. For more information or for an application form, visit www.westtexas.com. The deadline for current A&M students is June 1.

- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance will be held from 7-10 p.m. Thursday at the Colorado City Civic Center. Live music features Mike Porter and Kevin Rainwater. Cost is \$5 per person.

- Healthy YOU! Kick-off event has been scheduled for May 7 at the Big Spring County Club. There will be a free health fair from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$40 a person or \$350 a table. Please RSVP to Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721 to purchase tickets.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous will hold a 4th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, May 9, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will include food, fun and fellowship along with multiple speakers throughout the day. The group meets at Spring Town Plaza (near Attitudes Hair Salon, down from Bealls).

- SOS — Save Our Symphony. The Big Spring Symphony Association needs funds to help pay off debts occurred in this past symphony season. Contributions can be made to the Big Spring Symphony, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or can be directly deposited to the symphony's account at Western Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. For more information, contact Symphony President Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- The Howard College Dance Department will stage concerts at 7:30 p.m. April 24-25 at the Hall Center for the Arts. General admission is \$5; students and faculty tickets are \$3. To make reservations, call 432-264-5161.

- For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

- The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began

last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- 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 432-263-9669.

- 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, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

- 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 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

- 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 mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

Oddities

Detroit Zoo to turn manure from its animals into power

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Zoo is planning to turn abundant piles of animal manure into energy.

The zoo in the Detroit suburb of Royal Oak says Monday that construction on the anaerobic biodigester begins this spring and will be completed this year.

The biodigester will turn about 400 tons of manure a year as well as other organic waste into methane-rich gas. This gas will be used to help power the 18,000-square-foot Ruth Ruby Glancy Animal Health Complex, saving \$70,000 to \$80,000 in annual energy costs.

The system also will convert manure into compost that will be used to fertilize animal habitats, gardens and public spaces.

As part of the effort, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and the Detroit Zoological Society are conducting a crowdfunding campaign.

Arkansas police: 2 escaped buffaloes not seen since Thursday

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — Police say two buffaloes that escaped captivity and roamed a central Arkansas city last week remain unaccounted for.

Hot Springs Cpl. Sonia Luzader said Monday that police called off the search over the weekend and there hasn't been any reported sighting of the animals since the herd escaped Thursday. She says the owner was still looking for the buffaloes.

Police believed the 2,000-pound animals remained within city limits last week but said Monday that their location is unknown. The six buffaloes escaped from a nearby farm and spent Thursday running through neighborhoods and eluding authori-

ties.

One of the animals was hit by a car and three were tranquilized.

Hot Springs is a popular tourist spot with natural hot springs, a national park and horse track.

Police: 'Tree Ninja' caught chopping down tree with a hammer

BOSTON (AP) — Boston police say they have arrested a 65-year-old man they believe is the infamous "Brighton Tree Ninja."

For several years a vandal has been damaging newly planted trees and shrubbery in the city's Brighton neighborhood. Authorities have been unable to apprehend the perpetrator.

The Boston Globe reports that police set up surveillance near the Brighton Elks Club. Officers caught Joseph Rizza entering an empty lot and attempting to chop down a tree with a hammer.

Detectives took Rizza into custody. He is being charged with five counts of willful and malicious destruction of property, and one count of possession of a dangerous weapon.

Handcuffed suspect steals police car; doesn't get far

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A handcuffed man who stole a police car in Alabama has been arrested again.

WIAT-TV reports Birmingham officers got a call of a burglary in progress. Officers arrested the suspect Sunday and put him in handcuffs with his hands behind his back and placed him in the back of a police car.

Officer Scott Thurmond says the suspect managed to get his handcuffs in front of him and drive away.

Police say the unidentified suspect drove less than a mile before ditching the vehicle. Officers were able to take him back into custody later in the day. He was still in the handcuffs.

- The Coahoma ISD school board trustee race, three at large positions. Jody Reid (I), Brian Moore, (I), Alan Wright (I), Melissa Sanchez and Dicky Stone.

On Election Day, May 9, voting booths for the Big Spring municipal and school district trustee race will open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in the East Room located on the Howard College campus. Coahoma city and school district constituents can cast their vote at the Coahoma Community Center, also between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

EARLY VOTING

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The following are contested races:

- City of Big Spring, city council district 2. Candidates are Carmon Harbour (I) and Thomas Padilla.
- City of Coahoma, city council, two at-large seats. Ronnie Dodson (I), Jay Holt (I) and Brandy Manning
- Big Spring ISD school board trustee race, district 4. Tony Kennedy (I) and Kyle Carroll.

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CP3, Griffin lead Clippers past Spurs, 107-92

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Blake Griffin accelerated through the paint and threw down a vicious dunk right on Aron Baynes' head in the third quarter. A few minutes later, Griffin did it again to San Antonio center.

