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Incumbents earn 2nd terms in city election

Voters send new faces to Howard College board

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Incumbents dominated Big Spring city races, Howard College will see new board members come Thursday, and Coahoma residents said yes to selling alcohol in the city according to election totals Saturday.



McLellan

Results from Saturday's election show that Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan and

city council member Raul Benavides will both serve one more term on the board. City council members are limited to two consecutive terms in office according to city statutes.

"I want to thank the voters for getting out today (Saturday) and supporting me with another term. My platform all along, when I first started was to work, was on infrastructure and I think if you look at the history, we did a pretty good job of what we had toward the infrastructure," McLellan said after results were

posted by the Howard County Elections Office. "I think it is important for our community. I want to do exactly what we've done for the last three years. I think there is a bright future for Big Spring."

Benavides

McLellan defeated his opponent, Shannon Thomason, by a 64 to 36 percent vote spilt in a race that gathered the second largest ballots of

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Vote totals

City of Big Spring

Mayor

Larry McLellan (I), 823, 63.70 percent, 150 mail-in, 490 early, 183 election day

Shannon Thomason, 469, 36.40 percent, 72 mail-in, 252 early, 145 election day

Place 5

Raul Benavedes (I), 226, 57.95 percent, 28 mail-in, 121 early, 77 election day

Becky Winters, 164, 42.05 percent, 44 mail-in, 69 early, 51 election day

Howard College

At Large

Patricia Bennett, 802, 32.99 percent, 139 mail-in, 400 early, 263 election day.

Ryan Williams, 1,127, 46.36 percent, 172 mail-in, 641 early, 314 election day.

Adriel Saldivar, 502, 20.65 percent, 41 mail-in, 269 early, 192 election day.

Place 1

Michael Flores, 106, 51.21 percent, 17 mail-in, 66, early, 23 election day

Steve Escanuelas, 101, 48.79 percent, 15 mail-in, 62 early, 24 election day.

Place 2

Mark Morgan, 361, 59.47 percent, 52 mail-in, 183 early, 126 election day

Greg Moore, 246, 40.53 percent, 31 mail-in, 115 early, 100 election day

City of Coahoma

Proposition: For or Against to allow beer and wine sales for off-premise consumption in the city.

For, 114 (passes), 75 percent, 2 mail-in, 23 early voting, 89 election day

Against, 38, 25 percent, 1 mail-in, 6 early voting, 31, election day.

Rave Run May 20

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Running outdoors in the West Texas summer can be a daunting prospect, but Permian Basin Events plans to beat the heat this year the same way they have for the past several years: by holding a series of 5k runs at night.

The events are the Scenic Mountain Moonlight Rave Run, which start at 11:55 p.m. The first run is May 20, and others are scheduled for July 22, Aug. 19 and Sept. 16.

"The Moonlight Run we do every summer," said event organizer Charese Felty. "This is the fourth or fifth year we've done it. We always have it during a full moon, so it's real bright."

Felty said the event is geared toward families.

"It is a family event," she said. "We have a lot of families come out. The kids really get into it because they get to stay up late."

Pets are also welcomed, so long as they are on leashes, Felty said.

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Mother's Day tea



Courtesy photo

Volunteer Lupe Barraza hands out flowers Friday to patient at the Mother's Day tea at Big Spring State Hospital.

Two new trees added to BSHS memorial project

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Two new oak trees will be planted on the grounds of Big Spring High School as a living memorial to members lost along the years.

"The Big Spring ISD has received donations for two sets of trees and plaques which will be placed in honor of a former student and a former teacher," announced George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD community relations coordinator. "Former student Dylan Lance and former teacher Sue Willbanks will be remembered in a dedication ceremony on Monday, May 23 at 4:15 p.m. at Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus. The public is invited to attend. Dylan Lance's tree and plaque were donated by his family and Sue Willbanks' tree and plaque were donated by her daughter, Jill Willbanks."

Dylan was a Big Spring High School student who was active on the baseball team and was killed last year in an automobile accident.

The Memorial Tree program was introduced in 2015 as a lasting honor to former students and faculty who have died. The trees are planted south of the bleachers at Blankenship field. Last year's inaugural ceremony included trees planted in the


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Area champs

Big Spring High School softball players pose with their trophy after winning the Class 4A area playoff series against Monahans Saturday. The Lady Steers now advance to face Andrews. See story and additional photo, Page 6.

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Obituaries

Nancy Haggard



Nancy Haggard, 72, of Canyon, formerly of Stanton, died Saturday, May 7, 2016, at BSA Hospice Southwest in Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Charlie Stevens officiating. A private interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, May 9, 2016, at the Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Nancy was born June 6, 1943, in Houston, Texas, and married Kenneth Ray "Butch" Haggard July 25, 1966. He preceded her in death September 22,

2008.

Nancy was a secretary for Phillips Oil Company until she was married. She then focused on raising her two sons. Once they were grown she trained to become a Dental Assistant, and retired 25 years later.

Nancy was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Stanton and loved singing in the choir.

She is survived by two sons, Jeff Haggard and wife Tawna of Canyon, and Rusty Haggard and wife Nan of Flower Mound; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Lynn Bennett and Susie Comerford and husband Bill.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Velma (Suggs) Craine.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

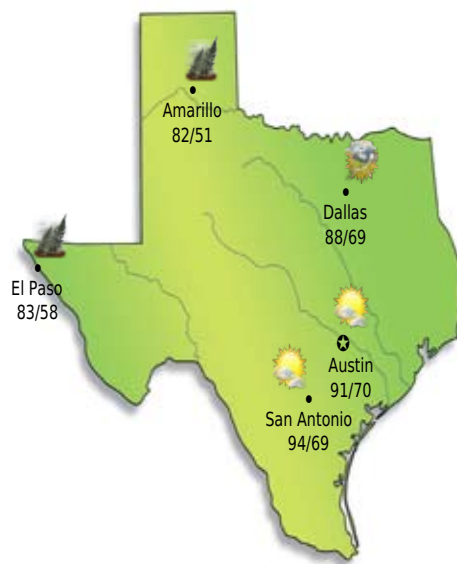
Bertha Lee "Gyrlee" Turner

Bertha Lee "Gyrlee" Turner, 91, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 8, 2016, at a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 5/10	Wed 5/11	Thu 5/12	Fri 5/13	Sat 5/14
92/63	94/62	78/56	85/60	88/61
Sunny skies with gusty winds developing later in the day. High 92F. Winds SW at 20 to 30 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	T-storms early. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM	Sunrise: 6:49 AM Sunset: 8:36 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:36 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	86	62	Sunny	Kingsville	94	72	M Cldy/Wind
Amarillo	82	51	Sunny/Wind	Livingston	82	71	M Cloudy
Austin	91	70	P Cloudy	Longview	79	69	M Cloudy
Beaumont	81	73	P Cloudy	Lubbock	87	57	Sunny/Wind
Brownsville	87	74	P Cloudy	Lufkin	79	69	P Cloudy
Brownwood	89	58	P Cloudy	Midland	90	63	Sunny
Corpus Christi	86	74	Cloudy/Wind	Raymondville	93	75	Sct T-Storms
Corsicana	87	69	Iso T-Storms	Rosenberg	82	73	M Cldy/Wind
Dallas	88	69	Cloudy	San Antonio	94	69	Cloudy
Del Rio	96	66	Sunny	San Marcos	91	68	Iso T-Storms
El Paso	83	58	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	80	69	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	89	61	Sunny	Sweetwater	86	63	Sunny
Gainesville	83	63	Cloudy	Tyler	80	69	Cloudy
Greenville	83	68	Sct T-Storms	Weatherford	89	63	Cloudy
Houston	82	73	Cloudy/Wind	Wichita Falls	91	62	P Cldy/Wind

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	62	M Cloudy	Miami	82	74	P Cloudy
Boston	62	43	P Cloudy	Minneapolis	63	50	Cloudy
Chicago	56	51	Cloudy	New York	71	50	P Cloudy
Dallas	88	69	Cloudy	Phoenix	86	66	Sunny
Denver	70	46	Sunny	San Francisco	62	51	Cloudy
Houston	82	73	Cloudy/Wind	Seattle	69	49	Cloudy
Los Angeles	72	55	Cloudy	Saint Louis	76	61	Sct T-Storms

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 5/10	Wed 5/11	Thu 5/12	Fri 5/13	Sat 5/14
10	10	6	10	8
Very High	Very High	High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **CHRISTOPHER MALORY MCPHERSON**, 20, of 3017 S. Moss Lake Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **TYLER CLAY NALLEY**, 19, of 1904 Winston Road was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance (1 gram to 4 grams).

