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FIREFIGHTERS BUSY

State park disaster is averted Sunday

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
 Managing Editor

Firefighters took charge of a wind-aided brush fire Sunday afternoon on Scenic Mountain, turning the blaze back from homes and Big Spring State Park facilities.

Despite what could have been a huge disaster, the state park opened as usual this morning, much to the appreciation of manager Ron Alton.

"With the wind conditions the way they were and considering they were fighting fire on a slope, it was a firefighter's nightmare. It was a little sketchy, I have to say," a weary but happy Alton related today.

Sunday's blaze, which burned an estimated 50 acres — 49 of them on state park land — began as a report called in at 2:30 p.m. to tell officials there was a fire behind a residence along Albrook. City firefighters were alerted first, and they notified county units, which are equipped to fight fires in heavy brush.

"The county and city worked extremely well together. It was a testament to teamwork," said Alton.

Howard County brought in dozers and maintainers and EarthCo supplied another dozer, officials said.

Firefighters were able to keep the fire away from structures and confined to brush.

"We counted about 26 homes that were in potential danger," said Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan.

"If we had not gotten to it when we did, the fire could have made it over the mountain. Our goal was to stop it on top."

"A lot of the fire was around the water tower which serves base housing," explained Alton.

"Some of it, you just had to let burn because you couldn't get to it. With the high winds, it did actually jump the park road, which put it closer to park facilities."

Firefighters were able to keep the fire from structures, and no individuals were injured.

Alton said that though the circumstances were not what anyone would want, the fire

COMING TUESDAY:
Howard County Volunteer Fire Department has a new firefighting weapon in its arsenal and it's a big one.

Mobile homes burn early on Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A blaze in the 1200 block of Harding — located in the west portion of Big Spring — destroyed two mobile homes and caused minor damage to another structure early Saturday morning, local fire officials said.

According to Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, the fire was reported at approximately 4:51 a.m. Saturday.

"It took firefighters less than an hour to bring the fire under control," Condray said. "We were able to clear the scene at approximately 8 a.m."

Two homes were destroyed. "There were two trailers involved in the fire," he said. "The fire began at a trailer house and quickly spread to a second trailer house, located north of the first. Both structures were total losses."

No injuries were reported to fire department personnel as a result of the fire, according to Condray; however, one local resident didn't get away from the blaze quite so lucky.

"The only injury that was reported was a civilian who suffered some superficial burns," Condray said. "It happened while the person was trying to rescue several dogs from a kennel near the fire. He was transported to the emergency room at

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may have been beneficial.

"It actually probably did some good. To have some of that (brush) gotten rid of is not a bad thing," said Alton, who noted that many state parks conduct controlled burns. "When you

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Ryan Williams picks up trash at Comanche Trail Park as part of Keep Big Spring Beautiful's Trash-Off Day efforts Saturday morning.

House members consider election ordinance changes

By **CHRIS TOMLINSON**
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Members of the Texas Legislature are considering making changes to the state election laws.

At a House Election Committee on Monday, they will consider reducing the number of early voting days and allowing for video monitoring of voter lines.

The change to early voting days would decrease the period from 17 days to 10, but call for voting on Saturdays. The video feed proposal is intended to let voters know whether there is a line at their polling station. One bill would call for all general elections to take place on the first Tuesday of November.

Another bill would allow the Secretary of State's office to cross-check voter registration records with other states.

Consideration in committee is the first step for bills to become law.

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City considers landfill pact again

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Despite ongoing negotiations between the city and county, the Big Spring City Council is expected to consider a controversial inter-local agreement between the two government entities that calls for the county to fund one-third of the construction of a new municipal landfill.

The agreement — which was approved on first reading by the city

council on a unanimous vote March 26 — has been deemed an "ultimatum" by county officials who claim the city council has moved forward with the inter-local agreement without negotiating its structure with Howard County commissioners.

County Judge Mark Barr said the \$1.6 million the city is asking for is not currently provided for in the 2012-2013 budget, meaning the expenditure — if eventually approved

by the court — would have to wait until October, when the county will approve its 2013-2014 budget.