After three years of early-round failures, the Los Angeles Clippers are hungry for their first major taste of postseason success. As Griffin proved, they'll jump all over the defending champion Spurs as many times as necessary to advance.

Chris Paul scored 32 points, Griffin added 26 points and 12 rebounds, and the Clippers surged in the second half for a

107-92 victory Sunday night in their first-round series opener.

Jamal Crawford added 17 points as the Clippers stayed comfortably ahead down the stretch, meeting the defending champs' challenge to start off a difficult postseason-opening matchup for two powerful teams.

"They're still the defending champs, and they're going to be the defending champs every night," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "We have a lot of confidence in our team, but you just have to stay humble and respect who you're playing."

Game 2 is Wednesday night.

Paul and Griffin took control in the third quarter with a 24-10 run. Griffin got his roof-raising, back-to-back dunks off pick-and-roll plays, throwing down in vintage Lob City style after avoiding some dunks this season to protect his health.

"I just want to be aggressive," Griffin said. "I don't want to settle for anything, because now is not the time to have the mindset of self-preservation."

Kawhi Leonard scored 18 points for the Spurs, who had won the opening game in their previous 11 playoff series. Tim Duncan had 11 points and 11 rebounds, but the Spurs couldn't

rally from their second-half deficit.

"The game was their defense was better than our offense," coach Gregg Popovich said. "Their aggressiveness, their athleticism, their physicality really hurt us offensively. I actually felt decent at halftime ... and then they had that run, but I thought it was their defense."

Tony Parker rolled his ankle early on and managed just 10 points on 4-of-11 shooting for the Spurs, who slipped to the sixth seed in the Western Conference in their season finale. That loss at New Orleans forced them to open their chase

of their sixth NBA title against the hungry Clippers, who have never reached a conference final.

Both teams headed into the postseason with enormous momentum: Los Angeles won 14 of its final 15 games to finish with 56 victories and the NBA's third-best record, while San Antonio won 14 of 16 and 11 straight before the season finale.

"We give them a lot of credit, because they sustained it longer than we did," Duncan said. "They played harder longer. They had the energy with their home crowd behind them."

Kenseth ends 51-race drought with victory at rainy Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — After four rain delays and 11 extra laps, Matt Kenseth finally drove to victory lane.

It took him nine hours to get there Sunday at a water-logged Bristol Motor Speedway.

Kenseth snapped a 51-race losing streak by holding off Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson on one final restart in NASCAR's determined effort to stage a complete race.

Kenseth, a seven-race winner in his 2013 debut season with Joe Gibbs Racing, was winless all last year.

"It feels good to be back here. Not winning for as long as we did ... it wears on you a little bit," Kenseth said. "We had such a good 2013, and last year there were some races we had some chances to win and just things wouldn't line up for us."

"We just couldn't get it to happen. (Bristol) was kind of the

opposite. Everything worked out."

The start was delayed nearly 90 minutes because of rain and the race was stopped three more times, including one delay that lasted almost four hours.

The final stoppage came when the race had already surpassed the scheduled 500 laps, but a quick rain shower had stalled NASCAR's attempt to race to the checkered flag following an accident with eight laps remaining. So, NASCAR parked the cars on pit road and sent out its dryers to quickly try to give it one more shot.

Kenseth's decision was fine with NASCAR's decision because he was so confident in his Toyota.

"I've got to be honest with you, at least 90 percent of the time or more, I'd be all about, 'Man, call that thing,' because anything can go wrong," he said. "I

felt pretty good about where we were. I felt like unless I really, really messed it up, I was going to be clear getting into (Turn) 1. I felt like our car was good enough to hold on for two laps."

He did have a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish and Kenseth, the pole-sitter, got a terrific jump on the restart. He wasn't challenged in part because Gordon had a poor restart.

Johnson slid past Gordon to take second place, and Gordon finished third.

The race had a series of hiccups unrelated to the rain stoppages: Austin Dillon ran out of gas while running third because of the lengthy final caution, Denny Hamlin didn't get back in his car after the first rain break because of a kink in his neck, and the two Team Penske drivers wrecked each other just 20 laps after the start.

Cruz drives in 5 runs as Seattle beats Texas, 11-10

SEATTLE (AP) — Nelson Cruz showed power early on Sunday with two home runs, and patience and resiliency late coming through with the winning hit in the ninth inning after three strikeouts.

It was a display of the many reasons why Seattle added him to its lineup.

"Even when you hit homers you have to forget about what you do the (last) at-bat. I strike out three times and I have to forget about what happened the previous at-bats," Cruz said. "That's the beauty about baseball. You have a chance to do damage every time you go up there."

Austin Jackson singled in the tying run in the ninth, Cruz followed with a two-out single for his fifth RBI of the game, and the Mariners overcame a pair of five-run deficits to beat Texas, 11-10.

