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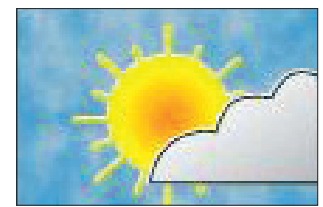
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## Census in Forsan: Zero population?

**Officials working with Midland office to correct mistake**

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

A mix-up with mail delivery has apparently resulted in a number of Howard County

residents not receiving their 2010 U.S. Census forms.

County Judge Mark Barr said this morning that the delivery problem has resulted in no Forsan residents receiving their census forms.

"The Census Bureau had (the residents') street address on the forms, but no one in

Forsan gets their mail delivered to their homes — they all pick up their mail at the post office," Barr said. "So, the post office wasn't able to deliver the forms and sent them back. That means no one in Forsan has had a chance to fill them out."

Barr and other officials

are in contact with Charlene McBride of the Census Bureau's Midland office to determine the best way to address the problem, he said.

Aside from Forsan's problems, a bare majority of county residents have taken the time to fill out their census information, which is required

by federal law every 10 years.

Barr reported that 62 percent of county residents have completed the forms — including 65 percent in Big Spring and 53 percent in Coahoma.

"It's very important that people fill out those forms,"

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HERALD file photo

Kim Howell, left, and Maruca Haas greet visitors to Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman booth at the 2009 Howard County Health Fair. This year's event will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## FCI still fighting illness outbreak

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Inmate transfers out of the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution are still on hold, according to facility officials, as measures to stop the spread of a recent outbreak of pneumonia continue.

Selma Garcia, public information officer for the Big Spring FCI, said this week the most recent case in the outbreak was identified at the prison March 29, with nearly 40 inmates having either been treated or undergoing treatment for pneumonia.

**"The most recent case was identified March 29. There are a total of 39 inmates who have been diagnosed and treated."**

—Selma Garcia, FCI Big Spring public information officer

"The FCI Big Spring reported 36 cases of pneumonia from a population of 1,707 on Feb. 5 of this year," said Garcia. "Those inmates identified with pneumonia received appropriate and successful treatment in accordance with recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and have completely recovered."

"Initially, two inmates were diagnosed Nov. 2, 2009. The most recent

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## Get wild about your health Saturday at 28th annual fair

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Whether local residents are wild about their health is a debatable point; what isn't is that they seem to be wild about the annual health fair.

The hugely popular Howard County Health Fair will be held for the 28<sup>th</sup> straight year from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday in Dorothy Garrett



Davenport

Coliseum. Admission is free.

The theme for this year's fair, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and several local businesses and organizations, is "Wild About Your Health."

As always, the fair will feature plenty of free health screenings,

said Nancy Davenport of the local chamber.

Those screenings include PSA tests, periodontal exams, massages, foot examinations, stress tests, and checks for blood pressure, cholesterol level, glucose and pulse ox level.

The credit for these free screenings, Davenport said, goes to the health fair's corporate sponsors.

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## Early voting continues in runoff

**Polls open until 7 p.m. today at courthouse**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Area voters looking to cast their ballots early in the runoff election for the Precinct 2 seat on the Howard County Commissioners Court will get an extra two-hour window

to do so this evening, with polls open until 7 p.m.

According to Saundra Bloom, administrator for the Howard County Elections Office, early voting polls will be open today from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. in an effort to reach voters that might not be able to reach the county courthouse before the normal closing time.

"There are a lot of folks in Howard County that have to work until 5 p.m. during the week, so there's just no way they can make it in to vote early," said Bloom. "By staying open until 7 p.m., it gives those people an extra two hours to come in and cast their ballots. And with bal-

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# Forsan in 2nd at district golf; Coahoma takes sixth

## Herald Staff Report

MONAHANS — The Forsan Buffs finished the first round of the 7-A district golf meet in second place, one stroke behind Wink.

The team shot a 338, one stroke behind Wink's 337.

Ryan Flores paced the team, shooting a 79. Brantley Cahoon and Kolby Fields came in behind him with an 82 and 83, respectively. Bryson Philips came in with a 94 and Ryan Pitcox shot a 121.

On the girls side, Kala Long shot a 113 and Brianna Park finished with a 131.

Though Forsan is one shot out of first, Iraan lurks six strokes behind and several other teams are within striking distance.

"That was the best we've done all year as a team," Forsan coach R.L. Coates said. "It's pretty tight, not just on us three, but there are six or seven teams within 20 strokes, and that can disappear pretty quickly in a golf tournament."

The final round of the tournament will be played Monday in San Angelo at Quicksand Golf Course.

## Coahoma competes at district meet

SWEETWATER — The Coahoma golf team com-

peted at the 7-2A district meet Wednesday, taking sixth place at Sweetwater Country Club.

Wall won the meet, winning by 23 strokes with a 311 total. Ballinger came in second with a 334 and Jim Ned took the bronze with a 338 total.

Coahoma's Reagan Reid was the top dog, his 85 total good for 11th place. Jared Ringener shot an 87 at the meet, taking 13th place. Dusty Salmon's 98 was good for 25th and Morgan Luce's 105 finished in the top 30.

Wall's Garrett Smith won the tournament with a 67, seven strokes ahead of Ballinger's Chantz Curry.

## Wells, Jays beat Rangers at home

### Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Vernon Wells is having quite a season-opening homecoming.

Wells homered two more times, Jason Frasor pitched an eventful ninth after blowing a save on opening day and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers 7-4 on Wednesday night.

Wells' tiebreaking two-run homer in the fifth put Toronto ahead to stay, and he led off the ninth with another drive.

The longest-tenured Blue Jays player in his 12th season, Wells grew up in Arlington and still lives in the area. This is the first time he has gotten to open a season at home, and he has three homers in the two games.

"It's just trying not to miss your pitches when you get them, that's the biggest thing. So far so good," he said. "There are only 160 more games to go. I don't think I'll keep this pace up."

Still, it's a tremendous start for Wells, who broke his wrist in 2008 and slipped to .260 last season with 15 homers, his lowest total since becoming a full-time big leaguer in 2002. Wells had surgery on the wrist after last season.

Brian Tallet (1-0) allowed four runs, two earned, and four hits in 6 2-3 innings for the Blue Jays. He struck out six and walked three.

Tallet, one of three left-handers in Toronto's rotation, bounced back nicely after allowing homers to Vladimir Guerrero and Nelson Cruz on consecutive pitches in the fourth, tying it at 3.

"It's a moment of reckoning," Tallet said. "You fold and let things slip away or you buckle down."

Rich Harden had an erratic debut for the Rangers, with eight strikeouts and plenty of misses too without getting a decision. The right-hander was done after giving up consecutive bases-loaded walks in the fourth.

"I felt like I had good stuff, but they made me throw a lot of pitches and I lost my command that last inning and that's what hurt me," Harden said. "You end up getting tired, especially

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HERALD PHOTO/ Joe Zigtema

Mikael Gonzalez smacks a forehand Wednesday at the 4-4A district meet. Gonzales took fourth in boys singles at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

## Cooper rules 4-4A tennis

### BY JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

The Abilene Cooper Cougars made it a clean sweep of the district 4-4A tennis tournament at Figure 7 Tennis Center on Wednesday.

On the Big Spring side, both Mikael Gonzalez and the team of Jeremy Langford and Jonathan Ray fell in hard-fought third-place matches, each taking fourth place in the final standings. Gonzalez was paired

with Lake View's Dustin Haire, who defeated Big Spring's Matt Ryan 6-2, 6-0 in the first round of play. The match was a back-and-forth affair through the first set as Haire took it in a tie-break.

Haire held serve at the end of the second set as well, taking another close 7-5 decision to take third. Gonzalez finished in fourth. Haire would go on to defeat teammate Nick Diaz in a playmatch, who lost in the

championship match 6-1, 6-0 to district champion Khyree Davis. Haire won the playback 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Langford and Ray faced Davis Odorizzi and Jon Micheal Sisson of Frenship for third in the boys doubles division, where the Frenship duo came away with a 6-1, 6-4 decision.

The winners of the tournament were all Cooper Cougars, start-

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## Giant long balls power sweep

### Associated Press

HOUSTON — With their pitching, the San Francisco Giants figure if they can get about three runs a game they should win on most days.

On Wednesday, they blew right past that mark, beating the Houston Astros 10-4 to complete a season-opening three-game sweep.

Edgar Renteria tied a career high with five hits to help the Giants to a 3-0 record for the first time since 2003, when they began with a sweep at San Diego and won seven straight. Houston last started 0-3 in 2007.

"When you come to the ballpark every day and feel like you've got a really good opportunity to win some games because of the guy who's on the hill, that's a good feeling," said Aaron Rowand, who had four of the Giants' 19 hits. "That's a confidence-builder in itself."

It was 4-all when Juan Uribe doubled in the eighth inning and scored the go-ahead run when Sammy Gervacio (0-1) threw away a bunt. The Giants added another run in the inning, then scored four times in the ninth.

John Bowker had a two-run homer and Travis Ishikawa added his first career pinch-hit home run.

Jeremy Affeldt (1-0) got the win in relief of Matt Cain, who allowed six hits and three earned runs in 6 2-3 innings.

"With the way these guys were swinging in spring it gives us a bunch of confidence out there on the mound that if we give up a couple of runs like we did out there today ... those guys can come right back to pick us up," Cain said. "That builds a lot of confidence for the starters and the relievers and I think it builds confidence for those guys as well."

Astros starter Brett Myers gave up a career-high 12 hits and four runs in six-plus innings in his Astros debut.

"I felt like it was a battle from the first inning on," he said. "I had to pitch certain ways that I'm not used to throwing. But you've got to make an adjustment when they're getting that many hits off you."

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# Granderson home run powers Yankees to 3-1 win in 10 innings

## Associated Press

BOSTON — Curtis Granderson is fitting in just fine with the World Series champions.

Three games. Two homers. One solo shot in the 10th inning Wednesday night.