"To cover the \$1.6 million — plus the increase the city is asking us to make for ambulance service — we'd have to go up more than 4 cents on the tax rate," Barr said. "If things go the way we believe they will with the tax rate, that would put us at least

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Obituaries

Robert Webb

Robert Webb, 74, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 6, 2013, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Cody Welch

Cody Welch, 39, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 7, 2013. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- RONNIE EUGENE LEAL, 23, of 1408 S. Birdwell Lane, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- ISSAC JAMES TARIN, 20, of 1907 S. Main St., was arrested Sunday on a warrant for criminal trespass.
- ADAM STARR, 28, of 802 E. 14th St., was arrested Sunday on warrants for disorderly conduct – language, bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only, three counts) and two warrants from other agencies.
- FRANKLIN LAMARR CURTIS, 46, of 808 W. Third St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER RAY TEICHMAN, 40, of 1207 Hilltop Rd., was arrested Sunday on warrants for public intoxication, theft and bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only).
- MICHAEL NEAL ROBERTS, 41, of 2500 Cheyenne Apt. 103, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- ANDRES NIETO, 43, of 312 E. Davis Rd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- JASON MICHAELS FOSTERS, 40, of 308 S. Aylesford, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICKIE DELL HAIR, 39, of 1007 S. Nolan, was arrested Sunday on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license invalid and bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only).
- DONNI KAY ROBERTSON, 28, of 102 Merrick Rd., was arrested Sunday on warrants for bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only) and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of Dried Road.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook Drive.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ, 34, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a Jefferson County warrant for possession of a controlled substance – probation violation.
- ROXANA BLACKWELL, 39, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- DAVID MARGARITO MORENO, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- ALLEN DAVID GILBERT, 38, was booked into the county detention center Friday by DPS on a Mitchell County warrant for possession of a controlled substance – parole violation and charges of ride not secured by safety belt and failure to maintain financial responsibility (enhanced).
- MEAGAN BROOKE SCARBROUGH, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate guilt for possession of a controlled substance.
- DELORES DOHNALIK, 41, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check, theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500, theft of property – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, a Mitchell County warrant for theft by check and Llano County warrants for failure to appear – possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, failure to appear and capias warrant – failure to appear.
- EDWARD MARTINEZ, 27, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TIMOTHY JOE FLORES, 37, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSHUA WILLIAM LUCERO, 25, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for no driver's license.
- RONALD DWAYNE STACY, 37, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on an Ector County warrant for motion to revoke probation – driving while intoxicated.
- JESI ELAIN WILKEY, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- KEITH WAYNE WALTERS, 24, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a Midland warrant for driving while intoxicated.
- MARK WILLIAM EDWARDS, 55, was booked

into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for theft and failure to appear.

- ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON, 34, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ III, 18, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- DONNIE RAE SCHMALTZ, 27, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and municipal capias warrants for displaying an expired registration and failure to appear.
- JUAN MANUEL GONZALEZ, 35, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONNIE LEAL, 23, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CLINT BOLLIER, 22, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation and municipal capias warrants for displaying expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and speeding.
- ISAAC J. TARIN, 20, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JASON BOYD CARTWRIGHT, 42, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- RUSTY RUSSELL ROBINSON, 43, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANDRES NIETO, 43, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- ADAM ANTHONY STARR, 28, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and municipal warrants for failure to appear (four counts) and disorderly conduct – obscene language.
- FRANKLIN LA MARR CURTIS, 46, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER TEICHMAN BEASLEY, 40, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and municipal warrants for theft and failure to appear.
- JASON MICHAEL FOSTER, 40, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- DONNI KAY ROBERTSON, 28, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- RICKIE DELL HAIR, 39, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license invalid and failure to appear.
- MICHAEL NEAL ROBERTS, 41, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500.
- JAIME OROZCO, 41, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- MARTHA FINA LOPEZ, 41, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.




Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2800 block of McAuslin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of W. First Street and Valley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1200 block of Harding.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Lamesa Highway and the I-20 Service Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3100 block of Mountain Shadow. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 4/9	Wed 4/10	Thu 4/11
 80/41 Mainly sunny. High around 80F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.	 63/37 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	 73/49 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	37	mst sunny	Kingsville	95	72	pt sunny
Amarillo	68	19	mst sunny	Livingston	84	67	cloudy
Austin	89	66	cloudy	Longview	85	68	pt sunny
Beaumont	79	69	cloudy	Lubbock	76	26	windy
Brownsville	90	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	87	70	windy
Brownwood	90	47	pt sunny	Midland	78	46	windy
Corpus Christi	88	72	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	81	60	cloudy	Rosenberg	83	69	pt sunny
Dallas	81	61	cloudy	San Antonio	91	70	cloudy
Del Rio	99	64	mst sunny	San Marcos	89	67	cloudy
El Paso	66	44	windy	Sulphur Springs	84	64	cloudy
Fort Stockton	83	47	sunny	Sweetwater	86	38	mst sunny
Gainesville	78	49	cloudy	Tyler	86	68	windy
Greenville	81	59	cloudy	Weatherford	79	51	cloudy
Houston	83	70	cloudy	Wichita Falls	85	33	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	60	cloudy	Minneapolis	41	30	rain
Boston	72	52	rain	New York	78	61	mst sunny
Chicago	57	43	t-storm	Phoenix	70	49	mst sunny
Dallas	81	61	cloudy	San Francisco	70	55	sunny
Denver	22	11	blizzard	Seattle	54	50	cloudy
Houston	83	70	cloudy	St. Louis	78	66	cloudy
Los Angeles	73	55	sunny	Washington, DC	84	63	pt sunny
Miami	81	72	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 4/9	Wed 4/10	Thu 4/11
9	9	9
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

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

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

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weight starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Take Note

- A benefit for Beatrice Jean Armstrong, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, will be held from 5:50 p.m. to 7:30 Saturday at the Roadhouse, across the street from the Big Spring State Hospital. Dinner is \$10 a plate and includes chicken, brisket and sausage with fixings and dessert. There will be karaoke and other activities. Funds raised will be used for travel and medical expenses.

- Healthy Woman's April event will be "Let's Talk about Feet" following the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Healthy Fair on Saturday. Dr. Robert Hayes will be presenting at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. The event is free to the public. Call to reserve your seat at 432-268-4842.

- Big Spring residents, past and present, are invited to a reunion picnic on the third weekend in April. On April 19, early arrivals will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion for a brown bag lunch and visiting. Around 6 p.m., participants will meet at the Wagon Wheel for burgers and more visitation. Saturday, the 20th, the reunion will move to the Eagles Lodge from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee to the Eagles Lodge event will be a single (more if you wish) non-perishable canned good. Proceeds to be donated to a local food bank and/or folks needing assistance. A silent auction will be going on at the lodge with donated items, proceeds to fund the group's events and assistance fund. There will be

some snacks available at the lodge. However, those attending are responsible for their own meals. Bring it or come and go. It is after all a picnic.

- Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.ste-

gall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

- An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.

- An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

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

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

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can do-

nate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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

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

- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

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

HOMES

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he was treated and released."

Condray said light damage was also done to a nearby shed and pickup truck.

"The damage to the shed and truck were all from radiant heat," he said.

"There was some scorching on the shed and it appeared there had been some refuse in the back of the pickup which caught fire and smoldered. The damage wasn't very severe."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, according to Condray.

"It's really still too early to tell," he said. "It appears to have started outside of the trailer, which indicates it could have been an electrical problem

on the outside of the structure. However, until investigators have had a chance to really examine the scene and make a conclusion, it will remain under investigation."

Condray said four units from the Big Spring Fire Department responded.

"It's absolutely essential area residents remain vigilant when it comes to fire safety," Condray said. "Whether it's an overloaded extension cord

or tree trimming piled up near your home, everyone needs to pay close attention and try to avoid these dangerous situations. We were very fortunate this time, as injuries were kept to a bare minimum, however, we may not be as lucky next time."

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com

STATE PARK

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saw the fire, it made the hair stand on the back of your neck. But after it was all over, there is a good side to it, too."

At the same time, volunteers received the report of a fire near Ash and Rockhouse Road. It burned about a half an acre before firefighters got it

under control.

"We were running nine Howard County fire units at one time," said Sullivan, obviously tired but proud of the effort. "Just another day at the office," he quipped.

Earlier in the day, about 12:30 p.m., volunteers extinguished a fire along Interstate 20 at Mile Marker 191. It jumped the highway and burned along the median, consuming about a quarter mile of grass, Sullivan said. Howard County sheriff's deputies

slowed traffic until firefighters could get the fire out.

Sullivan said the fire likely started from someone throwing a cigarette from a vehicle window.

As for the state park fire, county units left the scene about 10 p.m. Sunday and the city kept a unit on scene all night.

"Thank God it didn't go absolutely crazy or get any of our facilities," said a relieved Alton. "We're back open."

Hours for the park are 8 a.m. until

30 minutes before sunset, seven days a week. Admission is free but donations are accepted.

For Sullivan, the day was rough but ended well.