Cruz homered twice in the first three innings, raising his major league-leading total to eight, and Jackson hit the 11th lead-off homer of his career.

That was just the start. The big drama came late as Seattle rallied from deficits of 7-2 and 10-5, scoring six runs in the final three innings.

"This team is a very gritty bunch. They're built for this. They're tough.

Character-wise they're tough," Seattle manager Lloyd McClendon said. "We have a nice mix of veterans and young players. This team is built for greatness. I don't know what's going to happen but I like where we are."

Brad Miller led off the ninth with a single off Neftali Felix (0-1) and advanced on Seth Smith's one-out walk. Jackson lined a single to right that allowed Miller to score.

After Rickie Weeks' popout and an intentional walk to Robinson Cano, Cruz lined a 96 mph pitch into left field to score Smith. It was a bit of redemption for Cruz after he struck out against Felix in the eighth inning.

Feliz had not blown a save chance since Aug. 3 at Cleveland and allowed earned runs to Seattle for the first time in 23 career appearances against the Mariners.

"I was trying to keep the ball low and (Cruz) is a good hitter," Feliz said. "The ball he hit at the end was a low ball and he made good contact on it."

Cruz hit a solo homer in the first and a three-run drive in the third, his first two homers this season at home. Cruz is the first player with eight home runs in a team's first 12 games since Alex Rodriguez in 2007.

AP: Tebow expected to sign with Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It's Tebow Time in the City of Brotherly Love.

Tim Tebow is expected to sign a one-year contract with the Eagles on Monday, according to three people familiar with the deal. The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Sunday because the contract hasn't been finalized.

Tebow hasn't played in the NFL since 2012 with

the New York Jets. He was released by the New England Patriots before the 2013 season and spent last year working in television as an analyst for the SEC Network and ESPN.

Despite being out of the league, the 27-year-old Tebow remained one of the most popular players around. He has a legion of fans who follow him because of his strong Christian beliefs.

The former Heisman Trophy winner led Florida to two national titles and was a first-round pick by Denver in 2010. He started 16 games during two seasons with the Broncos, including a playoff victory over Pittsburgh in January 2012. Tebow was traded to the Jets after Denver signed Peyton Manning.

The 27-year-old Tebow joins quarterbacks Sam Bradford, Mark San-

chez, Matt Barkley and G.J. Kinne on Philadelphia's roster. The addition of Tebow would be the latest move in a stunning offseason for coach Chip Kelly. He traded Nick Foles, LeSean McCoy and allowed Jeremy Maclin to leave in free agency.

Tebow worked out for the Eagles last month and Kelly later said he's always "been a fan of Tim."

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	7	5	.583	—
Boston	7	5	.583	—
New York	6	6	.500	1
Tampa Bay	6	7	.462	1½
Toronto	6	7	.462	1½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	10	2	.833	—
Kansas City	9	3	.750	1
Minnesota	5	7	.417	5
Chicago	4	7	.364	5½
Cleveland	4	7	.364	5½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	6	6	.500	—
Oakland	6	7	.462	½
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	1
Seattle	5	7	.417	1
Texas	5	8	.385	1½
Sunday's Games				
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Detroit 9, Chicago White Sox 1				
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3				
Baltimore 8, Boston 3				
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 2				
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Minnesota (Gibson 1-1) at Kansas City (Volquez 1-1), 8:10 p.m.				
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Houston (Wojciechowski 0-1) at Seattle (Iwakuma 0-1), 10:10 p.m.				

BASEBALL				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	10	3	.769	—
Atlanta	8	4	.667	1½
Washington	6	7	.462	4
Philadelphia	4	9	.308	6
Miami	3	10	.231	7
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	8	3	.727	—
Chicago	6	5	.545	2
Pittsburgh	6	6	.500	2½
Cincinnati	5	7	.417	3½
Milwaukee	2	10	.167	6½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	3	.750	—
San Diego	8	5	.615	1½
Colorado	7	5	.583	2
Arizona	7	6	.538	2½
San Francisco	4	10	.286	6
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St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 1				
Monday's Games				
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Burnett 0-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 1-0) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 0-1), 7:20 p.m.				
San Diego (Despaigne 1-0) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 0-0), 8:40 p.m.				

BASEBALL				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	7	2	.778	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	6	4	.600	1½
NW Arkansas (Royals)	4	6	.400	3½
Springfield (Cardinals)	3	7	.300	4½
South Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	7	3	.700	—
Frisco (Rangers)	5	5	.500	2
San Antonio (Padres)	4	6	.400	3
Midland (Athletics)	3	6	.333	3½
Sunday's Games				
Springfield 9, San Antonio 2				
Tulsa 5, Corpus Christi 2				
Frisco 7, Northwest Arkansas 3				
Midland at Arkansas, ppd., rain				
Monday's Games				
Midland at Arkansas, 6:30 p.m., 1st game				
Springfield at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.				