The Yankees' new centerfielder hit an 0-and-1 pitch into the right-field seats off Jonathan Papelbon and New York beat the Boston Red Sox 3-1 on Wednesday night.

"I never go into a situation trying to hit home runs because I still don't consider myself a home run hitter,"

Granderson said, "but sometimes you look up and you're able to drive the ball out of the ballpark."

Granderson hit 30 homers last year for Detroit, which traded him to New York. He was moving to a team that lost World Series MVP Hideki Matsui and Johnny Damon to free agency.

"There's always so many expectations and people want to compare you to the people that left," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "So far he's reacted really well, and that can't be said about everyone who come to New York."

Granderson said he just wants to

be "a piece of the puzzle," but Derek Jeter said it can be important for newcomers to play well early in their careers with the Yankees.

"If someone scuffles a little bit, people start asking a lot of questions," he said. "Us, as players, we realize you're going to have ups and downs throughout the course of the year. So we really don't pay much attention to it, but I'm sure if you're answering questions about it all the time, it probably gets annoying."

Granderson homered in the first game of the season but made the final out in Boston's 9-7 win on Sunday

night. He scored a run Tuesday night when New York won 6-4. He has two homers against Papelbon in his career, the only player with more than one.

"I felt really good tonight," Papelbon said. "It's a classic situation where you make one mistake and you pay for it. ... It seems like I've made a few mistakes to Granderson."

Papelbon (0-1) struck out the next batter. But, after three walks, Mark Teixeira drove in the final run against Scott Atchison on a groundout as the

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## Sports in brief

### Forsan baseball, softball showcase set for Friday

The Forsan Buffaloes and Lady Buffs will be in action one last time together Friday at Forsan High School. The Forsan Booster Club is giving away free hot dogs and drinks and baked goods will be available for \$1.

The baseball team will play Loraine and the softball team will play Eldorado. The games get under way at 5 p.m.

### Rotary Club to sponsor golf tournament

The Big Spring Rotary Club is sponsoring a four-person scramble golf tournament April 10 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The cost is \$60 per person, which includes green fees, a cart, a meal and prize money.

Mulligans are \$5 dollars and not included in fees.

The tournament will get under way at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

### Tawanna's Troopers to host dodgeball tournament

A Relay for Life dodgeball tournament sponsored by Tawanna's Troopers is scheduled for Saturday at the junior high gym.

The tournament is \$5 per person to play. Teams are made up of four boys and four girls. Registration starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by the start of games at 11 a.m. Bring extra money for concessions. Contact Jennifer at 213-1288 for more info.



## Obituaries

### Robert Hernandez Mendoza

Robert Hernandez Mendoza died Sunday, April 4, 2010, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring. He was 87 years old.

Mr. Mendoza was born Nov. 16, 1922, to parents, Roman Mendoza and Benigna Hernandez Mendoza, in Galveston. He was raised by his beloved step-mother, Gregoria R. Mendoza, in Big Spring.

He served in the U.S. Army 10th Armored Division in the European Theatre during World War II. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his actions during the defense of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge.

Before entering the Army, he met Carmen Arroyo in Big Spring when she was teaching at Kate Morrison School. When the war ended, they were married in El Paso on Feb. 9, 1946. In 1950, after service to his country, Robert, Carmen and his two young sons moved to Washington, D.C., where he was the owner of Bob's Auto Seat Covers until 1990.

In 1990, he and his beloved Carmen returned to Big Spring, where he had grown up as a child. He spent his latter years enjoying his relaxed life at his home with his wife and pets. He was a member of the Primera Iglesia Bautista in Big Spring.

He had many younger friends, especially in Maryland and Washington, D.C., whom he mentored and loved as his own children. He lived a life full of generosity to others and never forgot how hard it was to go without during the Great Depression. He was especially close to his nephew, Don Arroyo, whom he loved and trusted as a son.

His survivors include his wife, Carmen; his two sons, Dr. Frank Mendoza and daughter-in-law, Camille, of Bend, Ore., and Dr. Robert Mendoza Jr. of Huntington Beach, Calif.; grandchildren, Damon Mendoza and wife, Jodie, Lluvia Henneberg and husband, Bob, and Marley Mendoza; great-grandchildren, Nova Mendoza, Haden Mendoza, Max Henneberg, Charlie Henneberg and Stella Carmen Henneberg; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers and one sister; his son, David Steven Mendoza; and his grandson, Michael Jason Mendoza.

He will be missed by his family and his many friends in Texas, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Oregon, California and North Carolina.

A graveside service is planned for 10 a.m. Friday, April 9, 2010, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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### Marguerite Schwarzenbach

Marguerite Schwarzenbach, 89, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

### (Doris) Louise Stallings

(Doris) Louise Stallings, 80, of Stanton died Monday, April 5, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 2010, at the First Methodist Church of Stanton with the Rev. Monte Kreis, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. The family received friends at Gilbreath Funeral Home Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

She was born April 4, 1930, in Tye, located in Taylor County. Her father was a depot agent for Texas & Pacific Railroad and she attended school in several towns where her father's job was located. She graduated from Merkel High School in 1947 and moved to Stanton in 1948. She married her husband, Jimmy Stallings, on July 1, 1950.

Louise and Jimmy founded the accounting firm in 1958 in Stanton that is now continued by their son, Stephen Stallings CPA, and Steven Herm CPA, as Stallings & Herm PC, Certified Public Accountants. While their children were small she stayed at home to care for them, but typed income tax returns at night for work that Jimmy brought home from the office. She began to work full time in the office in 1963 and had been the secretary and office manager since that date.

She also served as tax assessor/collector for Grady ISD, Flower Grove ISD and Martin County Fresh Water District for 10 years until the Martin County Appraisal District was formed in 1981. She handled this job in addition to her job as office manager of the accounting firm. She has been a member of First United Methodist Church since 1948, when she moved to Stanton.

She had been very supportive of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in all of their activities. She was especially thrilled to be able to follow her grandson, Jeremy, as a track athlete at Stanton High School and The University of Florida in track meets all over the United States. She also enjoyed a trip to New York City with her grandson, Jerrod, as a graduation present. She enjoyed trips with her grandson, Timothy, to Disneyland and New York City, as well as Alaska last summer.

She loved to travel and has visited many places in the United States and Canada, as well as making a trip to the Holy Lands. One of her favorite places was New York City, as she would visit her niece, Pat Gilliar, and attend Broadway plays.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Andrew Jackson Graham and Ruby Keith Graham; brothers, Jack Graham and June Graham; sister, Virginia Martin; nephews, Andy Martin, Larry Martin and Clay Graham.

She is survived by her husband of more than 59 years, Jimmy Stallings of Stanton; son, Stephen Stallings and wife, Kathy, of Stanton; two daughters, Twila Stallings of Abilene, and Susan Brown and husband, Mike, of Snyder; grandsons, Jeremy Stallings and Jerrod Stallings, both of Midland, and Timothy Brown of Snyder; great-granddaughter, Tayler Stallings, and great-grandson, Chase Stallings, both of Midland; niece, Pat Gilliar of Midland; and nephews, Kelly Graham of Santa Fe, N.M., Keith Graham of Alpine, Tommy Martin of Hadlock, Wash., and Butch Martin of Arlington.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Jeremy Stallings, Jerrod Stallings, Timothy Brown, and nephews, Bob Adkins, Kelly Graham, and Keith Graham.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church of Stanton, P.O. Box 1193 Stanton; Permian Basin Area Foundation, 200 N. Loraine Suite 500, Midland 79701; Martin County Seniors Citizens Center, P.O. Box 1233 Stanton 79782; and Aphasia Center of West Texas, 5214 Thomason Dr., Midland 79703.

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

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## Police blotter

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

- ANTONIO PENA JR., 26, of 2300 E. FM 700, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- REBECCA ENRIQUEZ, 37, of 5331 Longshore Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of harassment.
- DEBORAH ANN SANCHEZ, 42, of 506 E. Harris, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRIAN THOMAS MEIBORG, 22, of 1007 S. Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on charges of failure to yield right of way and failure to appear.
- DANIEL VERA FLORES, 41, of 907 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KEVIN BOYCE, 22, of 2902 E. Cherokee, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 800 block of W. Seventh Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2300 block of Marcy.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of S. Nolan.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- REBECCA ENRIQUEZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- ANTONIO PENA JR., 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- STANLEY L. FRALEY, 46, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- BRIAN THOMAS MEIBORG, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of failed to use sidewalk when adjacent to the road and failure to appear.
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## Fire/EMS

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

Note: An EMS report was not available in time for press.

### Today's Weather

#### Local 5-Day Forecast

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## Support Groups

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

### FRIDAY

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**▶ AROUND THE MLB**

**Phillies 8, Nationals 4**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ryan Howard hit a two-run homer and an RBI double, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Washington Nationals 8-4 on Wednesday night for their first 2-0 start to a season since 2003.

Cole Hamels (1-0) labored through five innings for the Phillies and hit an RBI single off Jason Marquis (0-1) in the fourth that gave the two-time reigning NL champions a 3-2 lead.

After Washington tied it on rookie Ian Desmond's RBI double, Marquis failed to get an out in the fifth, departing after allowing Placido Polanco's double, Chase Utley's RBI single, and Howard's drive to right-center.

**Cardinals 6, Reds 3**

CINCINNATI (AP) — Albert Pujols hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning and Matt Holliday followed with a two-run double, sending St. Louis to the victory.

Adam Wainwright (1-0) gave up only three hits in seven innings, including Orlando Cabrera's two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth that tied it at 2. Ryan Franklin pitched the ninth for his first save.

**Braves 3, Cubs 2**

ATLANTA (AP) — Chipper Jones hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the eighth inning and Atlanta held on for the win. Martin Prado hit a one-out double off John Grabow (0-1), ending a

string of 15 consecutive outs by Braves batters, before Jones connected for his first homer of the season.

Peter Moylan (1-0) worked around a hit and a walk during a scoreless eighth and Billy Wagner finished for his first save with Atlanta. Alfonso Soriano singled with one out in the ninth but Wagner responded by striking out pinch-hitter Xavier Nady and Geovany Soto to end the game.