• **REBECCA D. ENLOW**, 60, of 41155 Chaco Canyon Road in Murrieta, Calif., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **NICHOLAS PHILIP SMILEY**, 19, of 3600 Boulder Drive was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to

\$2,500), two warrants for theft of property (\$100 to \$750) and a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

• **RAYMOND JONATHAN DUSH**, 20, of 1108 S. Austin St. was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and possession of alcohol by a minor.

• **JOSEPH WAYNE RICHT**, 22, of 4203 Oak St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **DANIEL RIOS**, 30, of 711 Creighton St. was arrested on warrants for assault intentionally or recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation and bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **ASHLEY RENEE GARCIA**,

23, of 1209 Pickens was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1700 block of South Main Street and the 1400 block of East Sixth Street.

• **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 2200 block of Nolan Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 10000 block of South Moss Lake Road.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 12th Street and Johnson Street and at the intersection of Highway 350 and Interstate 20.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• **KATYANA ALEXANDRA CAMPBELL**, 21, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **ERMELINDA CHAVARRIA CANO**, 50, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$50 to \$500).

• **RAYMOND JONATHAN DUSH**, 20, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and minor in possession of alcohol.

• **REBECCA DEON ENLOW**, 60, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **TREYCEELYN FAIRMAN**, 36, was booked by HCSO on warrants for unauthorized use of city-furnished containers and failure to appear.

• **JOHN FLORES JR.**, 51, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ASHLEY RENEE GARCIA**, 23, was booked by BSPD on war-

rants for displaying expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license.

• **JONATHAN GARZA**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication

• **JUANGILBERTHINOJOSA**, 43, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• **WILLIAM ANDREW HOLLOBAUGH**, 25, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **PERLA INZUNZA-JENNINGS**, 40, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for harassment.

• **CHRISTOPHER MAL MCPHERSON**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON III**, 36, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **TYLER CLAY NALLEY**, 19, was booked by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance (1 gram to 4 grams).

• **KENNETH WAYNE PHILLIPS JR.**, 23, was booked by HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention, aggravated assault and criminal mischief, and on a warrant for failure to appear/theft by check.

• **CHAD LEE PUGA**, 31, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$500 to \$1,500) and a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

• **JOSEPH WAYNE RICHT**, 22, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for speeding (10 percent or more above the speed limit).

• **DANIEL RIOS**, 30, was booked by BSPD on warrants for assault/family violence and bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **NICHOLAS PHILIP SMILEY**, 19, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500), two warrants for theft of property (\$100 to \$750) and a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

• **JOE WRIGHT**, 55, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and a warrant for parole violation.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1200 block of Johnson.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Hillside.

• **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on Highway 350.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Drive.

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

• 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 main entrance of the church.

Support Groups

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

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

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• National Nursing Home Week culminates on Friday, May 13 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation 3200 Parkway Road. According to Kristi Beauchamp, administrator, the celebration also honors nurses, residents, caregivers and staff. The activities at Parkview will begin at 4 p.m. and last until 6 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy hotdogs, train rides for youngsters, a water slide and games. Dimples the clown will be available for face painting and a DJ will provide music for the event.

For additional information, call Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation at 432-263-4041

• Bailey Pittman is raising money to go on an 11 month mission trip to 11 countries. It's called the The World Race with the non-denominational ministry, Adventures in Missions. She and her teammates will be living in tents most of that 11 months while serving the needy and spreading the Gospel. Despite the primitive conditions she needs to raise at least \$17,000 to join her mission team. Would you consider helping Bailey? If you want to donate directly to Bailey or follow her journey, see her blog at www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org. Also, Dr. David Ward is collecting for Bailey. Checks should be made to "Adventures in Missions" and also put "Bailey Pitman" on the note section of your check.

TREES

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name of Shelley Lopez, who would have graduated in the class of 2017 but was killed in a car accident in 2014. Lynn Davis was a member of the 1982 class who was lost his life at the age of 15 years old after being struck by a car riding his bike on FM 700 returning home from a band

concert at the Howard County Fair Barns. Dave Thomas was in the class of 1970. A all-district center his senior year of high school, Thomas was killed in a car accident in Florida driving home from work.

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

You can mail or drop it by Dr. Ward's office at 1500 Scurry St.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• Photographs of area military personnel — currently on the job or veterans — going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event.

The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration.

Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to popsinthepark2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15.

Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2016 semester. Students must be Howard county residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Application deadline is April 15. Application deadline for current A&M students is June 1.

More information and the application can be found of the club website: www.westexags.com

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

• The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• 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 271-2176.

• 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 1/2 Main St.

Volunteer opportunities

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, at (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

RUN

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"And as long as they are family-friendly," she added. "We don't want anyone getting bit."

Races usually attract between 100 and 150 runners, Felty said.

"Usually the first and the last one we have the largest turnout each year," she said. "It's gotten larger every year."

Runners often wear lumi-

nescent glow bracelets, glow necklaces, and other similar apparel, Felty said. According to the event's website, the run also features "cool black-light areas".

Felty urges those interested in participating in the run to pre-register at [\[basinevents.com\]\(http://basinevents.com\)](http://www.permian-</p>
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"They do receive a discount for pre-registering," she said. Entry in each race is \$20 for pre-registering runners and \$25 for those who register the day of the event.

The event is sponsored by Big Spring Health Food Store,

Adrian Calvio State Farm Insurance, Back In Motion Chiropractic, Craig Peterson Farms, H-E-B, Dr. Amy Reese, Border States Electric, the YMCA, Texas Sports Supply, and My Favorite Place day spa.

VOTE

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the night. McLellan earned 823 votes to Thomason's 469.

"I want to thank the folks that supported me, some of them very vocally for me," Thomason said. "I am absolutely not quitting after the election. There are things that are still wrong about the way government is being handled in Big Spring. I am still going to be working toward correcting those wrongs."

Relying heavily on social media this campaign to get his message out, Thomason said he found it a very effective tool and plans to continue to use it to push local government to be more open and responsive to the citizens.

In the Place 5 Big Spring city, Benavides earned 57.95 percent of the vote to secure his second term in office. Challenger Becky Winters drew 42 percent. Benavides received 226 of the 390 votes cast in the race while Winters earned 164.

"A big thank you to those who came out and voted," Benavides said. "A big thank to the voters who gave me a second term to serve. I will do my best represent the citizen's of District 5 and the city of Big Spring as well."

"Thank you to the people who went out and voted," Winters said. "Second of all, I want to ask everyone in Big Spring to start over, join together and work for the common good. Wipe out the prejudice, negativity, and go forward and look for a common

vision and unity in this town."

Like Thomason, Winters said she will continue to be active to making changes in the community.

Drawing the largest amount of ballots cast was two at-large Howard College trustee races. Ryan Williams, who was appointed to the college board earlier this year, retained his seat by receiving 1,127 votes.

Former Coahoma Elementary Principal Patricia Bennett will join Williams and the rest of the board on Thursday when trustees meet to canvass election totals. She earned 802 votes.

"I am very excited to be a part of this board, to a part of Howard College to help them to continue on the road to excellence," Bennett said. "I also want to thank

everyone who got out to vote."

Adriel Saldivar, who was also appointed to the board earlier this year, came in third with 502 votes.

The closest race of the night goes to the Howard College, Place 1 race. Long-time trustee Michael Flores kept his seat after a squeaker of a race in which he won by just five votes. Flores garnered 106 votes while his opponent Steve Escanuelas earned 101. Early vote totals had the race to a 4-vote lead for

Flores.

CPA Mark Morgan will join Bennett as one of the new faces for the college board. He received 361 votes over

Greg L. Moore's 246. Morgan replaces two-term incumbent Murray Murphy who declined to run again.

"I appreciate everybody who voted. I am excited to be a part of the board and getting to work," Morgan said.