BASEBALL					
NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
West Division					
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	3	1	.750	227	201
Las Vegas	2	1	.667	172	160
Los Angeles	0	4	.000	161	218
Pacific Division					
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
San Jose	4	0	1.000	217	144
Portland	2	2	.500	184	199
Spokane	0	3	.000	129	161
AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
South Division					
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	3	1	.750	226	214
Tampa Bay	2	2	.500	167	157
Jacksonville	0	4	.000	204	237
East Division					
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	0	1.000	250	206
Cleveland	2	2	.500	219	198
New Orleans	1	3	.250	148	209
Saturday's Games					
Philadelphia 63, Cleveland 48					
Orlando 61, Los Angeles 48					
Arizona 65, Portland 47					
Friday, April 24					
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 7 p.m.					
Las Vegas at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.					

BASEBALL				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Optioned LHP Adam Winkler to Salt Lake (PCL). Reinstated RHP Garrett Richards from the 15-day DL.				
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent LHP Drew Smyly to Montgomery (SL) for a rehab assignment.				
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned LHP Colt Hynes to Buffalo (OL). Selected the contract of LHP Jeff Francis from Buffalo.				
National League				
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned OF Matt Szur to Iowa (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Ferrer Germer from Iowa. Transferred RHP Jacob Turner to the 60-day DL.				
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Assigned LHP David Huff outright to Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned RHP Daniel Corcino to Tulsa (TL).				
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned LHP Matt Tracy to New Orleans (PCL). Transferred RHP Jose Fernandez to the 60-day DL.				
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed OF Randal Grichuk on the 15-day DL retroactive to Friday. Recalled INF Dean Anna from Memphis (PCL).				
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed RHP Jake Peavy on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Andrew Susac from Sacramento (PCL).				
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned OF Michael Taylor to Syracuse (IL). Reinstated OF Denard Span from the 15-day DL.				
BASKETBALL				
National Basketball Association				
NBA — Fined Toronto general manager Masai Ujiri \$35,000 for using obscene language in a public setting on Saturday, before their playoff game against Washington.				
HOCKEY				
National Hockey League				
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled D Darren Dietz and Brett Leroux, G Mike Condon and Fs Danie Carr, Charles Hudon and Christian Thomas from Hamilton (AHL).				

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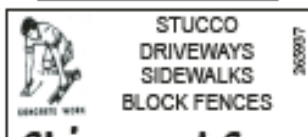
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Celebrate the Taurus Sun

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information as the sun moves from the fiery first station of the zodiac, Aries, into earthy Taurus. This is the sign of sensuality, physical pleasure and material reward. It's

the sign of appetite, sustenance and comfort. The better you know yourself the happier you'll be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What's the point of brooding over past insults and slights? You let it go, and any ugliness that went along with it melts away. You'll meet new and exciting people because you exude positive energy and a good spirit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you are at ease,

everyone around you is at ease. The bits of life that you share will be appreciated. People want to know where you come from and what you've been through.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Power is easy once you realize it's seldom given to people. Powerful people are people who take. Take charge and take responsibility, and you'll have power.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Dramatic people will seem to want you to solve a problem -- except what they really want is for you to be involved in the problem. It's an excuse for interaction and attention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Focusing well leads to achievement. Your ability to shut out distractions and focus intently for many hours at a time will be the reason you will win a prime position, job or assignment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your team needs you, and you will deliver this afternoon. What would

they do without you? The answer is "less." It all points to one thing: You should ask for a raise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Playfulness is a forte of yours, but today it's important to highlight your serious side. You have the potential to make a remarkable difference with the work you do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The cosmic gift coming your way is a rare case of beginner's luck. You'll stumble into an activity you were always meant to do and succeed on your very first try.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A mild investment will be better than going all-in. If the other people want badly to win, you'll have an advantage. Not being overly invested in the game, you can actually relax and have fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe you don't want them talking about you, but you should know that when other people

discuss your mood, it is a sign that you are in a position of influence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Get outside in the open air. Touch the sky. Nature will soothe you. The patterns of sound that birds make will seem to have a magical and healing effect.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have mixed feelings about the gifts you are given, probably because gifts always come with responsibilities. It's up to you to exploit the opportunities inside each endowment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 20). You aren't interested in a life without beauty, and this year you will do what it takes to bring gorgeous additions to your world. Your work will be appreciated, and you will be compensated accordingly. Aquarius and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 1, 33, 29 and 15.