Braves phenom Jason Heyward hit an RBI double in the second and finished 1 for 3

with two strikeouts.

**Pirates 4, Dodgers 3, F/10**

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ronny Cedeno singled over a drawn-in infield with the bases loaded and one out in the 10th inning, and Pittsburgh rode Garrett Jones' third homer in two games to the victory.

The Pirates, winning their second in a row from the NL West champions, hadn't scored since Jones' three-run homer in the first off Clayton Kershaw.

Second baseman

Blake DeWitt mishandled Lastings Milledge's grounder before throwing wildly to first and reliever Ramon Ortiz walked the bases full. Cedeno finished off a nine-pitch at-bat against Ortiz (0-1) with a line-drive single to left.

Brendan Donnelly (1-0) got pinch-hitter Ronnie Belliard on a popup with runners on first and third in the top half.

The Dodgers managed only five hits against five pitchers, but drew nine walks and left 12 on base.

**ASTROS**

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Rowand, the Giants' leadoff man, and Renteria, the No. 2 hitter, each drove in two runs.

"He's swung the bat well all series and what a day he had today," Bochy said of Renteria. "It's hard to play this game when you're hurt and I said that last year. He's healthy now and

he has a good approach up there. It was a great game by him."

The 34-year-old said he's feeling "great" this season after playing just 124 games last season because of shoulder and elbow problems.

"When you feel better, you relax and play the game," he said. "You don't have to worry about pain or nothing."

Uribe made it 5-4 when he scooted home after Gervacio overthrew

third base on a sacrifice by Eli Whiteside. Rowand had an RBI single later in the eighth.

Uribe hit an RBI double to highlight the ninth.

The Astros scored three runs in the seventh that made it 4-all. Pinch-hitter Cory Sullivan hit a two-out, two-run triple that Rowand bobbled before dropping near the hill in center field. That finished Cain, and the

speedy Michael Bourn tied it when he barely beat the throw on a single off Affeldt.

"We knew it was going to be tough going in anyway with the pitching we were going to be facing," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "But it was good to see us battle back at least today."

Rowand tripled in the seventh inning when both Bourn and Hunter Pence had trouble scooping up the ball. Renteria

drove him in with a single that made it 4-1 and chased Myers.

Bourn is optimistic that the Astros will get on track in their next series which starts Friday against the Phillies.

"We know not to panic and we know we have a good group of guys that can get clicking at any time," he said. "We'll just wait on that point and hopefully it will start Friday."

Bowker's two-run homer that landed in the bullpen in right-center field in the second. It was his first career hit against Myers after striking out in his previous three at-bats against him.

The Giants pushed the lead to 3-0 in the third when Renteria scored as Mark DeRosa grounded into a double play.

Pedro Feliz doubled twice for the Astros, including an RBI hit in

**RANGERS**

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with guys on base."

A Wells, who scored four times, was hit by a pitch leading off the top of the fourth, then Harden walked a batter and struck out another before third baseman Michael Young's error loaded the bases. After a shallow fly ball, Harden walked the No. 9 batter and another to give Toronto a 3-1 lead.

The Blue Jays led 6-3 midway through the seventh despite only

two hits at that time — the homer by Wells off Dustin Nippert (0-1) and a solo shot by Alex Gonzalez that was the only hit allowed by Harden.

Near the end of spring training, hitting coach Dwayne Murphy pulled Wells aside to try an adjustment that got his hands and his weight back more in his stance.

"If I get ready on time, everything else kind of works after that," Wells said. "I can tell if I'm late, I can tell if I'm on time, and just try to be

on time as much as possible."

So far, Wells is right on schedule.

After Wells homered in the ninth, his dad, who regularly attends games at Rangers Ballpark, could be seen with a huge smile on his face.

"He did a lot of cussing at the TV last year, he gets a lot more upset than I do when I struggle," Wells said. "I'm glad he has a smile on his face right now."

Kevin Gregg followed Tallet with 1 1-3 perfect innings before Frasor,

who gave up two runs in the ninth inning of Toronto's 5-4 loss on Monday, worked around a leadoff double in the ninth to pick up the save.

Harden, who can make as much as \$9 million with the free-agent deal he signed over the winter, walked five.

After Harden walked the game's first batter, he struck out five of the next six until Gonzalez led off the third with a 409-foot homer to left-center.

Nippert walked four in 2 2-3 innings, includ-

ing Wells in the seventh when Toronto produced a run with two walks, a hit batter and a sacrifice fly by Edwin Encarnacion.

"We walked 10 and hit two, you're not going to win many games doing that," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Vernon Wells shows up again. His bat speed looked like it was back so he must be back from the wrist injury."

NOTES: It was Wells' 19th career multihomer game, his first in Arlington. ... Washington says "it'd

be a miracle" for 2B Ian Kinsler to play in the season-opening, six-game homestand. Kinsler is on the disabled list for an ankle injury. He has hit, but isn't taking grounders yet. ... Toronto had two errors on one play in the seventh, right fielder Jose Bautista's bobble and shortstop Gonzalez's bad throw after the relay to put runners on second and third. That led to an unearned run when Julio Borbon grounded out.

**TENNIS**

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ing with Kyree Davis, who beat Lake View's Diaz 6-1, 6-0. In girls singles, Lucy Salas defeated teammate Shelby Thompson 6-4, 6-4.

In boys doubles, Ryan

Hocke and Maxx Jeffers beat Coletun Espinosa and Cruz Orona 6-3, 6-0 and in girls doubles, Dana Lemieux and Lauren Renner defeated Gabby Camacho and Zuri Simpson.

Big Spring played several matches on the first day of action. The girls doubles team of Anna Scott and Nikita

Wagenmann fell to No. 1-seeded Camacho and Simpson, who took second place.

Reba Smith was the girls singles representative for the Lady Steers as she fell to Bui Linh in a tough match 6-7, 6-1, 7-5.

Mariah Horvatic also played girls singles, falling to

Frenship's Skylar Strait 6-2, 6-2.

In boys singles, Matt Ryan advanced over Plainview's Ray Villareal 6-1, 6-0 before falling to Haire from Lake View 6-2, 6-0.

Gonzales defeated Cooper's Parker Willis 6-1, 6-3 before he fell to Diaz in the second round 6-3, 7-5.

**YANKS**

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Red Sox wasted an outstanding performance by John Lackey in his first appearance since signing an \$82.5 million, five-year contract as a free agent in December.

He allowed three hits in six innings and left with a 1-0 lead.

"I was able to make a couple of big pitches in tough spots," Lackey said. "I had a lot of things on my mind today. With added pressure and being here I wanted to make a good impression."

Andy Pettitte allowed one run in six innings. Then Chan Ho Park (1-1) allowed one hit in three scoreless innings and

Mariano Rivera pitched the 10th for his second save.

Pettitte was knocked down trying to tag Jacoby Ellsbury after taking a throw at first base on the first at bat of the game. Ellsbury was safe and Pettitte was groggy.

"I got a little whip-lash or something in my neck," he said. "I was in survival mode there for the first couple of innings, that's for sure, but after that I felt like I settled in pretty good."

The Yankees set a record for the modern era with their 17th straight win in regular-season games that were tied after seven innings. They equaled the 1906 New York Giants at 16 on Tuesday night.

David Ortiz had gone 0 for 7 in his first two games following the worst of his first seven seasons with Boston. And after Tuesday night's game, he responded with an expletive-filled tirade when asked about his slow start.

On Wednesday, though, with the crowd chanting "Papi! Papi! Papi!" he gave the Red Sox a 1-0 lead in the third with his first hit in nine at bats. His two-out single scored Dustin Pedroia, who led off with a double. But in his other three at-bats, Ortiz ended innings with two strikeouts and a ground-out.

The Yankees tied the game in the seventh after Scott Schoeneweis replaced Lackey. Jorge

Posada doubled but Granderson struck out. Daniel Bard relieved and, on an 0-and-2 count, allowed Nick Swisher's tying single.

Kevin Youkilis was beamed in the fifth by Pettitte and went to first base without incident. That moved Victor Martinez, who had singled, to second with two outs. Then Ortiz struck out on a low pitch outside the strike zone.

Jeter led off the sixth and was hit by Lackey on a 2-2 pitch, prompting home plate umpire Paul Schrieber to issue warnings to both dugouts.

Notes: Cano has hit safely in 16 consecutive games against Boston. ... Teixeira went 0 for 12 with three walks in the series. ... Lackey began the last two seasons on the Los Angeles Angels disabled list. ... Manager Don Zimmer, outfielders Jimmy Piersall and Tommy Harper and infielder John Valentin were named to the Red Sox Hall of Fame by a 14-member panel of team executives, media members, booster club representatives and historians. Eddie Kasko was picked as a non-uniformed member. He was a vice president, manager, coach and player for the Red Sox.



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## State briefs

### East Texans feel relief after mailbox bomb arrest

DALLAS (AP) — Carolyn Smith was so frightened after explosive devices started turning up in mailboxes in East Texas that she stopped dropping her mail in the nearby collection box where one pipe bomb was found and started taking it to the post office.

Like other residents of East Texas, the 71-year-old substitute teacher was relieved to hear about an arrest in the case, even as she waited for details from a news conference scheduled for Thursday morning. Although none of the explosive devices ever detonated, they had many in the region on edge, especially because the incidents followed a string of church fires in the area.

The arrest was announced the same day a federal grand jury in Tyler indicted Larry Gene North, 52, of Henderson in Rusk County, on a single count of unlawfully possessing a pipe bomb. North was confined without bond to the Smith County Jail in Tyler on a federal retainer, according to the jail database. No attorney was listed for him.

Neither Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesman Tom Crowley nor U.S. Postal Inspector Amanda McMurrey would confirm the connection between the indictment and Wednesday's arrest. However, the indictment accuses North of possessing the pipe bomb on or about March 23 — the same day one was found in a mailbox near Smith's home in the small community of Laird Hill, about 25 miles east of Tyler.