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By JAMES OSBORNE

Houston Chronicle

The sudden replacement of Saudi Arabia's oil minister Saturday set off fresh speculation over whether the kingdom might shift tactics amid one of the largest oil busts in history.

Longtime minister Ali Al-Naimi refused to maintain Saudi Arabia's traditional role as a swing producer and lower crude production, even as oil prices have remained at historic lows since late 2014. This position had been widely viewed as an attempt to put shale producers in Texas and other oil rich states out of business.

The new minister, Khaled Al-Falih, the chairman of state-owned Saudi Aramco and a Texas A&M graduate, offered no signs Saturday he would shift course. But the unexpected nature of the move raised questions about what Saudi Arabia's next play might be.

"There was a group of us talking about it at Starbucks this morning, and we were all scratching our heads," said Larry Oldham, an oil financier in Midland. "You just don't know what these young guys are going to do."

The replacement of the 80-year-old Al-Naimi was just one in a series of sweeping royal decrees on Saturday, as King Salman replaced a number of top ministers and restructured government bodies in the first moves of an ambitious plan to chart a new direction for the kingdom and decrease its reliance on oil revenues.

The decrees were among the first concrete steps in the plan, which was announced late last month to great domestic fanfare by the king's son Mohammed bin Salman, who is about 30 years old and oversees economic policy and runs the Defense Ministry.

The prolonged slump in oil prices has forced Houston-based companies to lay off tens of thousands of people, has rattled real estate markets,

and has brought the city's growth to a near standstill.

But few market observers said they expect significant swings in oil prices from the news when U.S. markets open following the weekend.

In the short term, Saudi oil exports are unlikely to change, said Praveen Kumar, executive director of the University of Houston Global Energy Management Institute. But he said the fact Al-Naimi's strategy to push out U.S. shale production has largely failed so far weakened his position within the kingdom.

"He totally underestimated the resilience of the shale producers and their ability to achieve cost efficiency. They thought it would take six months, and that timing was completely off," Kumar said. "Al-Naimi's been there for decades. Getting him out allows the new power centers in Saudi Arabia to devise the long-term strategy for production and its role in OPEC."

The shift in leadership comes at a difficult time for the kingdom. The regional order over which Saudi Arabia has long prevailed is in tatters, with wars raging in Iraq, Syria and Yemen, and with its regional nemesis, Iran, extending its influence. Also, low oil prices have shaken the Saudi economy, causing the government to run huge budget deficits and leaving government contractors falling behind in paying salaries.

Al-Naimi's oversight of oil policy for the kingdom, the world's largest oil exporter, had made him a towering figure in world oil policy, whose mere utterances were closely scrutinized by traders seeking to understand the country's thinking.

Jim Krane, a fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, joked even a misplaced comma by Al-Naimi could send the world's oil markets rising or falling.

"His word was the closest thing to gold," he said. "Whether or not (Al-Falih) is going to cut the same

figure as Al-Naimi, entrusted with so much power and decision making, we'll have to wait and see. He's a technocrat in the vein of previous Saudi energy ministers and is considered a safe pair of hands inside and outside the kingdom."

Texas A&M Chancellor John Sharp offered kudos: "Our heartiest congratulations to Khalid," he said. "All part of the Aggie plan to take over the world! Seriously, the education he got here and his success makes all of us very proud that Khalid is a member of the Aggie network and family."

President Michael K. Young noted that Al-Falih, named a distinguished alumnus in 2013, "has a robust understanding of the global energy industry and also understands the role of Texas within that sector. Al-Falih has excelled in his numerous roles in government and the corporate world and we wish him continued success in his new appointment with the Saudi Arabian government."

After graduating from Texas A&M with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1982, Al-Falih went on to spend his entire career at Aramco before being appointed CEO in 2009.

While pundits downplayed the impact of Saudi Arabia's move Saturday, in the heart of West Texas' oil fields producers were of the mind any change was good news.

Oil prices have rebounded since the beginning of the year and are now trading around \$45 a barrel. But some companies in Midland are carrying so much debt even a rise to \$60 a barrel was unlikely to be enough to save them, Oldham said.

"All Saudi Arabia has to do is change production 1 (million)-to-2 million barrels a day and oil will pop significantly," he said. "We're optimistic this could cause a price rise."

Fauzeya Rahman contributed to this report, which contains material from the New York Times and Associated Press.

Celebrating mothers at the Mother's Day Tea



Members of the Volunteer Services Council served dainty sandwiches, cookies, and cool lemonade to Big Spring State Hospital's female patients for their traditional Mother's Day Tea on Friday on the Oak Unit. Each female patient was presented with a fresh flower while snacking on the treats. Many of female patients are unable to be with their children or mothers on

Mother's Day. Volunteers many years ago thought this would be a good way to brighten their spirits. Money raised through sales at The Chalet and Cars, Stars, and Handlebars funds events such as these. Serving at the luncheon were: John Cervantes, Suzanne Markwell, Helen Crandall, Ruth Nanny, Julia Bihl, Lupe Barraza, Jobeth Corwin and Dee Lindsey.

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Rents fall 30 percent since last year

By COREY PAUL

Odessa American

Odessa apartments on average rent for nearly 30 percent less than they did a year ago, a trend market watchers expect to continue as the high living costs of the oil boom keep fading during the bust.

The Permian Basin Apartment Association reports Odessa occupancy rates in the mid-80th percentile, down from near full a year and a half ago. And the median price for a one-bedroom apartment in Odessa is \$750 as of April or 29.1 percent less than during the same month last year, according to Apartment List, a San Francisco based group that collects and analyzes apartment data in markets including Midland and Odessa.

That rate compares to more than \$1,000 in summer of 2014 and \$960 in January 2014.

"You've seen even 18 months ago, we did have the highest rents in the State of Texas," said Rhonda Lesley, association executive of the apart-

ment association. "Now San Antonio and Dallas are higher than we are. That sounds right. Because when we were the highest it didn't seem feasible, but it was actually true."

A primary reason for the decline is the drop in oil prices, which track with Odessa's rental rates, said Andrew Woo, an Apartment List data scientist. The bust tightened pocketbooks and cost thousands of jobs, resulting in a rise in vacancies.

"The apartment market has been hit," Woo said. "The rates have been steadily falling" from a peak in early 2015.

Another reason for the continuing drop, Woo said, is that homes are still being built and apartments being added in Midland. Lesley said apartments are still getting built in Midland, which saw more units come online during the boom, but the last Odessa apartment complex was finished more than a year ago.

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Stunned Trump foes face diminished options at convention

WASHINGTON (AP) — Still shaken by Donald Trump's triumph, Republican and conservative foes of the billionaire can still cause headaches for the party's presumptive presidential nominee at this summer's GOP convention. But their options are shrinking by the day.

With Trump's last two rivals — Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich — abandoning their campaigns, there's no remaining talk of snatching the nomination away from him with a contested, multi-ballot battle when Republican delegates gather in Cleveland.

Instead, anti-Trump forces are trying to figure out how to use this July's GOP meetings to keep him from reshaping the party and its guiding principles, perhaps with fights over the platform or even his vice presidential pick.

Many expect Trump to build momentum as the convention nears, narrowing his opponents' options. Even so, here's what may be in store:

Cooler temperatures, rain give firefighters hope in Canada

FORT MCMURRAY, Alberta (AP) — Cooler temperatures and light rain have officials optimistic they've reached a turning point on getting a handle on a massive wildfire that has devastated parts of Canada's oil sands town of Fort McMurray.

Alberta Premier Notley said the battle against the fire has stabilized to the point where she can visit and begin the next phase of the government's operation to determine what must be done to eventually allow people to return to the city. A massive evacuation of 25,000 residents displaced by the blaze also came to an end.

More than 80,000 people have left Fort McMurray in the heart of Canada's oil sands, where the fire has torched 1,600 homes and other buildings. Gas has been turned off, the power grid is damaged and water is not drinkable. Officials said there is no timeline to return residents to the city, but the provincial government is sending in a team on Monday to do preliminary planning.

David Yurdiga, the member of Parliament for the area, toured Fort McMurray Sunday and said he was now more optimistic.