YOUR MOON SIGN

(part three): The moon is our closest luminary, and she changes more frequently than any other, transiting through the zodiac in about 28 days. You can find out what your moon sign is by consulting books on astrology or going to the computer and keying "moon sign" into a search engine. **CANCER** moon people are not as resistant to feelings as the rest of the zodiac can be. When the moon is in Cancer, she's in her home territory. Just as people tend to be more comfortable and expressive in their own homes, Cancer people are very at home with the changing emotional landscape that is human nature. Cancer moon individuals are wonderful in a crisis and also can be quite patient working with children and others with a wide emotional range. **LEO** moon people have a knack for attracting attention, though not always while doing the things that would classically fall under the category of performance. The Leo moon endows her natives

with a show-stopping glow and a stellar sense of timing. Leo moon people may insist that they don't want to be in front of a crowd, but they secretly feel at home there.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Carmen Electra exemplifies the charms of Venus-ruled Taurus. Whether dancing with The Pussycat Dolls or starring in her own exercise videos and calendars, Electra puts forward a sensual energy. Her moon in Leo promises that she loves the spotlight and has a natural instinct for how to command attention and entertain an audience.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: For many years, I have heard about the dangers of secondhand smoke. I am a non-smoker, but was married to a smoker for 13 years and have asthma.

Now that pot is being legalized in some states, including where I live, what are the dangers of secondhand pot smoke? I haven't heard a word about it. Are the states just looking for additional tax revenue and keeping it out of the news? -- Concerned Breather in Oregon

Dear Breather: According to the American Lung Association, inhaling smoke is harmful

whether it's from cigarettes, pot or burning wood. Marijuana smoke contains many of the same toxins, irritants and carcinogens as tobacco smoke, and pot smokers generally inhale it for a longer period of time. Secondhand marijuana smoke contains the same ingredients.

How dangerous is it to non-smokers? A 2014 study found that blood-vessel function in lab rats dropped by 70 percent after 30 minutes of exposure to secondhand marijuana smoke and hadn't returned to normal even after 40 minutes. And the rats suffered the same effects even if the pot contained no THC. So, you might not get a

"contact high," but with continued exposure, you could suffer impaired lung and blood-vessel function.

Marijuana is much stronger today than it was 40 years ago. More studies need to be done, obviously, but if you are regularly exposed to smoke of any kind, you are likely to develop a problem. Steer clear.

Dear Annie: I am responding to "B" about unsolicited phone calls. I recently fell victim to such a scam. I purchased a lifetime repair contract for my computer. A month later, I received a call saying they were going out of business and

needed to return my money. I foolishly let them gain control of my computer, where they claim to have accidentally "deposited" an amount greater than what they owed me. They then said I needed to send a MoneyGram for the overpayment.

I had the person on my cellphone when I went to a MoneyGram location. The woman there told me to hang up and informed me that it was a scam. I then went to my bank and was able to protect my account. I also reported it to the police.

On my way to the bank, I received 17 calls from the scammer asking why I hadn't sent the money. The specialist at the bank

told him to stop calling. It was too late to reverse the charges on my credit card for the original contract, but the bank canceled that card and issued a new one. Here is how I stopped these calls:

1. I blocked the numbers they were calling from on my cellphone and my home phone.
2. I set "call rejection" on my home phone so if anyone called from a "private" or "unknown" number, they would be required to unblock their number and call back.

I hope others learn from my experience. -- A Lesson Well Learned

Dear Lesson: Thank you for sharing. We received a great many letters with examples of how these unscrupulous people work and will print more in future columns. Stay tuned.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@creators.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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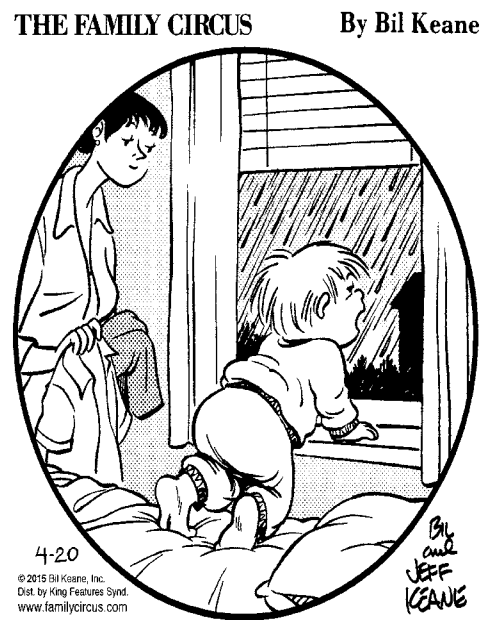
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"That's a bundle of joy? It looks like a baby to me."