Also, U.S. Attorney John M. Bales said earlier that the man who was arrested was from Rusk County, just east of Tyler and about 140 miles east of Dallas. Bales would not provide additional details until Thursday's news conference.

Before Wednesday, authorities said they had

found at least 14 explosive devices, including five pipe bombs, over the past several weeks. ATF officials have said they believe most of the incidents are related.

### Ex-San Antonio housing official accepted kickbacks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sentencing is July 1 for a former project manager for the San Antonio Housing Authority who pleaded guilty to accepting \$7,200 in kickbacks.

Prosecutors say the funds were meant to steer maintenance work to a contractor. No contractors have been charged.

Robert R. Olivares Jr. pleaded guilty Wednesday to accepting something of value from a program receiving federal funds. The 41-year-old worker was fired in June 2009 after being indicted.

Olivares, who has agreed to pay restitution, had faced 21 counts of accepting kickbacks between during 2008. His plea agreement means the rest of the charges will be dropped.

### State appliance rebate an open-and-shut program

AUSTIN (AP) — A new state incentive for Texans to buy energy-efficient appliances didn't last long — less than a day.

The state began accepting rebate reservations Wednesday for the Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate Program for purchases of select Energy Star appliances.

But high public demand quickly overwhelmed the reservation system and many callers were being greeted with busy signals as they tried to sign up. By the end of the day, a notice was posted on the program's Web site saying, "All rebate and waitlist

reservations have been filled."

At the Wednesday peak, the Web site for the state comptroller's office received 1,700 hits per second and a toll-free switchboard was fielding about 1,000 calls per minute. Agency spokesman R.J. DeSilva said authorities had added 100 phone operators to deal with the high volume.

"There's an extremely high response," DeSilva said. He said the Web site reservation system would be back on line "as soon as possible."

The program used \$20 million in federal stimulus funds and was restricted to replacement of existing appliances.

### Perry: Texas should move to online textbooks

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry proposed Wednesday that Texas abandon using traditional textbooks in public schools and replace them with computer technology.

"I don't see any reason in the world why we need to have textbooks in Texas in the next four years. Do you agree?" Perry asked participants at a computer gaming education conference in Austin.

During his wide-ranging speech, the governor offered some new ideas for boosting student performance and defended his education record. Perry, a Republican seeking re-election this year, also addressed a dispute with Democratic challenger Bill White over Texas' dropout rate.

Paper textbooks get out of date quickly, Perry said, sometimes even before they reach the classroom. He noted that since he took office in 2000, some schools have used textbooks saying Ann Richards was governor. She served from 1991-95.

Perry said using computer software to teach students allows the curriculum to be updated almost instantly.

## CENSUS

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Barr said. "In one particular area,

Census information helps determine how much federal money the county receives. And it's projected that West Texas may lose one or two of its (congressional) representatives, and the number of representatives are deter-

mined by the census count, also."

Barr said residents can pick up census forms at Big Spring and Coahoma city halls, the county library, Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts and the third floor of the county court-

house.

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## FCI

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case was identified March 29. There are a total of 39 inmates who have been diagnosed and treated."

According to officials at the Big Spring FCI, representa-

tives from the Centers for Disease Control and Texas Department of State Health Services arrived at the facility in mid-February to help track down the cause of outbreak.

"(These agencies are) working with the BOP staff to collect data regarding the recent cases of pneumonia among

the inmate population and to assist us in identifying measures to possibly prevent future cases of pneumonia," read a press release issued by the Big Spring FCI at that time.

According to the most recent update from the facility — received by the *Herald* Monday — the institution

remains under normal operation at this time, with only inmate transfers to other prisons affected.

"In an abundance of caution, the BOP has temporarily halted inmate institution transfers out of the facility in order to ensure that the illness does not spread to other BOP institutions," reads the

report. "Inmate visitation has not been affected."

Garcia confirmed there have been no deaths attributed to pneumonia outbreak.

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## HEALTH

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"They are what keeps us from having to charge people for these screenings," she said. "Without them, we couldn't do this."

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health fair include Alon USA, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, All-District Screen Printing, Big Spring Air Evac Life Team, Big Spring Herald, Caring Hearts Home Hospice, Crossroads Hospice, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, H-E-B, KBST, KBYG, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez

Texas State Veterans Home, Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Parkplace Retirement Living, Warren Chiropractic and the West Texas VA Healthcare System.

In addition to free screenings, the YMCA and American Cancer Society will hold

a series of demonstrations, Davenport said. The ACS also will offer fruit smoothies, while the Howard County 4-H Club will have healthy snacks and H-E-B will be giving away balloons to youngsters.

The Big Spring Police Academy will offer fingerprinting for seniors and children, Dav-

enport added, while the United Blood Service will conduct a blood drive.

For more information, contact the chamber at 263-7641.

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## VOTE

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loting in this runoff election already moving slowly, those few extra votes can make a huge difference."

Local resident Donnie Baker is facing off against incumbent Jerry Kilgore in the runoff for the Republican nomination in the November contest.

Baker came out ahead in the March Republican primary, pulling in 617 ballots for 43.45 percent of the vote. Kilgore came in second with 532

ballots, or 37.46 percent of the vote, while third-place finisher Melanie Gambrel was eliminated with 271 ballots, making up the final 19.08 percent of the vote.

However, because neither of the two top candidates managed to garner 50 percent or more of the vote in the Republican Primary, state law requires a runoff election be held between them to determine who will represent the party in November.

With early voting set to wrap up Friday at 5 p.m., Bloom said her original goal of 1,000

ballots in the runoff election is beginning to look a bit lofty.

"We were hoping for 500 ballots in early voting and another 500 on election day, but things are moving a lot slower than I had originally expected," Bloom said. "We voted 50 people Monday and only 53 on Tuesday, which included extended hours similar to today's schedule. Needless to say, I am beginning to doubt we'll get 1,000 ballots before this runoff election is over."

Election day in the contest — which also

includes a runoff for the Place 3 seat on the Texas Supreme Court between Rick Green of Dripping Springs and Debra Lehmann of Colleyville — is set for Tuesday, according to Bloom.

"The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday. There will only be two polling places in the runoff on election day," Bloom said. "Voters in Precincts 207, 407, 408 or 409 will cast their ballots at the Coahoma Community Center. Everyone else will vote at the Big Spring Mall."

The winner of the runoff election between

Baker and Kilgore will go on to face Democratic nominee Jim Sinclair — who won his party's nomination unopposed in March — in the November election.

For information on the runoff election, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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John Grant  
General Manager  
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*Love,  
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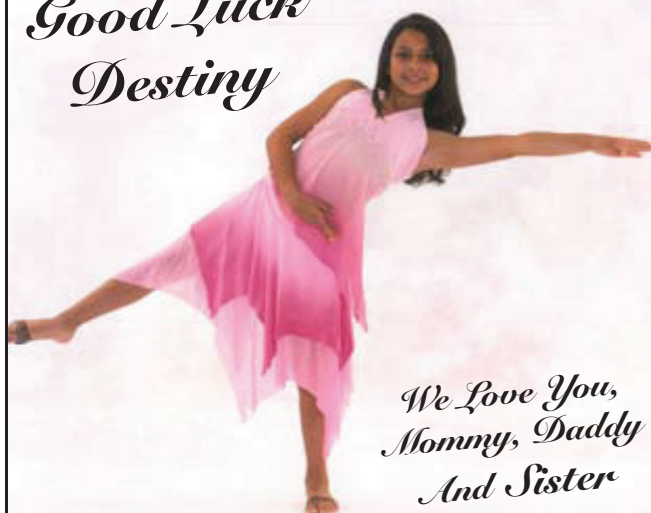
*Dancingly,  
Miss Stevi*

*Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!*



**Good Luck Kaylor and Hailey**

**Good Luck  
Destiny**



*We Love You,  
Mommy, Daddy  
And Sister*

*Lizzie Jean Klaus*

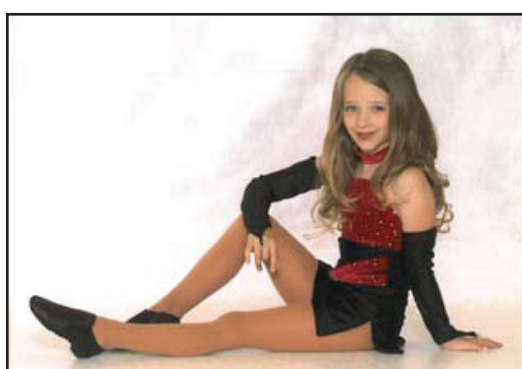
**Go Dance Your  
Heart Out And  
Say What  
Words Cannot.**

**We Are So  
Proud Of  
You!**



*Love Mom & Dad*

*Tatum,  
Beautiful girl, beautiful dancer*



*Mom, Dad and Sloan*

**R'Lonie  
DANCE LIKE  
OUR LITTLE  
ROCK STAR**



*Love You,  
Mama, Papa  
NahNah, B  
Mom and  
All The Family*

**GOOD LUCK**



**Kayla & Tessa  
Martin**

**Dance Like  
There's No  
Tomorrow!**



*We Love You,*

*Rick, Mom, Heather, Morgan & Seth*

† Not Ashamed

**Shine  
Like A  
Star!**



**Good  
Luck!!**

*Love,  
Pops, Mom & Chelsea*

**Good Luck**

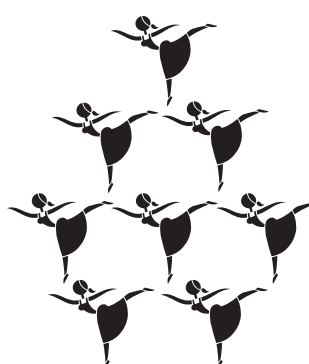
**Hailey  
at competition  
Love  
Mama  
PawPaw**