"We'll be back on our feet a lot quicker than I thought we would be," he told reporters at the roadblock just south of the city. "All of the key infrastructure is in place. Our hospital is standing. Our schools are standing. Our treatment plant is functioning."

N. Korea boots BBC journalist as party congress continues

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korea on Monday expelled a BBC journalist it had detained days earlier for allegedly "insulting the dignity" of the authoritarian country, while it continued to keep other foreign media away from the first-in-decades ruling party congress they had been invited to attend.

Rupert Wingfield-Hayes was not among the scores of foreign media covering the Workers' Party congress; he had covered an earlier trip of Nobel laureates and had been scheduled to leave Friday. Instead, he was stopped at the airport, detained and questioned.

O Ryong Il, secretary-general of the North's National Peace Committee, said the journalist's news coverage distorted facts and "spoke ill of the system and the leadership of the country." He said Wingfield-Hayes wrote an apology, was being expelled Monday and would never be admitted into the country again.

The BBC says Wingfield-Hayes was detained Friday along with producer Maria Byrne and cameraman Matthew Goddard, and that all were taken to the Pyongyang airport.

"We are very disappointed that our reporter Rupert Wingfield-Hayes and his team have been deported from North Korea after the government took offence at material he had filed," the BBC said in a statement. "Four BBC staff, who were invited to cover the Workers Party Congress, remain in North Korea and we expect them to be allowed to continue their reporting."

Reporters in N. Korea for congress get wire factory instead

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — They came for North Korea's biggest political event in decades. What they have been getting is a lot of sightseeing — except one, who got kicked out.

North Korea has brought in more than 100 journalists from around the world to make sure that the 7th Congress of its ruling Workers' Party gets global attention. But four days into the event, which is being held in an ornate hall called the April 25 House of Culture, only the trusted state-run media has been allowed inside and — other than their reports — virtually no information is being made available on what is actually going on.

While all the important decisions and newsworthy declarations were being made by leader Kim Jong Un and the more than 3,400 delegates at the meeting — representing the country's political elite — officials have dutifully kept the foreign media busy with trips around the showcase capital to show them the places it most wants them to see — a maternity hospital with seemingly state-of-the-art equipment, a wire-making factory where managers say salaries and production are both going up, the humble birthplace of national founder Kim Il Sung, which has been converted into a sort of museum-park with a large "funfair" right next door.

On Monday, it was expelling a BBC journalist,



Canadian Press via AP

Smoke rises from a wildfire about 18 miles south of Fort McMurray, Alberta Friday.

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Mosquito season brings no urgency for money to fight Zika

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House and Democrats are pressuring congressional Republicans to act on President Barack Obama's demands for money to combat Zika.

But even the onset of a mosquito season that probably will spread the virus has failed to create a sense of urgency in Washington.

Republicans from states at greatest risk — such as Florida, Texas, Louisiana and Georgia — have been slow to endorse Obama's request for \$1.9 billion to battle a virus that causes grave birth defects.

The government currently reports 472 cases in the continental United States. That number is expected to rise over the summer.

Polls suggest the public isn't nearly as scared of Zika as it was about the Ebola outbreak in West Africa and the few cases in the U.S. in 2014.

North Carolina gov. faces Fed's Monday deadline on LGBT law

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory shows no signs of backing down in the face of the federal government's Monday deadline to declare he won't enforce the new state law limiting protections for LGBT people — defiance that could risk funding for the state's university system and lead to a protracted legal battle.

McCrory and other state officials have been under pressure since the U.S. Justice Department warned last week that the law passed in March violates civil rights protections against sex discrimination on the job and in education for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

In letters, federal civil rights enforcement attorneys focused particularly on provisions requiring transgender people to use public restrooms that correspond to their biological sex. A federal lawsuit against the state is possible, the Justice Department said.

"It's the federal government being a bully. It's making law," McCrory said on "Fox News Sunday." The Justice Department is "trying to define gender identity, and there is no clear identification or definition of gender identity." Still, McCrory wouldn't disclose how the state would respond in writing.

"I'm looking at all my options," he said.

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Man accused of killing 3 in Maryland expected in court

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — A federal security officer suspected in three fatal shootings outside a high school, a mall and a supermarket in a Maryland suburb of the nation's capital is due in court for an initial appearance.

Eulalio Tordil, 62, of Adelphi is scheduled to appear in court Monday afternoon in Rockville, Maryland. He faces charges including first-degree murder.

Police say the shootings began Thursday when Tordil fatally shot his estranged wife Gladys, a chemistry teacher, in a high school parking lot. A bystander was wounded.

Authorities say the shootings continued Friday at two other parking lots, one outside Montgomery Mall and the other at a shopping center. Police said those shootings, including one in which two other people were wounded, were likely botched carjackings.

A friend of the Tordils said in an interview Sunday evening that he saw the couple as recently as three weeks ago and was not aware they had any troubles. Gary Cochran of Sterling, Virginia, said Eulalio Tordil, who attended high school with his wife, was "always smiling and very polite."

Powerball winner yet to come forward to claim prize

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The sole winner of the \$429.6 million Powerball jackpot has yet to come forward to claim the prize, as the New Jersey store that sold the winning ticket celebrates.

Only one ticket matched all six Powerball numbers in Saturday night's drawing. The winning numbers were 5-25-26-44-66 and the Powerball number was 9. Lottery officials in New Jersey said Sunday the ticket was sold at a 7-Eleven in the state capital of Trenton.

"Congratulations to 7-Eleven for selling this winning ticket and to the fortunate ticketholder who purchased the ticket," said Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery executive director. "We look forward to meeting the winner."

The jackpot is the sixth-largest in Powerball jackpot history, and the largest single jackpot winning ticket sold in New Jersey.

Luis Sandoval said he didn't believe it when his co-workers told him that he had sold the winning ticket.

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BSHS area champions

Lady Steers rally to win best-of-3 series against Monahans

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

Following a loss in the first game of a best-of-three on Friday, the Lady Steers are area champions after taking the final two games from the Monahans Lady Lobos on Saturday.

It started off shaky, with three of the first four Lady Steers striking out at the plate. The offense eventually came together in game two, however, and Big Spring would go on to win convincingly, 11-1. The Lady Steers got big games from Cierra Martinez and Logan Terrazas, who both went 3-for-4 at the plate, as well as Mia Oliva, who went 2-for-4 with a big hit off the top of the fence in the fourth inning that got the scoring started for Big Spring.

The decisive game three wasn't as easy for

the Lady Steers. They had multiple scoring chances early on, but failed bunt attempts and strikeouts saw Big Spring down 2-0 going into the fifth inning. In the fifth, the Lady Steers started off with singles by MaKenzie Roberts and Ashley Gonzalez to give Big Spring two base runners for the fourth consecutive inning, and they were finally able to take advantage. Yzzy Soliz would ground into a fielder's choice, and with one out Jaci Aguilar walked to load the bases. Mia Oliva followed with a hard-earned, nine-pitch RBI walk that brought the Lady Steers' first run home. Cierra Martinez was next and hit a screeching line drive down the line that kicked off of the third baseman's glove and into left field, scoring



Big Spring High School softball team members celebrate after defeating Monahans for the Class 4A area championship Saturday.

HERALD photo/Drew Williams

Aguilar and Soliz and giving Big Spring their first lead of the game at 3-2. Oliva was out trying to advance to third, and Terrazas fouled out in the next at-bat to end the inning.

Monahans would respond with a run in the bottom half, but the tie wouldn't last for long. The first two Lady Steers were out in the top of the sixth, but Roberts

delivered again with a two-out triple in the right-center gap. The scoring chance looked like it had slipped away as Gonzalez struck out in the next at-bat, but a dropped third strike allowed Gonzalez to make it to first and Roberts to score the go-ahead run for a 4-3 lead. The lead would hold, and with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning,

Soliz struck out the final Monahans batter to end the game and send Big Spring home area champs. After the game, Big Spring head coach Howell Martin said he wasn't worried about the stress levels that come with a close game. "I take blood pressure medicine and I've had triple bypass, so my heart's good," he joked.

Martin also had high

praise for Roberts, who scored the game-winning run but hasn't been in the lineup for a majority of the final games of the season due to a slump at the plate. She's stayed in right field, but Terrazas has taken her at-bats as the designated player. Saturday, Roberts was in the lineup and Terrazas

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Howard heading back to national softball tournament

Lady Hawks beat Odessa twice to claim Region V West championship

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The Lady Hawks are heading to Utah.