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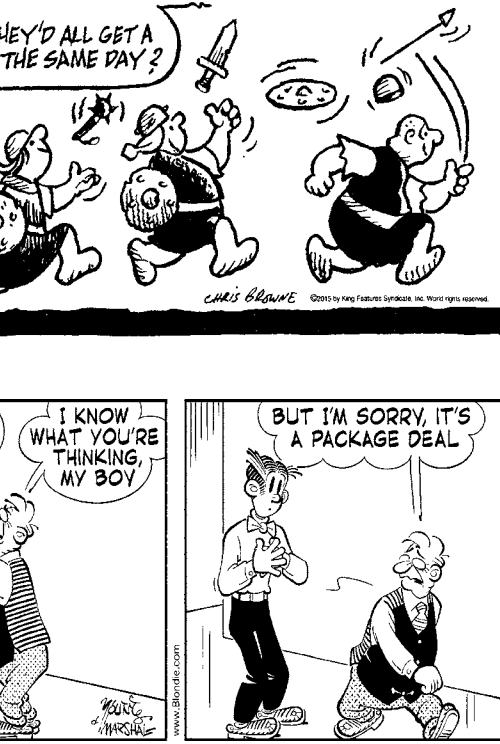


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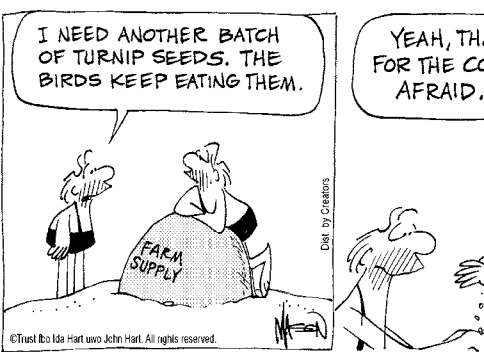
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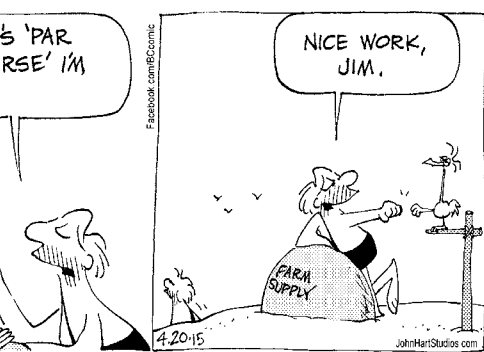
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 20, the 110th day of 2015. There are 255 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 20, 2010, an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil platform, leased by BP, killed 11 workers and caused a blow-out that began spewing an estimated 200 million gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico. (The well was finally capped nearly three months later, on July 15.)

On this date:

In 1314, Pope Clement V, the first of the Avignonese popes, died at Roquemaure, France.

In 1792, France declared war on Austria, marking the start of the French Revolutionary Wars.

In 1861, Col. Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in the United States Army. (Lee went on to command the Army of Northern Virginia, and eventually became general-in-chief of the Confederate forces.)

Newsday Crossword

OUT IN FRONT by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Sci-fi "beam" weapon

6 Angler's worm

10 Minor quarrel

14 Money spent

15 Norway's capital

16 Female choir voice

17 Spanish "So long"

18 Crafty

19 Cat's cry

20 Highest-quality

22 Sheet of glass

23 Adam and Eve's home

24 Blowtorch user

26 Crouched in fear

30 Large stack

31 Angelic music-maker

32 Takes a chair

33 Car with a meter

36 Earlier than expected

41 Play on words

42 Woodwind instrument

43 Wrinkle-removing appliance

44 Money in Mexico

45 Mussed up, as clothes

48 West Texas city

51 Dog biscuit shape

52 Vegetarian's no-no

53 Male film star

59 Hay bundle

60 Make less difficult

61 Similarly

DOWN

1 Bread package

2 BMW alternative

3 Mix ingredients together

4 Self-images

5 Membership list

6 Rolled strikes and spares

7 From India or Japan

8 Woes

9 Treats triflingly

10 Try a taste of

11 Say "not guilty," perhaps

12 Make amends

13 Pisa's "leaning" landmark

21 Letters after B

25 Otherwise

26 British bloke

27 Waikiki's island

28 Small songbird

29 Air-quality org.

30 Snapshot, for short

32 U-turn from NNW

33 Hair ringlet

34 Skin-lotion ingredient

35 ___ over backwards (try hard)