**Good Luck  
Chloe' and Tatum  
on your DUET!**

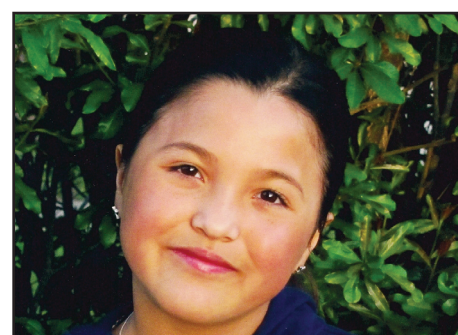


**With Love,  
Chris, Maira, & Pailey**

*Tatum, Chloe  
Good Luck  
Girls  
.....  
Make Us  
Proud!*



**Chloe;  
You Make us So Proud!  
Good Luck On Your  
Solo!**



*Love You Bunches,  
Momma, Chris And Pailey*

**Alyssa,  
DANCE YOUR  
HEART OUT!**



*We Love You,  
Mom & Larry*

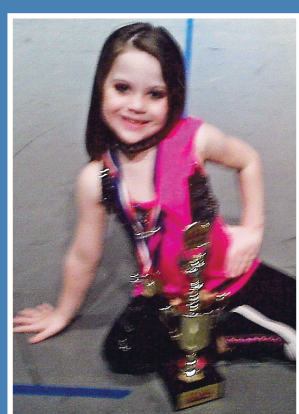
**Scarlet,  
DANCE TO WIN!**  
*Love, Dad, Mom & Syd*



**Good Luck  
at Competition  
Love,  
David**

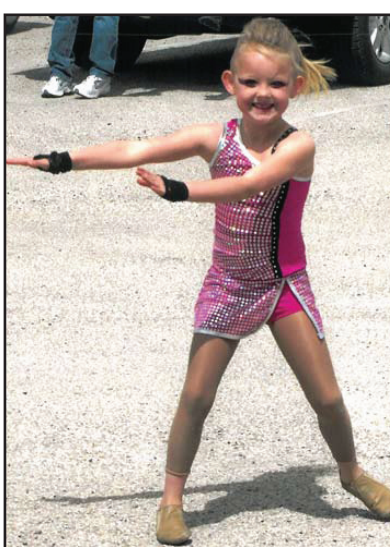
**GOOD LUCK  
THIS  
WEEKEND  
WE LOVE  
YOU  
YOUR ANPA**

**Good Luck Hailey.  
You're A Star!**



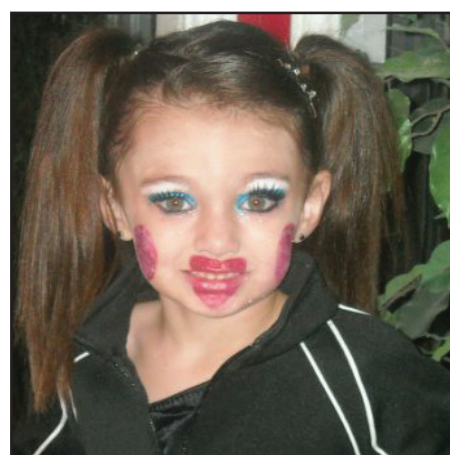
*Love,  
Mommy, Daddy, Reagan, Nana,  
Gi Gi, PawPaw*

**Kaylor  
DANCE  
YOUR  
HEART  
OUT  
BABY  
GIRL!**



*Love,  
Momma & Daddy*

**Go Get 'em  
Baby Girl**



*Love Chelsea*



**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

The Aquarius moon is stellar for technological pursuits, and with the sun in Aries, the newer the better. Lives can be improved, what's lost is found, the difficult is made easy — and all it takes is a well-written line of computer code. Even those who are not technologically savvy are still vulnerable to becoming smitten with a dandy gadget.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You will achieve what you say you want. But it will make you happy? If you say it right, it will. Be specific. Then be more specific. And when you think you've nailed it, be even more specific than that.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There's some flexibility in your plan, which is key. This will allow you to change course when a truly wonderful opportunity comes along — which is likely to happen within the next five days.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You smile and look approachable. The aura of class that surrounds you will tell the world that you're important. You let your confident demeanor speak for you and attract the right kind of attention.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Someone will ask you to dance — maybe not actually, but metaphorically — and you shouldn't turn down the offer. It's only for one "song." The momentary mingling, moving and having fun will do you good.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). This is a lucky day because of the opportunity it will present to you in the afternoon. You will get the chance to balance the imbalanced, right a wrong or finish what you started.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You think the opin-

ions of others don't matter to you, but in fact, they have a strong bearing on your productivity. You work quickly and well when you can feel the approval of those around you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whatever you are playing today, go for the difficult levels of the game. Challenge ignites passion. If it's too easy for you, there's nothing to set your heart aflame.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is a way to bring your mind to the better side of a situation. You do this well today. Where others hear noise, you hear music. Where they see ugliness, you see potential.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't need to get involved in every good idea that comes along. One or two are all that you can handle at once — and are all that are necessary to improve your lot.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Taking a break from your usual routine will be necessary for your personal growth, especially if your routine includes a lot of stuff that is "good for you." Being too good gets tiresome. Be a mischief seeker.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will shine brightly, not by way of your own accomplishment, but by way of a friend's. As your signmate Edith Wharton said, "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The bigger your plans the bigger the roadblocks. But luckily, you've attracted some equally lofty dreamers along the way, and together you'll get the heavy machinery needed to clear your path.

**T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY** (April 8). This year you will defy convention and blaze your own path. Your unique expression will make a difference. A quiet place of your own

will be the haven from which you are able to work at the highest levels of productivity. New friends will be captivated by your daring style in June. September brings group travel. Leo and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 23, 15, 29 and 17.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Now that Pluto's been downgraded to non-planet status, can it still be useful in astrology?"

Absolutely, yes! The moon and the sun aren't technically "planets," either, but do you think astrology is going to ignore their importance? No, my friend, Pluto is here to stay, no matter whether you call it a planet or an asteroid or an outer-space dirtball. However you want to classify it, it's part of our system. So how are we to use the energy of the poor, underestimated Pluto? True, he is traditionally the god of the underworld and has a questionable way with women, but that's no reason not to like the guy. Pluto symbolizes transformation. Wherever you find Pluto brooding in your chart, that's where you need to focus your efforts on change. Only by transforming that sector of your life can you truly evolve as a person. Pluto in Virgo in your 10th house? Change your health habits and then make a career out of it. Pluto in Libra in your fourth house? Time to change the family dynamic. Get going!

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**Managing Diabetes with food and friends**

(Family Features) Diabetes is a growing concern in our country. Nearly 81 million Americans — or one in four households — have diabetes or prediabetes, with a new case diagnosed every 20 seconds. While those statistics sound ominous, the good news is that this disease can be managed through diet, exercise, medication (if needed) and a strong support system.

"The difference between surviving diabetes and thriving with it often comes down to having the proper support network," said Amy Hess-Fischl, MS, RD, LDN, BC-ADM, CDE and 2009 Diabetes Care and Education Diabetes Educator of the Year. "Those who have at least one 'DFF' — Diabetes Friend Forever — are more likely to succeed in creating a healthy, balanced lifestyle than those who don't."

Sherri Shepherd, actress, comedienne, and Emmy Award-winning co-host of ABC-TV's "The View," couldn't agree more.

Diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes in 2007, Sherri attributes her success in managing the disease to her two DFFs.

"I know first-hand how important a DFF can be. My four-year-old son, Jeffrey, and trainer Don are my DFFs because they give me inspiration to maintain a healthy lifestyle every day."

Like many people with diabetes Sherri feared that her favorite food - pasta — would be off the menu forever.

After three years without her signature dish, Sherri's Pesto Pasta, she discovered that she could enjoy it in moderation if made with Dreamfields pasta.

Since a one cup cooked serving has only five grams of digestible carbs and five grams of fiber, the blood glucose rise from eating Dreamfields pasta is lower than that from traditional pasta.

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where, Dreamfields Pasta and Sherri Shepherd have paired up to launch a first-of-its-kind program to pay tribute to these special people. Show your DFF the gratitude they deserve with a bowl of Sherri's Pesto Pasta and nominate them at [www.diabetesfriendsforever.com](http://www.diabetesfriendsforever.com).

If your nomination is chosen, you and your DFF can win one of 19 prize packages consisting of cash and/or Dreamfields Pasta.

**Sherri's Pesto Pasta**  
Preparation Time: 20 minutes  
Cook Time: 9 minutes  
Makes 6 servings

- 1 box Dreamfields Spaghetti
- 2 cups packed fresh basil leaves
- 1/3 cup pine nuts
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 medium cloves garlic
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1. Cook pasta according to package directions.
2. Meanwhile, com-

bine remaining ingredients in bowl of food processor. Pulse to combine. Process until desired consistency.

3. Drain spaghetti; transfer to large bowl. Add pesto; toss to coat.

Nutrition information (1/6 of recipe): 374 calories; 10 g protein; 8 g digestible carbohydrates\*; 18 g total fat; 2 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 16 mg sodium; 6 g total dietary fiber.

Variation: Sherri's Pesto-Chicken Pasta

Toss 3/4 pound cooked chicken breast, cut into strips, into the pesto-pasta mixture.

Nutrition information (1/6 of recipe): 467 calories; 27 g protein; 8 g digestible carbohydrates\*; 20 g total fat; 3 g saturated fat; 48 mg cholesterol; 58 mg sodium; 6 g total dietary fiber.

\*If traditional pasta is used in this recipe there is a total of 48 g carbohydrate. For more information go to [www.dreamfieldsfoods.com](http://www.dreamfieldsfoods.com).

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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEW

# Weekend's events will benefit all

This is going to be an extremely busy weekend for lots of people. Something tells us they'll be better off for it. In fact, some of the goings on will benefit all of us.

Far too few of us are conscientious when it comes to making sure we're in good health — we're too busy, we believe, to schedule a doctor's appointment for a check up and in some cases ignore symptoms of potentially life-threatening conditions.

That's why it's important that we all take advantage of free health screenings Saturday at Health Fair 2010.

Doors to Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to more than 50 booths supplying free screenings and information.

Among the tests offered will be blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, glaucoma, prostate-specific antigen and spinal analysis. Some booths will offer information about retirement homes, nursing and rehabilitation centers, Medicare and the like.