It took a near-miracle, but the girls from Howard College won the Region V West Tournament and will head to the national tournament for the chance to become champions of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

It all started with a comeback that was as improbable as it was impressive. Howard began the bottom of the sev-

enth and final inning of the semi-final game down 7-0 to Odessa College.

"At one point we thought we were going to get run-ruled, and then we just said we weren't going to give up and just try and get on base," Howard head coach Kelly Raines said. "And every batter that got on, it just gave the next person life, and we just kept rolling with it."

And that's what happened. Jackie Mercado led off the inning with a single and Megan Darling followed with another.

After a fly out, Kaylynn Lopez singled and scored her two teammates, bringing the lead down to 7-2. A walk and a hit-by-pitch loaded the bases for the Lady Hawks, and a second straight hit-by-pitch shrunk Odessa's lead to 7-3 with the bases still loaded and one out. Another walk made it 7-4, and Shelby Ume followed with a hit to short-stop that turned into an error and scored two more Howard runs, making it 7-6.

With Ume on first and Katie Reyes on second, Odessa

made a pitching change. The new pitcher immediately walked Mercado in her second at-bat of the inning, and the bases were loaded once more. Darling came to the plate for her second at-bat of the inning with a chance to change the game, and she did just that. She hit a line drive right up the middle, scoring Reyes from third and Ume from second as the winning run, finishing the comeback in walk-off fashion, 8-7.

"I think it was just the best comeback ever. I don't think

I've ever seen a comeback like that," Raines said. "It was unbelievable."

Despite the amazing comeback, their job wasn't finished.

"That felt like the championship right there, just coming back. Then we kind of had to regroup last night and say that doesn't matter," Raines said. "So that's what we worked on last night, re-focusing because we had one more game to win."

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AP photo

Texas' Bobby Wilson, second from left, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a grand slam against the Detroit Tigers Sunday.

Wilson slam keys Texas comeback win

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Maybe the Detroit Tigers should have waited a week before trading Bobby Wilson.

The journeyman catcher came back to haunt the Tigers on Sunday, hitting a

tiebreaking grand slam in the eighth inning to lift the Texas Rangers to an 8-3 win over Detroit.

Wilson was traded from the Tigers to Texas on Tuesday and almost immediately helped the Rangers to a three-game sweep in Motown.

"It's been a lot of travel, but it was very satisfying to come back here and play well, and for this team as well," Wilson said. "I was really excited. That's my first big league grand slam, and to do it in that kind of situation — you know, the team that

just traded you away a few days ago — like I said, it felt really, really good."

After being shut out for seven innings by Justin Verlander, the Rangers broke through against relievers Justin Wilson

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Durant scores 41 as OKC defeats Spurs

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant went on a scoring spree that was spectacular, even by his standards.

The four-time NBA scoring champion matched his career playoff high with 41 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the San Antonio Spurs 111-97 on Sunday night to tie the Western Conference semifinal series 2-2.

Durant had 29 points on 10-for-13 shooting in the second half. He scored 17 points in the fourth quarter, one more than the Spurs, and did it on 6-for-6 shooting.

"When you have a deep team, those 40-point nights — they don't come a lot," he said. "I'm just trying to be consistent in what I do, and I know in any given moment, I can go off and get a few shots."

Durant had plenty of help. "My teammates did a great job of sticking with me and finding me and getting me easy baskets and screening for me and sacrificing their bodies, and I'm definitely grateful for it," he said. "After they do all that, it's on me to finish the shot and just stick to the fundamentals I've been practicing since I was a kid."

Russell Westbrook finished with 14 points and 15 assists, Dion Waiters added 17 points, and Steven Adams had 16 points and 11 rebounds for Oklahoma City.

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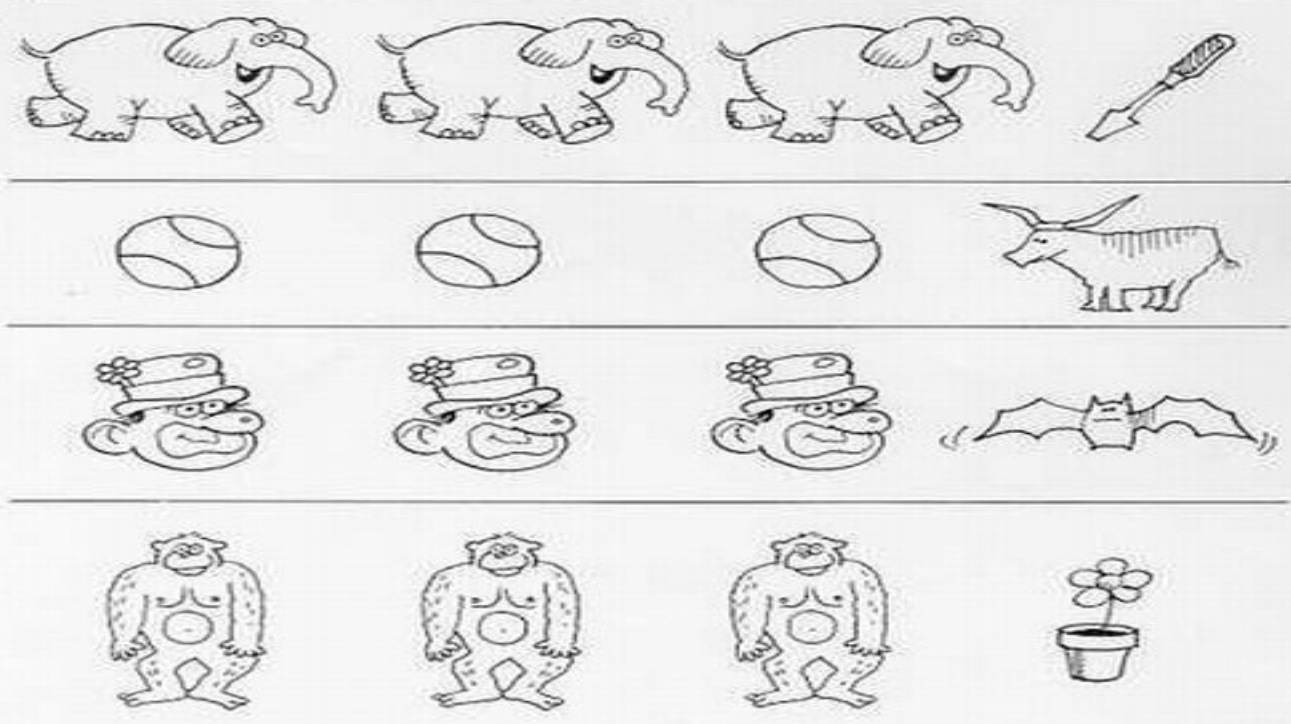
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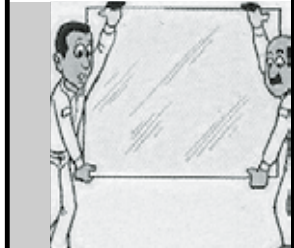
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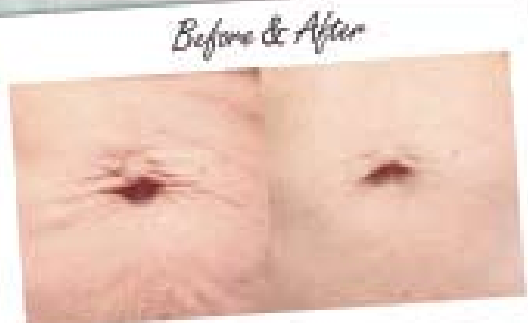
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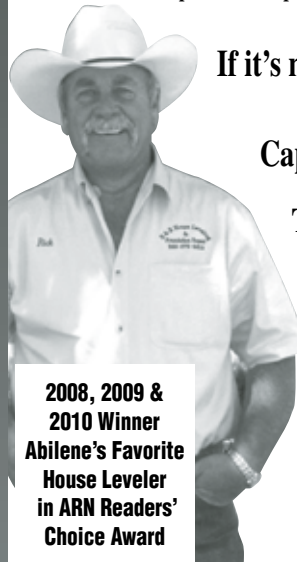
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Occultation