37 Accomplishes

38 Out-of-date

39 Egg ___ yung

40 Quick swim

44 Inventor's protection

45 Bronco-riding events

46 Prefix meaning "one"

47 Threat to society

48 Glowing fireplace remnant

49 Get out of town

50 Loses color

51 Pesto herb

54 English noble

55 Feeling sad

56 Tiny bit

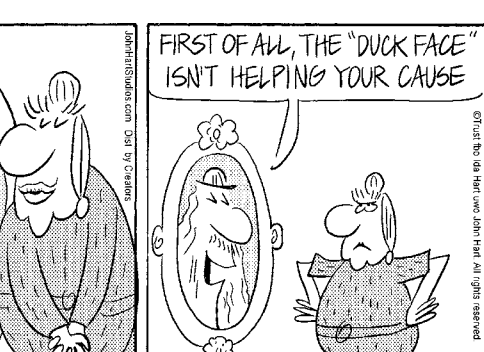
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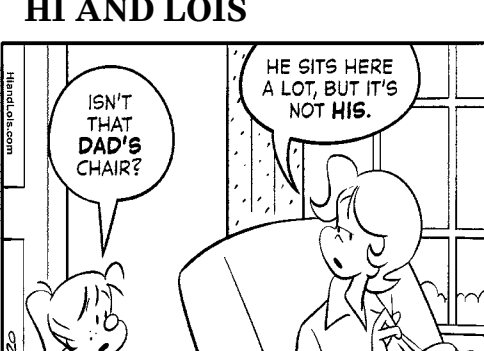
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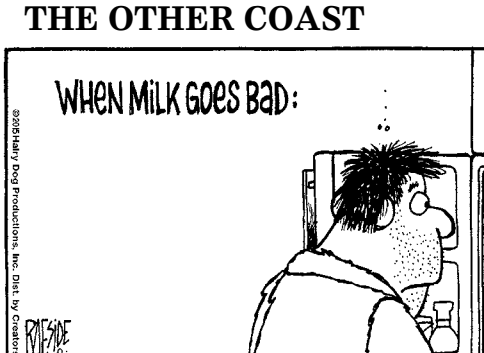
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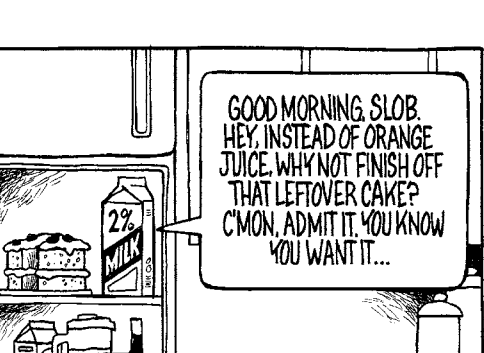
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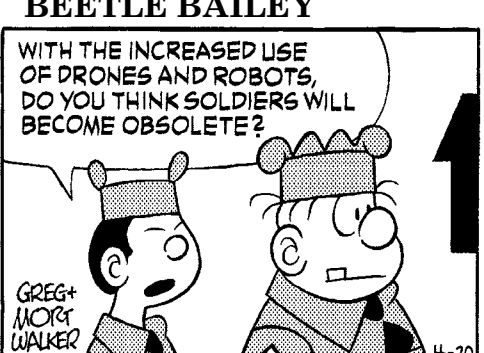
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Feldman bounces back, Astros defeat Angels

HOUSTON (AP) — Scott Feldman bounced back from a bad outing to give Houston a good start Sunday.

The hitters did just enough, too, helped by a bad bounce.

Feldman threw six solid innings and the Astros took advantage of a wild throw by catcher Drew Butera to beat the Los Angeles Angels 4-3.

Feldman (1-2) allowed two runs and six hits.

"He threw the ball very well," manager A.J. Hinch said. "I thought that as the game went on

he got a little bit stronger and his best inning was probably his last with pitch quality and efficiency with where he was trying to throw the ball."

In his previous start, Oakland tagged him for eight runs in five innings.

"I felt like it was a battle," Feldman said. "I still wasn't as crisp as I'd like to throw. I thought I was getting ahead of more guys today. I had a little trouble putting them away, but it seemed like I wasn't giving up as

much loud contact as I was last time."

Luke Gregerson threw a perfect ninth for his second save.

Garrett Richards (0-1), making his first start since having knee surgery late last season, gave up three earned runs on five hits and four walks in five innings.

"It wasn't a terrible first outing, I don't think," Richards said. "They had some balls that went their way, and sometimes, that's the game."

Richards struck out four. He fanned a swing-

ing Jed Lowrie in the fifth, but the ball was in the dirt and bounced away. Butera's throw to first deflected away — it appeared to hit Lowrie's helmet, but he said it missed — scoring a run and setting up another.

Lowrie said he had his hands up so he didn't run face-first into first baseman Albert Pujols' glove.

"You play the game right, you play the game hard, and you let things play out the way it should," Lowrie said. "It went our way today, and

it got us a win. It extended the inning."

Luis Valbuena homered for the Astros and Jose Altuve had three hits.

Pujols and C.J. Cron homered for the Angels.

Richards walked two in the first inning before escaping a bases-loaded jam.

Valbuena's two-run shot in the third put Houston on top 2-0. Cron's homer tied it in the fourth.

The wild throw by Butera allowed George Springer to score the go-

ahead run, and put runners on second and third. Jason Castro followed with an RBI single on a dribbler to make it 4-2.