United Blood Services will be collecting blood from those who wish to donate and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will be fingerprinting and photographing children and senior adults for emergency purposes.

It's designed for the entire family and almost all of it is free.

Another event — the 12th annual "Master the Mountain" Fun Walk/Fun Run — will be held in conjunction with the Health Fair, beginning at 9 a.m. at Big Spring State Park.

The cost is \$18, and race-day registration begins at 8 a.m.

Races will include a 5K fun-walk and a 5K fun-run race. Medical personnel will be on duty throughout the run and walk.

And don't forget Keep Big Spring Beautiful's participation in the Great American Cleanup by doing its part in the "Don't Mess with Texas" Trash Off.

So, choose to clean up around your property, and you might even do a little beautification work — like planting a tree, flowers or whatever tickles your fancy.

We encourage everyone to get involved this weekend and pay a little attention to healthy living and the way our community looks.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we walk with You, Lord, we can dive into something new.

Amen

# Hyphenated and very proud of it!

Every once in a while, a reader writes me a letter demanding that I must choose.

"You can be a Cuban or an American. Not both," one of them wrote last week. "It is long time past for you to pick a country."

The fact that I call myself a Cuban-American is offensive to some people. Luckily, I'm not alone, because they are offended by all hyphenated-Americans.

These are the people who want us all to jump into the American "melting pot" and lose all our ethnic identities, our native languages and even all memories of our past.

They tell you delusional stories about how their European ancestors stopped speaking foreign languages, learned English instantly, cut all ties with their relatives back in their motherlands, and became isolationist Americans the moment they stepped ashore on Ellis Island.

Their ability to distort the history of this "nation of immigrants" is impressive. Many of them are the same people who are obsessed with combating illegal immigration. They tell you that what they want is legal immigration, but then they show you they have problems with all immigrants who are not willing to dissolve into their melting pot.

Just because they have lost all ties to their own ethnic roots, they come off as if they were purebred Americans calling for ethnic cleansing.

They refuse to acknowledge that from the time of the Continental Congress, when certain documents were translated into German and French, the United States has been multilingual or that most of our Founding

Fathers encouraged teaching French, Spanish and German in our schools or that they were opposed to government telling people what language to use.

The United States never has been a melting pot. We always have been a salad bowl in which every ethnic group retains its own flavor. What makes us great is that we have been able to create the richest and most diverse salad bowl in the world.

Yet some of my readers refuse to acknowledge that their ancestors published newspapers, put up storefront signs and even got some ballots and other government documents printed in various foreign languages.

Yet nowadays, store signs in Spanish, the first European language spoken here, are a source of controversy.

Some people don't believe that immigrant businesses — or those appealing to immigrant customers — should have the freedom (or the constitutional protection) to advertise their goods in the language of their choice.

They are willing to look the other way when old immigrant communities cling to their cultures, apparently closing their eyes when they drive through our Chinatowns and Little Italys, but they hold new immigrants to a different standard.

Curiously, no one seems to be offended when Italian-Americans celebrate Columbus Day or Irish-Americans march in St. Patrick's Day parades. But when we Latinos and other new immigrants try to preserve our cultures and languages, when we proudly wave our homelands' flags in ethnic parades and festivals, we are unjustly accused of being un-American.

In fact, that's the only kind of hyphenated American some of my readers recognize. They love to accuse people of being "un-American."

Amazingly, many of the letters from my strongest critics have

little to say about the particular topic I may be discussing in a column. Last week's column, for example, was about dissidents in Cuba, but because I made a reference to Cuban-Americans, I got a lecture about hyphenated Americans.

"My Scottish, Irish, German and Hungarian ancestors came to this country to be Americans," wrote the reader who ordered me to choose between my Cuban and American nationalities. "I will not hyphenate them all together and demean their efforts to start a new life here."

Yet if you go to Google and search for "Scottish-Americans," "Irish-Americans," "German-Americans" or "Hungarian-Americans," you are likely to find proud histories of hyphenated American communities that never denied their ethnic pride when they started new lives here.

As for my being a Cuban-American, I'm sorry to disappoint my not-so-well-intended readers, but because I'm very proud of both of my nationalities, I'm sticking with both. You are what your life makes you, and you certainly don't deny any part of it to ease the xenophobia of a few bigots.

I was born in Havana in 1950, and I came to the United States as a refugee at the age of 11 in 1962. My life has shown me the ruthlessness of a right-wing dictatorship, the repression of a communist regime and the privilege of immigrating to the greatest country in the world. It has shown me the struggles of U.S. immigrants and the economic, social and even violent discrimination suffered by minorities. This country has given me the freedom to express myself as a journalist. And whether anyone likes it or not, my opinions are formed by my own life experiences as a Cuban-American.

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# Having the right to a lawyer

If you were charged with a crime, would you rather be rich and guilty or poor and innocent? Every year, when I ask my students that question, rich and guilty wins by a mile. And who am I to say they are wrong?

After all, over the years, I've had my share of success in securing reversals of the convictions of many criminal defendants a jury had found to be guilty. While I try to do my share of pro bono work, the truth is that most of my clients can afford me. And the ones who can't are generally people I take on precisely because they were so poorly represented in the first place.

Anyone who watches television knows that if you're facing possible imprisonment, you have a right to a lawyer, and that if you can't afford to pay, a lawyer will be appointed to represent you. But there is a difference between a lawyer and a good lawyer.

Look at all the idiots who pass the Bar, I remind my students every year, as they fret about their chances of passing. It's true. And while the market is hardly a perfect judge of talent, and while there are many public defenders offices around the country staffed by capable and dedicated lawyers, there is a definite correlation between competence and cost.

The lawyers who make their livings by taking appointments to represent those who can't

afford counsel are not the lawyers you would hire if you had the resources to choose. And the reimbursement rates paid to those lawyers create powerful incentives not to investigate or prepare (you get more for court time than prep time) and not to take a case to trial (you are limited on total hours, even in court). Unfortunately, the old saw that you get what you pay for holds true much more often than it should.

The consequences of bad representation can be every bit as serious as the consequences of bad medicine. There are horror stories of appointed counsel doing no investigation even in capital cases; giving terrible advice to clients that results in sentences of 20 years instead of two; and falling asleep in murder trials and failing to even present exculpatory evidence.

And what do courts do when these problems are brought to their attention? Usually, nothing.

To be sure, the Constitution guarantees more than the right to have someone with a Bar card by your side when you lose your liberty.

It's not just the assistance of counsel, but the "effective" assistance that is required by due process. Traditionally, though, "effective" doesn't necessarily mean awake, alert or informed.

That is why this week's decision by the United States Supreme Court is so important. The Court held that a legal resident who pleaded guilty after his lawyer advised him — wrongly — that doing so would not result in his automatic deportation had been denied effective assistance

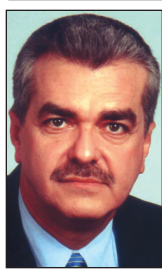
of counsel. For the thousands of legal immigrants who are charged with minor crimes every year, the real punishment is not measured in terms of prison time (usually, they plead guilty because they are promised no prison time or very little), but in the laws that now provide for automatic deportation.

In the case before the Supreme Court, a man who had lived in this country legally for 40 years was faced with a marijuana charge. He pleaded guilty and accepted a much-reduced sentence only after his lawyer assured him that it would have no impact on his immigration status.

Even a cursory review of the applicable law would have told her she was wrong. But like too many lawyers, she didn't bother to review the law before offering advice. By a 7-2 vote, the Supreme Court concluded that he had been denied effective assistance.

Immigrants' rights advocates are hailing the decision as a major victory. To me, the Court's decision is less about the rights of immigrants than the responsibilities of lawyers. We can't guarantee that every defendant will receive the same quality of representation that O.J. Simpson got. But raising the floor of what counts as "effective" is not only right as a matter of fairness. It is also critical to public faith in the criminal justice system, and to the willingness of individuals (and jurors) to trust that system, to cooperate with police and prosecutors, and to return a verdict.

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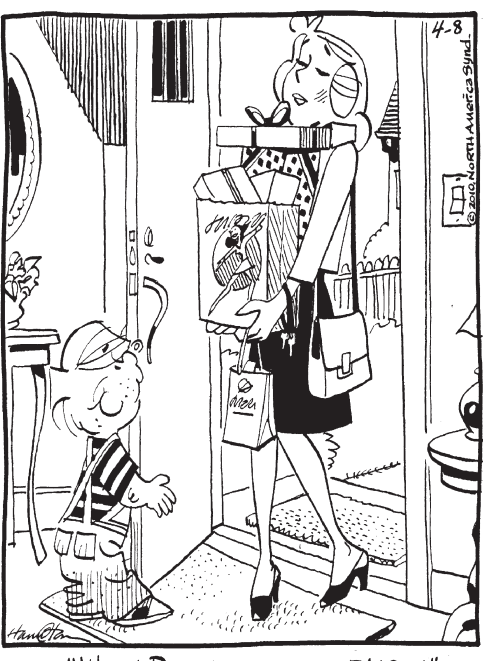