As Mercury makes his rare and hugely public journey

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face of the sun, there will be quite a confusing lot of energy and resources being exchanged between friends, colleagues, business entities and intimates. No one will keep score the same way during this occultation. The only way to even out the trade is to give your all.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You might be tempted to blame an unpleasant emotional state on a circumstance that was not the cause of it. Perhaps the real cause doesn't matter anyway. The solution is exercise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Like a deep-sea diver looking for the treasures lost to shipwrecks or the remnants of an ancient city, you'll plunge into the depths of your soul, seeking

recovery and understanding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone else may try and tell you who you are, which is a gesture almost comical to you. You don't need the opinion; that's for sure. It's a desperate cry for power that you can safely disregard. You know who you are. Trust that.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are creative and will have so many ideas that you couldn't possibly do them all and still maintain your daily life. Whittle it down. There's a gem in there that is doable, reasonable and perfectly sized for where you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It will take quite a lot of self-control to finish the work that's set before you. Don't be surprised if you get to the end of it and crave cake or some other celebratory indulgence!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While it is often true that the squeaky wheel gets grease, the wheel is still taking a chance. It

could also get thrown in the garbage bin, replaced by a brand-new wheel content to silently glide along.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What did you think before you understood what they wanted you to think? There is wisdom in your free associations, truth in your first impressions and high intelligence in your immediate gut responses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not just being picky. There's a method to your choosiness. A theme is emerging for you to build on. After all, what's the point of having taste and style if you don't honor it?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The competition is stiff and public. You can't help but wonder how you measure up. It would take quite a lot of extra effort not to live in a world of comparison now. Put a limit on it, though. Too much is unhealthy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today life comes at you just like you like it -- sponta-

neous, unpredictable, magical. To stay buoyant, share your experiences with the right people -- friends who think like you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The recent past is as gone as the distant past. There's nothing wrong with getting over things quickly. Don't let anyone criticize you for your process. You come by it honestly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll notice that many want to keep tabs on your whereabouts these days. You're out doing something interesting, as usual, which is why people feel they must sprint to catch up with you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 9). What you set up two years ago will finally pay off this year. For starters, a certain determined, consistent effort will be rewarded by the end of June. In July you'll become like the mentor you emulated. You'll pay it forward, coaching another in September. Physical improvements

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ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I want to do something very special for my Taurus friend's birthday. She has been a rock of support to me this year. I've had to lean on her many times. I've asked for favors in the spur of the moment and even called on her late in the night and she has always been there for me, to watch my children or hold my hand at the doctor or lend me an ingredient I forgot to pick up at the store. What should I get her?"

Does she love purses? Many Taurus women do, especially status bags that clearly show top brand names. Taurus also appreciates jewelry, but it has to be real. She's won't be as excited by cool costume jewelry or fun, trendy pieces. She likes precious metal and real stones. Another direction you could go is in cooking or dining. This Venus-ruled sign

has refined taste buds and appreciates quality food that's beautifully presented. Taking her out to a wonderful restaurant is a gift that will also be a cherished memory. Or a gourmet club that sends meat, cheese or fresh fruit seasonally or monthly will remind her year-round that you appreciate her.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Piano man Billy Joel is a six-time Grammy winner and one of the best-selling artists of all time, with hits in three decades of music. Joel is a fine example of the identifiable style and strong vocals associated with Taurus, which rules the throat. The superstar was born when the sun, Venus and Mars were all in Taurus, a Venus-ruled energy that thrives in connection with art, music and beauty.

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marrow transplant or I might die.

When I finally talked to June, she told me my illness was making her anxious. I asked if she could donate blood so that I could get ready for the bone marrow transplant. She laughed and said, "I thought you were supposed to die last month." She then told me that donating blood didn't fit into her schedule, and would I please stop telling her my troubles. She insulted me for 20 minutes before hanging up. Shortly after, she sent me a letter, which I assumed would be an apology. Boy, was I wrong! She said I had made no effort to understand that she was frightened, and the rest of her letter was nothing but cruel words.

I realized then that she was never going to donate. I was fortunate to find a wonderful

unrelated donor, had the transplant, and spent five months in the hospital.

June just sent me a birthday gift. I can't bring myself to open it and I can't seem to throw it away. Annie, I don't want to deal with June's self-pity again, but I often cry about losing a sister. How can I get over my hurt? -- Disappointed in Texas

Dear Texas: June's fears and anxiety are no excuse for nastiness. The way to get over your hurt is to forgive her for being cowardly and self-centered, and decide whether you are willing to maintain the relationship on a more superficial level, expecting much less from her from now on. If so, open the gift and send a thank-you note, the same way you would for a distant acquaintance. Otherwise, return her gift

unopened and look for supportive friends and family members elsewhere. You can start with support groups through the American Cancer Society (cancer.org).

Dear Annie: You had a letter from "Stressed Daughter," who is the primary caregiver for her elderly mother. Please suggest that she contact her local area agency on aging. She can search by ZIP code at www.n4a.org.

I work for the local Department of Aging and Long Term Care in my area, and we offer an extensive variety of support and information. -- Trying to Help

Dear Trying: Thank you for the additional, useful suggestion. We hope anyone in this position will check their local area agency on aging for assistance in finding resources.

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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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3				7			5
	6			4		3	

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 10 9 8 7 5	♥ —	♠ K 4	♥ A
♦ Q 9 4	♣ A J 8 4 3	♥ A 10 9 6 3	♥ 7 5 4
♠ A J 8 4 3		♦ 8 6 5	♦ J 10 7 3
		♠ 10 7 5	♣ K Q 9 6 2
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ K 4	♥ A 10 9 6 3	♠ Q J 6 3 2	♥ K Q J 8 2
♦ 8 6 5	♠ 10 7 5	♦ A K 2	♣ —

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 5 ♦ Pass
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♣ Dble
Opening lead — ace of hearts.

This extraordinary deal occurred in the final round of the Reisinger national team championship played in New Orleans in 1975. The 100 teams who entered the event had been reduced to 11 by the time the final round was reached.

The deal was played 10 times, and at every table the North-South pair got to six spades even though

they were missing the A-K-x of trumps! Not only that, but three declarers made the slam! Everything considered, the deal surely ranks as one of the most striking examples of ineptitude among top-ranking players ever witnessed in the long history of the game.

At one table, the bidding went as shown. In all fairness, it must be said that South's six-spade bid in this sequence was reasonably acceptable.

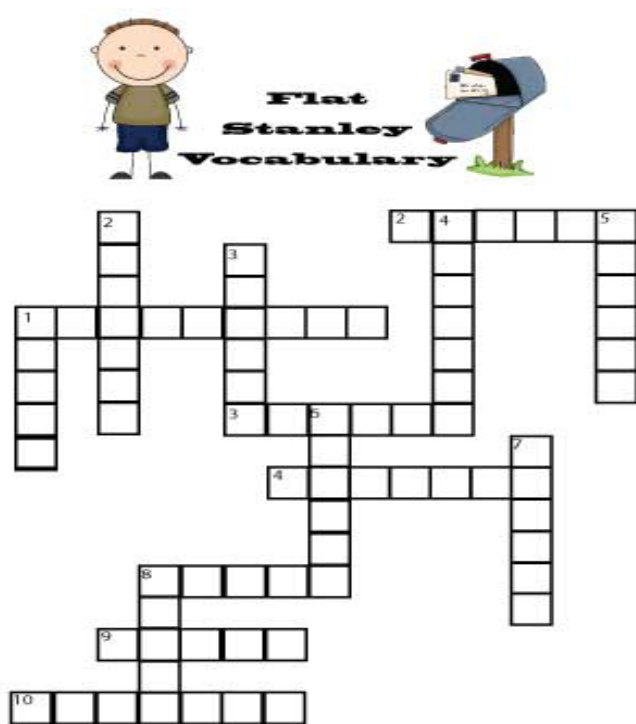
From his point of view, it seemed likely that North had either the ace or king of spades (possibly both) and either the ace of hearts or a void in hearts.