"We didn't play a crisp game, defensively," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "We let some things slip away. If you're not swinging the bats, you've got to make sure you're getting the outs you're supposed to get, and we're having trouble doing that."

Pujols connected against Pat Neshek in the eighth.

'Big 3' lead Cavaliers past Celtics, 113-100

CLEVELAND (AP) — More than an hour after his first playoff game with LeBron James and Kevin Love, Kyrie Irving made a statement more profound than anything he did on the floor.

"We," Irving said, "are the Big 3. We have really great players on this team, but we set the tone."

Tone set.

Irving scored 30 points in his playoff debut, James added 20 in his first postseason game with Cleveland in five years and Love shook off a slow start to record a double-double, leading the Cavaliers to a 113-100 victory in Game 1 over the Boston Celtics on Sunday.

Irving made five 3-pointers and Love, another postseason rookie, added 19 points — 13 in the second half — and 12 rebounds

James was proud of how his teammates handled their first venture onto the playoff stage.

"They were phenomenal," he said. "Those two guys, they succeeded for the first time being in the postseason."

It was Cleveland's first home playoff game since May 11, 2010, when the Celtics won Game 5 and James left the floor to some boos from Cavaliers fans. He departed for Miami two months later, but he's home now, all is forgiven and Cleveland is aiming to end a championship drought dating to 1964.

Isaiah Thomas scored 22 points to lead the seventh-seeded Celtics. They will try to even the best-of-7 series in Game 2 on Tuesday night.

"We're still confident," Thomas said. "Guys are ready for Game 2, knowing that good or bad you've got to have a short memory. There are possibly seven games in this series and it could go either way."

The Cavs built a 20-point lead in the third quarter, let the Celtics get as close as six and then finished the

Four Royals ejected in latest Oakland-KC scrape

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tempers flared again Sunday in the Oakland-Kansas City series, with four more Royals getting ejected.

The benches emptied for the third straight day after Royals reliever Kelvin Herrera threw a 100 mph fastball shoulder-high behind Brett Lawrie in the eighth in-

quarter with a 9-0 run — capped a 3-pointer by James Jones — to take a 15-point lead into the fourth. Boston climbed within 10 in the final 12 minutes, but Love made a crucial 3-pointer with 3:32 left to slow Boston.

In the days leading up to the opener, James said he was confident Irving and Love would be ready for the playoffs, but added "you never know," perhaps the superstar's way of motivating his teammates. Irving and Love looked like playoff veterans as Cleveland's "Big 3" combined for 69 points.

Irving said four days of preparation helped the Cavs get ready, and while he and Love didn't say they were nervous, they both seemed relieved to have the opener behind them.

"I'm just glad I got Game 1 out of the way," Irving said.

Love started slowly, going 2 of 11 in the first half. But he was assertive in the third quarter, and James liked what he saw in a player whose game has been scrutinized all season.

"Even with Kev's shot not falling early, I felt like just the rhythm he was in, the aggressive he was in will pay off for us later," James said.

James came in with more playoff experience — 158 games — than Boston's entire roster, an inequality that seemed to favor the Cavaliers. However, the young Celtics weren't overwhelmed on the bigger stage or intimidated by Cleveland's towel-waving fans sporting T-shirts that said, "All In," the team's postseason slogan.

Boston led by eight in the first quarter, but got careless with the ball and finished with 14 turnovers — 13 after the first quarter.

"We'll learn from it and improve from it," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "Very simple. I don't want to overdo it. This is a long series."

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Herrera was ejected, and pointed at his head as he left the field. Royals bench coach Don Wakamatsu also was banished by plate umpire Greg Gibson.

Royals manager Ned Yost was ejected in the first after Lorenzo Cain was hit by a pitch from Scott Kazmir.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Good D ...

Howard College's Courtney Laughlin runs down a fly ball in the outfield during the Lady Hawks' win in Game 2 of their doubleheader with Western Texas. HC will host El Paso CC on April 24-25.

Indian player dies after collision at cricket match

KOLKATA, India (AP) — A promising Indian batsman has died three days after colliding with a teammate while trying to catch a ball during a cricket match. Ankit Keshri was 20.

He received CPR on the field and was taken to the intensive care unit at Kolkata's AMRI Hospital. He was later transferred to Nightingale Hospital, which said he had a heart attack early Monday and died a few hours later. His father, Raj Keshri, said his son had been talking on Sunday but still had a fever and nausea.

The on-field collision happened during Friday's one-day match between the local East Bengal and Bhowanipore teams.

JV Gold game gets cancelled

The Big Spring Steers' junior varsity Gold's baseball game against the Forsan Buffaloes set for this afternoon has been cancelled.

The Gold team's next outing will be on April 25, at home, against Sweetwater.



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