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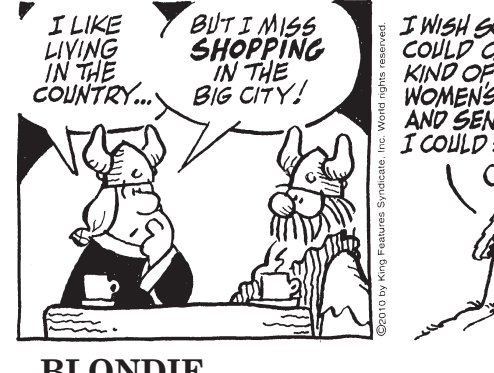
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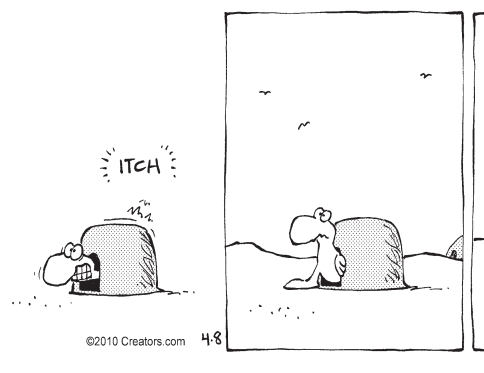
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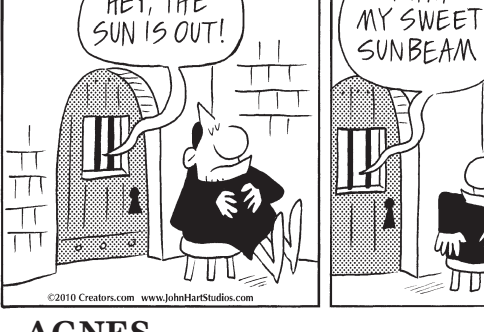
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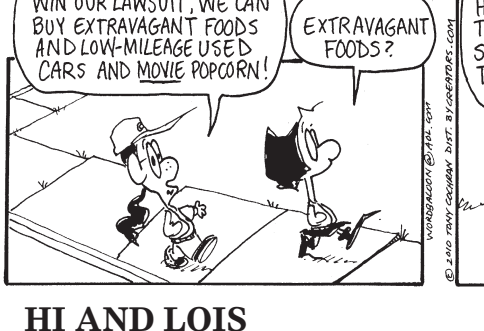
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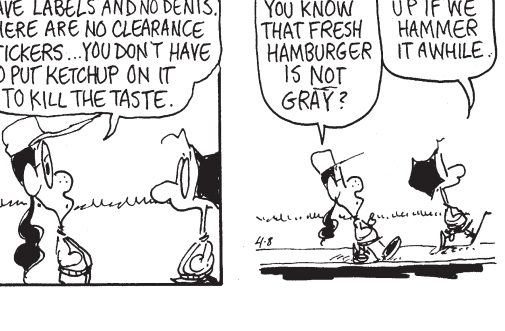
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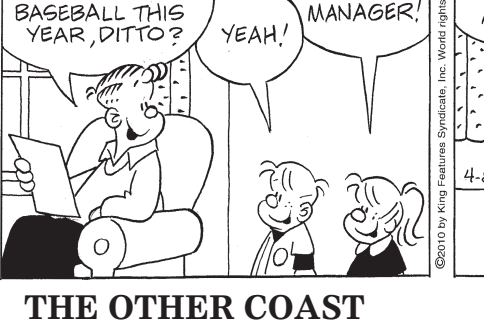
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  - 16 Princess' adornment
  - 17 "Pop" test
  - 18 Completely demolish
  - 19 Rose-garden pest
  - 20 Spotted food fish
  - 23 Marina del \_\_, CA
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  - 38 Pull a fast one on
  - 39 A question of explanation
  - 42 Cartoon squeal
  - 43 Paperless message
  - 44 Fencer's move
  - 45 Move with a mouse
  - 47 Mess up
  - 48 More uptight
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  - 52 Irish pub order
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  - 60 Means of defense, once
  - 61 Interrogative pronoun
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  - 3 Go sprawling
  - 4 Confused state
  - 5 Sideshow employee
  - 6 Lombardy's land
  - 7 Move like mud
  - 8 Floored it
  - 9 Icy look
  - 10 Stoolie's warning
  - 11 Diamond Head site
  - 12 Judge's issuance
  - 13 Bummed out
  - 21 Result of a pressing
  - 22 Warbler's sound
  - 25 Made two-by-fours
  - 26 Catchall column
  - 27 Site of Expo '70
  - 28 Bottom line
  - 29 Committee head
  - 30 Auditorium
  - 32 Desktop pictures
  - 33 Roulette bet
  - 34 Punch in
  - 36 Critic's unit
  - 37 Object of a scout's search
  - 40 "To rephrase..."
  - 41 Barbecue bread
  - 46 Rock instrument
  - 48 Takes a nibble of
  - 50 S-shaped
  - 51 Biblical poem
  - 52 Scandal suffix
  - 53 \_\_-friendly
  - 54 Give off
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 8, the 98th day of 2010. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

On this date:

In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition began exploring the Florida coastline.

In 1913, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for direct popular election of United States senators (as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provided money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.

In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for its final session.

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority.)

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Richard M. Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

In 1988, TV evangelist Jimmy Swaggart resigned from the Assemblies of God after he was defrocked for rejecting an order from the church's national leaders to stop preaching for a year amid reports he'd consorted with a prostitute.

In 1990, Ryan White, the teenage AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

Today's Birthdays: Former

first lady Betty Ford is 92. Comedian Shecky Greene is 84. Actor-turned-diplomat John Gavin is 79. Author and investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 73. Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan is 72. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 70. "Mouseketeer" Darlene Gillespie is 69. Singer J.J. Jackson is 69. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 69. Songwriter-producer Leon Huff is 68. Actor Hywel Bennett is 66. Actor Stuart Pankin is 64. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 63. Former House Republican Leader Tom DeLay is 63. Movie director John Madden ("Shakespeare in Love") is 61.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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# C30 R-Design

Volvo's sportiest car  
super agile, super fun

The Volvo C30 R-Design may be one of the most nimble, responsive vehicles I've driven thus far for the 2010 model year.

And I don't make that statement lightly.

I've been a fan of the C30 since its introduction for the 2007 model year, but this week was my first opportunity to drive the C30 R-Design, which is the nearest thing to a dedicated sports car in the Volvo lineup.

Like the C30, the four-passenger, two-door, front-wheel drive hatchback is powered by Volvo's 2.5-liter turbocharged I-5 engine. Mated to a six-speed manual or a five-speed automatic with Auto-stick function, the C30 (and C30 R-Design) engine delivers 227 horsepower and 236 lbs.-ft. torque with a 0-60 mph time of 6.2 seconds and

an electronically regulated top speed of 149 mpg.

It also has an EPA fuel economy rating of 21 mpg city, 30 mpg highway.



With identical performance specs, the million-dollar question is, "what makes the R-Design so unique?"

The short answer is the changes to the components responsible for the vehicle's handling. Yes, it has a unique body kit that makes it "look" different from the C30. But it is what's beneath the body kit that makes this car stand out.

Thanks in part to stiffer bushings, the steering has a more precise feel. It also has a lower steering ratio, giving the C30 the ability to turn on a dime — and boy does it ever.

Volvo has also made the dampers and roll stabilizers stiffer, while the R-Design's



The 2010 Volvo C30 R-Design.

exclusive monotube technology builds pressure more quickly.

While you notice the enhanced handling the second you turn the wheel, where it's really apparent is on the road — especially when taking on a winding stretch of pavement with lots of curves.

Even during aggressive maneuvering, there is very little lean. The C30 R-Design slices through the corners like a hot knife through butter.

In a very short synopsis, this car is an absolute blast to drive, specifically designed for driving enthusiasts.

As a Volvo, it's also loaded with plenty of safety features, including anti-lock braking system with electronic brake force distribution and emergency brake assist, anti-submarine seats, collapsible steering column, daytime running lights with projector-type low beams, dual-stage front

airbags, dynamic stability and

traction control, energy absorbing interior, illuminated side marker lights with turn signal indicators, inflatable side curtain airbags, intelligent driver information system, child seat anchor system, key integrated remote control, padded head restraints, rear fog light, safe approach and home safe lighting, front seat side impact airbags, side impact protection system and whiplash protection seating system, to name but a few of the C30 safety features.

It's also very nicely equipped with a long list of premium amenities.

For consumers in the market for a vehicle with sports car performance and Volvo safety, the C30 R-Design is an absolute must for the test drive list.

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 20 years and is affiliated with the Texas Auto Writers Association.

## THE NUTS AND BOLTS



### SUSPENSION:

Independent MacPherson struts with coil-over springs, stabilizer bar (front); multi-link independent with coil springs, stabilizer bar (rear). R-Design includes dynamic sport suspension.

### TRACTION CONTROL:

Dynamic stability and traction control

**BRAKES:** ABS with electronic brake distribution and brake assist

**LENGTH:** 167.4 inches

**WHEELBASE:** 103.9 inches

**WIDTH:** 70.2 inches

**HEIGHT:** 57 inches

**WEIGHT:** 3,200 lbs.

**TRACK:** 60.4/60.3 inches (front/rear)

**FUEL TANK:** 15.9 gallons

**TIRES:** 17-, or 18-inch

**0-60 mph:** 6.2 seconds

### MODEL:

2010 Volvo C30

4-seat 2-door hatchback

Front-wheel drive

**Trim packages:** C30, C30 R-Design

**PRICE RANGE:** \$24,100-\$34,000

**ENGINE:** 2.4-L turbocharged I-5

(227 horsepower/236 torque)

**TRANSMISSION:** 6-speed manual

5-speed auto w/Select-stick

**EPA:** 21/21 mpg city, 30/29 mpg highway (auto/manual)

**FUEL:** Regular unleaded

# The 'Evening Star' points to Mercury

Even though it's often brighter than the brightest stars, Mercury is always a challenge to spot. Being the planet nearest the Sun, its elusiveness derives from its proximity to our blindingly bright star.

While we might tend to forget it, the daytime sky is just as full of stars as the nighttime sky. We just don't see them since they are obscured by the glare of the Sun. Likewise with Mercury. Since it orbits close to the Sun, it is up virtually all day every day, but it, too, is hidden by the Sun's glare.

During about half of Mercury's orbit, it is either behind the Sun or between Earth and Sun, and thus too near the Sun for us to see. But there are two windows of opportunity in its orbit when it can be seen, even if briefly and with some effort.

Three to four times each year Mercury can be seen, usually for a couple of weeks, low in the east in the morning as dawn breaks, and likewise, three to four times low in the west in the evening at dusk.

Since Mercury's orbit is highly elliptical (it deviates notably from a perfect circle), some of its appearances are better than others. When it is farther from the Sun than usual, it can be seen sooner before sunrise or longer after sunset, and can be spotted a bit farther from the horizon.