West doubled and led the ace of hearts. Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a diamond to the ace and returned the queen of spades. West, afraid that declarer had the A-Q-J-x-x of spades and was trying to put something over on him, played the king of spades on the queen, and the doubled slam came rolling home.

Two other declarers made the slam on a similar line of play — one of them was doubled and the other was not — but the other seven declarers quietly went down one. They had all bitten off more than they could chew.

Tomorrow: Good reasoning helps a lot.

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Across

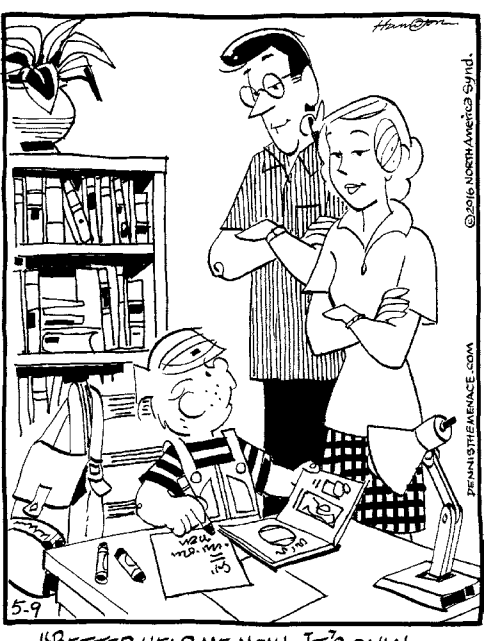
- Polite or well mannered.
- To be filled with wonder, admiration, or astonishment, as at something surprising or extraordinary.
- Knocked
- Easily damaged.
- A small cylinder of wood or other material on which thread, wire, or tape is wound.
- Thoughtless
- Bumped

Down:

- Angry
- Shaky or trembling.
- A person whose job is the making, mending, or altering of clothes.
- To make different in size.
- Flexible
- Small package.
- To thrust or drive into place.
- Any well-like passage or vertical enclosed space.

	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
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DENNIS THE MENACE



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



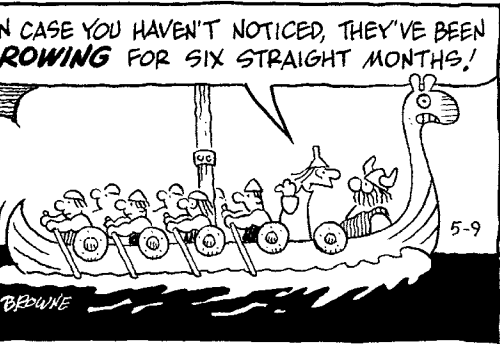
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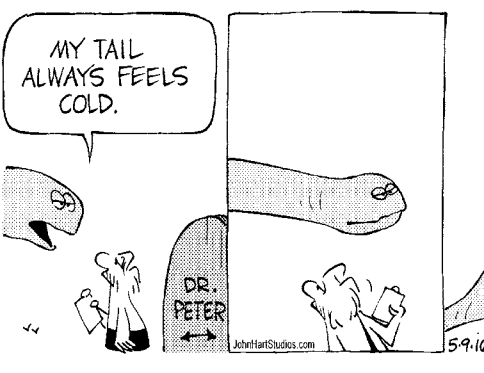


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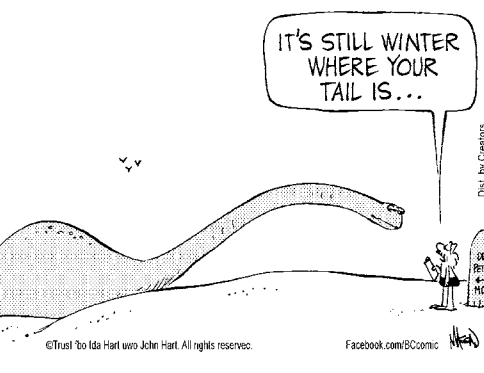


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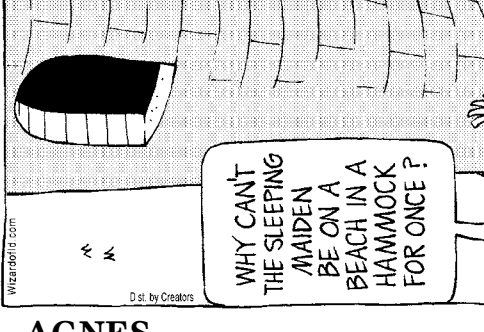
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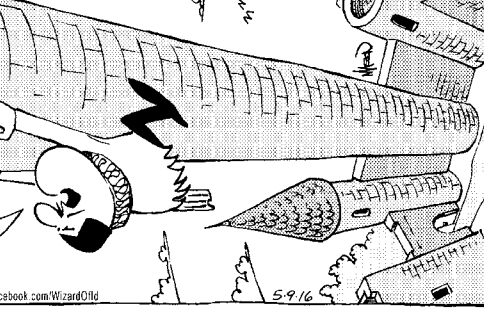
IT'S STILL WINTER WHERE YOUR TAIL IS...

AGNES



GOOD HEAVENS! I'VE STARTED MANUFACTURING HIGH-END MANNEQUINS.

HI AND LOIS



I HAD THAT DREAM AGAIN ABOUT ALMOST MISSING MY FLIGHT.

THE OTHER COAST



A DOG CAN HAVE LOTS OF DADS, BUT ONLY ONE MOM.

SNUFFY SMITH



ENNY TOLD WIF SLEEP, SNUFFY? NOPE !!

BETLE BAILEY



I TOLD YOU 100 TIMES TO GET GOING, BEETLE!

NEWSDAY CROSSWORD



BLONDIE



I'LL BE GLAD WHEN THE ELECTION IS OVER.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, May 9, the 130th day of 2016. There are 236 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 9, 1961, in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Newton N. Minow decried the majority of television programming as a "vast wasteland."

On this date:

In 1754, a political cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette depicted a snake cut into eight pieces, each section representing a part of the American colonies; the caption read, "JOIN, or DIE."

In 1814, the Jane Austen novel "Mansfield Park" was first published in London.

In 1864, Union Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick was killed by a Confederate sniper during the Civil War Battle of Spotsylvania in Virginia.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson, acting on a joint congressional resolution, signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett supposedly became the first men to fly over the North Pole. (However, U.S. scholars announced in 1996 that their examination of Byrd's flight diary, discovered earlier that year, suggested he had turned back 150 miles short of his goal.)

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia.

In 1945, with World War II in Europe at an end, Soviet forces liberated Czechoslovakia from Nazi occupation. U.S. officials announced that a midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.

In 1951, the U.S. conducted its first thermonuclear experiment as part of Operation Greenhouse by detonating a 225-kiloton device on Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific nicknamed "George."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened public hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon. (The committee ended up adopting three articles of impeachment against the president, who resigned before the full House took up any of them.)

In 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section of the south-bound span to collapse.

In 1994, South Africa's newly elected parliament chose Nelson Mandela to be the country's first black president.

In 1996, in dramatic video testimony to a hushed courtroom in Little Rock, Arkansas, President Bill Clinton insisted he had nothing to do with a \$300,000 loan at the heart of a criminal case against his former Whitewater partners.

Ten years ago: Freed by rescuers drilling round-the-clock by hand, two men walked out of an Australian mine where they had been trapped for two weeks by an earthquake.

Five years ago: Dallas Wiens, the nation's first full face transplant recipient, joined surgeons at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston in his first public appearance since the 15-hour procedure in March 2011.

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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SPIKELEE	LEFTIE
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	TANKS
	OXFORD
	COMMMA
SCOT	NAIL
	EURO
LACOSTE	NAB
ARCHER	SOL
PGA	WIG
SOSA	ELSA
	OLDS
	PILT
	DOWNMAN
SLOPE	BANAL
	MVP
LANINA	TEMPLATE
INANER	ARMHOLES
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HINGED QUARTET by Gail Grabowski

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ACROSS

- 1 Distorts, as data
- 6 Football throw
- 10 Little veggies in pods
- 14 Relative by marriage
- 15 Right away, in a memo
- 16 Twelfth of a foot
- 17 Group helping the sheriff
- 18 Sierra donna
- 19 "___ boy!" ("Way to go!")
- 20 Ceiling painter's climbing aid
- 22 Close by
- 23 Ceramic flooring piece
- 24 Go from bad to ___
- 25 Happen earlier than
- 29 The typical Syrian
- 31 More achy
- 32 Backdrop of a Broadway play
- 36 Uttered
- 37 Looking like Swiss cheese
- 39 Zap in the microwave
- 40 Government's revenue department
- 42 Farmland measures
- 43 Capital of Italy
- 44 Most foolhardy
- 46 Highly seasoned
- 49 Winnie-the-___
- 50 ___-browned potatoes
- 51 Visual aid worm for reading
- 57 Regulation
- 58 Manuscript enclosure: Abbr.
- 59 The Count of ___

DOWN

- 1 Uses a straw
- 2 Shoelace snarl
- 3 Otherwise
- 4 Stinging insect
- 5 Really feel the heat
- 6 Table-tennis implement
- 7 "All kidding ___"
- 8 Stash away
- 9 Practice boxing
- 10 Steinway seating
- 11 Walk inside
- 12 Portray the role of
- 13 Divide up with others
- 21 Assist
- 24 Dog's tail movement
- 25 "Over here!" whisper
- 26 Lion sound
- 27 One of the Great Lakes
- 28 Bedroom blanket box
- 29 Had lunch
- 30 Bit of sunshine
- 32 Sneaky
- 33 "By all means!"
- 34 ___ out a living (just gets by)
- 35 Midterm or final
- 37 Sing without words
- 38 Mined rock
- 41 ___ sauce (Chinese condiment)
- 42 Feeling remorseful
- 44 Popular thesaurus, familiarly
- 45 "You've got mail" service
- 46 Hedge plant
- 47 Brier halt
- 48 Spots of land in the ocean
- 49 Mexican coins
- 51 Sports cable channel
- 52 New Haven university
- 53 Song for one person
- 54 Break sharply
- 55 Suffix for kitchen
- 56 Gets a glimpse of

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hit for pitcher Mariah Sarmiento.

"She's been working hard every day in practice. She comes out there and knows she's not been in the lineup and she's worked hard, and she's just done everything that she can do."

"And I see that every day, what she's doing and what she's working on, and there were a couple of days this week where she really started swinging the bat good, and I just had a feeling that maybe it was going to turn around. And she did," Martin said.

Sarmiento came through on the mound as she started both games with only 30 minutes of rest in between. She finished only giving up seven hits in 11 innings before giving way to Soliz in the fifth inning of game two.

"She did a great job throwing strikes, and with a big lead that's the important thing in the first game," Martin said.

"And she battled and she probably could have finished that second game, but I just didn't want to throw her that much, it would have been stretching it too much. And I knew Yzzy was ready to go."

Big Spring will start



Big Spring's Mia Oliva singles during the Lady Steers' Class 4A Area playoff series vs. Monahans Saturday. The Lady Steers won the series and advance to face Andrews in the next round of the playoffs.

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a three-game regional quarterfinal series with Andrews at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Midland Christian Field at Ulmer Park. Game two will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, with

game three following 30 minutes after if necessary.

Martin said his team needs to work on adjusting at the plate and advancing runners if they

hope to move on even further in the playoffs.

"We started off slow in the second game and had to adjust to a different speed of pitching. It was a big adjustment

for the girls and they finally got their timing down and started doing some things," he said. "We probably need to do a better job of moving runners over with

no outs. We didn't do a very good job today with our bunts, and we ended up striking out in those at-bats, and that's got to get better."

HOWARD

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In the loser's bracket, Odessa beat Western Texas College to get one more chance at Howard in the championship game. It was close throughout, and again came down to the final play of the game.

After a back-and-forth

affair for the entirety of the game, it was decided in extra innings. In the bottom of the eighth inning with the score tied 5-5, Darling hit a lead-off single. The next two Howard hitters were outs, but Darling advanced to second base in the process. On a full count, Western Junior College Athletic Conference player of the week

Honor Hilton did what she's been doing for the past month and laced a line drive into the gap, scoring Darling for Howard's second walk-off in as many days and giving her team the tournament championship. Darling finished the game 4-for-5 with five runs scored.

"She had a really great day. She was unbeliev-

able at the plate and catching for us," Raines said.

Arielle Charuk started for the Lady Hawks after not starting for a month with a hip injury that was thought to need surgery. She pitched all eight innings, getting the win to go along with a decent amount of pain, according to Raines.

"She came back and

pitched a full game, and we're just so proud that as a sophomore, she came back and got the win today in the championship game," Raines said. "She wanted to pitch and I asked her if she wanted to start and she said 'Yes, coach,' and so I said 'Well we're doing it, so get ready.'"

The national tournament will take place in

St. George, Utah.

"We're just excited to go back and represent this conference and region, and we just hope we go out there and show well, and do what we need to do one game at a time. But we're really excited about going back and proving that Howard can compete with anybody," Raines said.

TEXAS

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and Mark Lowe (1-1) for seven runs in the eighth.

Wilson didn't hit any home runs for the Tigers before they sent him to Texas. His first shot of the season sent Detroit to its sixth straight loss.

Wilson was traded from Texas to Detroit in March. After playing five games for the Tigers, he was dealt back to the Rangers for minor league pitcher Chad Bell. Wilson became expendable because James

McCann was coming off the disabled list for Detroit, and the Tigers had no reason to think he'd make such a big impact against them for the Rangers.

On Friday, Wilson had two hits for Texas in a win over Detroit, and he added three more Sunday.

Tom Wilhelmsen (2-2) got the win in relief.

Texas trailed 2-0 going into the eighth. After two singles got a rally going, Adrian Beltre greeted Lowe with an RBI single. One out later, Ian Desmond tied it with a sacrifice fly.

An intentional walk and a hit batter loaded

the bases for Wilson, who sent a drive over the fence in left. Delino DeShields followed with a home run to make it 7-2.

Verlander was impressive, rebounding nicely after allowing seven runs to Cleveland on Tuesday. Following that performance, a message on Verlander's Twitter account said: "I'm going to dominate soon! I'm close. Doubt me if you want... We'll see."

The right-hander backed up those words, allowing three hits and two walks while striking out nine.

"Obviously, one start doesn't dictate dominat-

ing, especially when we don't win," Verlander said. "I sent that out because that's the way I felt. I feel like every start's getting better and better. The numbers didn't show it."

Lowe and Wilson had been pretty reliable in relief, but couldn't hold the two-run lead.

By the time DeShields finished rounding the bases after his homer, fans had been booing and streaming toward the exits.

Texas starter Martin Perez allowed two runs and two hits in six innings. He struck out seven but walked five.

Miguel Cabrera

opened the scoring with an RBI double in the third, and Justin Upton drew a bases-loaded walk later that inning.

LONG TIME COMING

This was the first Texas sweep of Detroit in a series of at least three games since Au-

gust 2004. Since the start of the 2005 season, the Rangers had swept every other American League team in a series of at least three games.

ONE OR THE OTHER

Upton walked twice and struck out twice, his second straight game without a ball in play.

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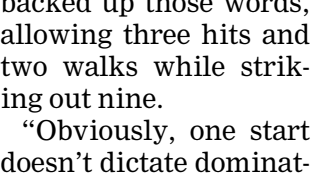
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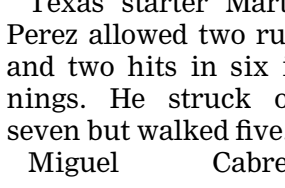
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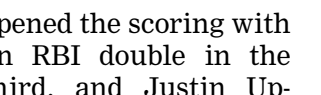


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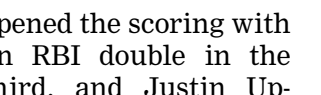
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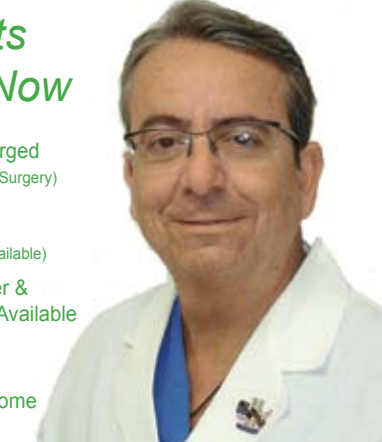
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