It is now having its best appearance for this year, and to our good fortune, it is near "evening star" Venus, making it easier to spot. The two are low in the west at dusk and remain above the horizon more than an hour after sunset. As they are low, you'll need a viewing site with a clear view of the western horizon.

Begin looking soon after sundown. The much brighter Venus will appear first; then a little later Mercury will pop into view to Venus' lower right. Binoculars can help spot Mercury sooner although as the sky darkens, it becomes visible to naked eyes.

The two are at their nearest April 4 with Mercury six moonwidths to Venus' lower right. Mercury is at its farthest from the setting Sun April 8.

A week later a guest joins the pair for a special show. April 15, a very thin the crescent Moon is three moonwidths to the upper right of Mercury with Venus farther to their upper left. Then the next evening, the Moon is above the two planets and just below the lovely Pleiades (Seven Sisters) star cluster.

While this is Mercury's best appearance for 2010, its best morning appearance comes in mid September, although Venus won't be nearby.

Erratum: Thanks to teachers Steve Salvesen and John Herbert and their Lake Waco Montessori fifth graders for noting an error in last column's diagram. The Moon, of course, orbits the Earth.



PAUL DERRICK

## Sky Calendar

- April 11 Sunday morning: The crescent Moon is above Jupiter low in the east at dawn, and to the planet's left the next morning.
- 14 Wednesday: The Moon is new.
- 17 Saturday evening: Mars is a moonwidth

from the Beehive star cluster - best seen in binoculars or a scope a low power.

- 21 Wednesday: The 1st quarter Moon is below Mars.
- 22 Thursday morning: Lyrid meteor shower peaks - best after the Moon sets at 3 a.m.

Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon, and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation on its axis.) Evening: Venus and Mercury are low in the west with Saturn well up in the southeast and Mars high overhead. Morning: An hour before sunrise, Saturn is setting in the west as Jupiter is rising in the east.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Thoughtful Defense

East dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K J 10 2  
 ♥ J 7 3  
 ♦ 10 8  
 ♣ K 10 8 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ 9 7 5 4  
 ♥ K Q 9 2  
 ♦ J 7 5 4 3  
 ♣ —

**EAST**  
 ♠ 8 3  
 ♥ A 10 6 5 4  
 ♦ K Q 6 2  
 ♣ A 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A Q 6  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ A 9  
 ♣ Q J 9 7 6 5 3

The bidding:  
 East 1♥  
 South 2♣  
 West 2♥  
 North 3♠  
 Dble Pass

Opening lead — king of hearts.

**Bridge is not a game** that can be played by rote — thinking is a basic requirement. To play mechanically is certain to lead to poor results.

For example, take this deal where West led the king of hearts, which held, and continued with a heart, ruffed by declarer. South lost a club to East's ace and then had 11 easy tricks, eventually discarding his diamond loser on dummy's fourth spade after the last trump was drawn.

The contract could have been defeated, however. East should have

overtaken the king of hearts with the ace and returned the king of diamonds at trick two. This would have saddled declarer with an unavoidable diamond loser.

The winning defense was not really very difficult to find. All East had to do was to overcome the natural aversion to wasting an ace on his partner's king. However, a little thought should have convinced East that overtaking the king was a perfectly sound play.

The bidding, the opening lead and dummy's threatening spades all indicated that a diamond shift at trick two was mandatory. West's heart raise must have been based on three, four or five hearts. If he had five hearts, no harm could come from playing the ace, since in that case declarer would ruff the first trick. If West had four hearts, South would have one, and East could again afford to play the ace and make the vital diamond shift.

Finally, if West had three hearts, the ace play could do no harm, since West was marked with the queen by his lead of the king. (With three or more hearts not including the queen, West would lead a low card. Only with a holding headed by the K-Q would he lead the king.) All signs therefore pointed in one direction: that East should play the ace of hearts at trick one.

**Tomorrow:** Double-dummy problem.

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## News in brief

### Big scare on Denver-bound flight may have resulted from man trying to sneak a smoke

DENVER (AP) — A Mideast diplomat who grabbed a surreptitious smoke in a jetliner's bathroom sparked a bomb scare and widespread alert that sent jet fighters scrambling to intercept the Denver-bound flight, officials said.

But no explosives were found and authorities speaking on condition of anonymity said they don't think he was trying to hurt anyone and he will not be criminally charged.

Qatar's U.S. ambassador, Ali Bin Fahad Al-Hajri, defended the envoy in a statement on his Washington embassy's Web site.

"This diplomat was traveling to Denver on official embassy business on my instructions, and he was certainly not engaged in any threatening activity. The facts will reveal that this was a mistake," the ambassador said, without identifying the envoy by name.

An Arab envoy briefed on the matter identified the diplomat as

Mohammed Al-Madadi of Qatar, an oil-rich Middle East nation and close U.S. ally.

### Obama in Prague as U.S., Russia to sign biggest arms deal in 2 decades

PRAGUE (AP) — Pushing his vision of a nuclear weapons-free world, President Barack Obama returned to Prague on Thursday to sign a pivotal treaty aimed at sharply paring U.S. and Russian arsenals — and repairing soured relations between the nations.

On a sunny morning, an upbeat Obama was in the Czech capital after an overnight flight from Washington. His main mission: seal the hard-fought arms reduction deal with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and signal progress to a watching world.

Obama has not been able to deliver on all of the nuclear aspirations he outlined in Prague just a year ago — visions on disarmament that helped earn him the Nobel Peace Prize. Back then, a landmark speech to an enthu-

siastic crowd gathered in a Prague square included a promise to quickly seek ratification of a comprehensive nuclear test ban.

That goal remains unfulfilled. But on Thursday, the Czech capital will serve as the venue of a pledge achieved.

At noon in the Spanish Hall — a lavish Renaissance chamber within the Czech's capital's ornate presidential castle complex — the U.S. and Russian presidents will sign the "New START" treaty.

### Rescue crews to start long trek to find possible W.Va. mine disaster survivors; hope is slim

MONTCOAL, W.Va. (AP) — Rescue crews geared up to descend more than a thousand feet below the earth in a West Virginia coal mine Thursday hoping to find possible survivors of the worst U.S. mining disaster in a generation.

Officials and townsfolk alike admitted they didn't expect to find any of the four still-missing miners alive in the Upper Big Branch mine more than two days after a massive explosion killed 25 workers. Poisonous gases have filled the underground tunnels since Monday afternoon's blast.

Crews drilled holes deep into the earth to ventilate lethal carbon monoxide, highly explosive hydrogen, as well as methane gas, which has been blamed for the explosion. The air quality was deemed safe enough for four teams of eight members each to go on what officials were still calling a rescue mission.

"We're focused," said Kevin Stricklin, coal administrator of the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration. "It is what it is, and this is what we're dealing with right now."

The hope: that survivors made it to one of the shaft's rescue chambers, which are stocked with food, water and enough oxygen to last four days. Crews were headed to the two chambers nearest the blast site first, though by 5:50 a.m., it was not known whether they were winding their way through the dark tunnels.

### Executive at Toyota urged automaker to 'come clean' about problems with its cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the days leading up to its massive recall in January, Toyota executives debated when they should inform the public about safety problems with accelerator pedals, prompting one executive to urge the company to "come clean," according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Irv Miller, Toyota's then-group vice president for environment and public affairs, warned his colleagues in an e-mail on Jan. 16, 2010:

"We are not protecting our customers by keeping this quiet. The time to hide on this one is over. We need to come clean."

Five days later, Toyota announced it would recall 2.3 million vehicles to address sticking pedals on popular vehicles such as the Camry and Corolla.

As Toyota deals with a spate of recalls, the e-mail reveals serious concerns within the Japanese company's public relations leadership that it wasn't dealing with the safety problems squarely and could be inflicting

damage to its long-standing reputation for safety and quality. Months earlier, in September 2009, the automaker had announced a recall of more than 4 million vehicles to replace gas pedals that could get stuck in floor mats and cause sudden acceleration.

Toyota has recalled more than 6 million vehicles in the U.S. and a total of more than 8 million worldwide because of acceleration problems in multiple models and braking issues in the Prius hybrid.

### AP Exclusive: U.S. team recovers Chile's last weapons-grade uranium

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — With U.S. President Barack Obama shifting his nuclear nonproliferation strategy to rogue states and terrorists, Chile has become an example of how small countries can play a big part in making the world safer.

Vast amounts of highly enriched uranium, or HEU, is being stored in relatively insecure locations around the world.

Just 25 kilograms (55 pounds) of it — the size of a grapefruit — could create a mushroom cloud of radioactivity and devastate an entire city if detonated.

At a nonproliferation summit Monday in Washington, Obama will encourage leaders from 47 countries to work with the U.S. to secure and remove HEU from reactors, as Chile finally did last month.

"We are happy to see it go," Fernando Lopez of the Chilean Nuclear Energy Commission told The Associated Press, which exclusively witnessed the secret transfer of the material from reactors near Santiago to the United States.

"Countries normally don't want to be loaded with waste from other countries," Lopez acknowledged. "To put it in a safe place is valuable for everybody."

### Ex Vatican No. 2 becomes unlikely papal cheerleader given support for Legionaries

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The former Vatican No. 2, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, has assumed the lead role in praising the pope for his handling of clerical sex abuse and defending him against "unjust attacks" in the media.

But the retired Vatican secretary of state is an unlikely front man in Rome's battle for public opinion given his reported support for the Rev. Marciel Maciel, the discredited founder of the Legionaries of Christ.

Vatican investigators last month completed an investigation into the Legionaries after the order admitted that Maciel had fathered at least one child and had molested young seminarians.

The explosive revelations have called into question the very future of one of the church's most prominent religious movements and the Maciel case now stands as one of the more egregious cases of Vatican inaction concerning priestly sexual misconduct.

Sodano has long been accused in news reports in U.S. Catholic publications and in a book and documentary "Vows of Silence" of having helped stall a Vatican probe into the founder, although there's no suggestion he did so to cover up any alleged misdeeds.



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