"We had great teamwork, no households were lost and there were no injuries. And that's always a good day," he said.

Bill McClellan can be reached at editor@bigspringherald.com

CITY

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2 cents over the rollback rate.

"Raising the tax rate is bad enough, however, if we go above the tax rate and a petition gets started and is successful, the tax rate will get pushed back to the effective rate, which will mean a huge loss in tax revenue for the county. Not only would we be unable to help with the landfill, we wouldn't be able to make repairs to county roads or give any kind of employee raises. It's a huge risk."

According to Mayor Tommy Duncan, negotiations have been ongoing between the two government entities for more than a year — a detail Barr said is not true — and the council is running out of time to act on the matter.

"At some point, Mr. Long, you come to a point where you go to buy a car from your neighbor, and you love your neighbor and you're trying to work out a deal," Duncan told Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long during the last city council meeting. "At some point it comes down to, if you want to buy this car you have to pay this much

money.

"In my opinion, we're very, very close to that point and I saw no movement on negotiations for the past several months. When we started the landfill committee, we included County Judge (Mark) Barr to make sure there was county input. We've done everything we can to open the door and my intent was to say, 'We are a team, let's work together. My house is your house, come help me pay the rent and we'll all live together.' That's what we're doing with the county."

According to Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Baker, before negotiations between the two government entities can begin in earnest, an exchange of information — and ideas — will be vital.

"We can't make a decision without the numbers in front of us," Baker said.

Officials with the city of Big Spring said their "doors will be open" in the coming weeks with hopes county officials will be willing to meet and discuss the county's role in the construction of a new municipal landfill.

According to Long, he and the remaining members of the county

committee tasked with negotiating an inter-local agreement will take full advantage of that offer.

"Once we have all the numbers and necessary information, we're more than willing to sit down and figure out what's best for all the taxpayers, not just those in the city or the county," Long said. "We just want to see this handled properly, so we don't have taxpayers who are being hit for this landfill two and three times. There's more than one way to approach this and we're ready to begin exploring those options and not simply answer to an ultimatum."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is to consider final reading of a zone change from Single Family-2 (SF-2) to Neighborhood Service (NS) for the property located north of the Connally and Wasson intersection, described as Tract 6, Kennebeck Heights, Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

The council is also to consider final reading of a specific use permit without term to Reliable Self Storage UC for construction and operation of a mini storage warehouse facility at the same location. The first

reading of both measures passed on a 5-2 vote during the March 26 meeting with Duncan and District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez voting against the changes.

Duncan said he was voting against the zone change because he believes the city should remain true to the zones established when the residents currently living in that area decided to move there.

"The area was zoned for single family when those people made the decision to move there," Duncan said. "I just don't feel like it's right to change that now."

Tuesday's meeting is to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information, call 264-2401. A complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at www.mybig-spring.com

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News in brief

North Korea recalling 51,000 workers from jointly run factory with South Korea as tensions mount

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said Monday it will recall 51,000 North Korean workers and suspend operations at a factory complex it has jointly run with South Korea, moving closer to severing its last economic link with its rival as tensions escalate.

The statement from Kim Yang Gon, secretary of a key decision-making body, the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, did not say what would happen to the 475 South Korean managers still at the Kaesong industrial complex.

The statement comes amid weeks of North Korean war threats and other efforts to punish South Korea and the U.S. for ongoing joint military drills. North Korea is also angry over the U.S.-led push for U.N. sanctions over its Feb. 12 nuclear test.

The complex combines cheap North Korean labor and South Korean know-how and technology. It is the last remaining inter-Korean rapprochement project from previous eras of cooperation.

North Korea closed the border to northbound South Korean managers and cargo last week, though managers already there were allowed to stay. About a dozen of the more than 120 South Korean companies at Kaesong have already shut down because they can no longer get needed supplies.

Dem, GOP senator working on deal to expand background checks, boosting gun control hopes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Talks between two influential senators have emerged as the most promising route for a bipartisan breakthrough on expanding federal background checks for gun buyers, a pivotal part of President Barack Obama's plan for combating gun violence.

One possibility being discussed by Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., and Pat Toomey, R-Pa., would involve expanding background checks to gun show sales and firearms transactions online, Senate aides said. Sales between close relatives and temporary transfers between hunters may be excluded, but an agreement along those lines could give Obama's guns agenda a significant boost and would be a major expansion of the current system, which covers only sales handled by federally licensed gun dealers.

The agreement remains a work in progress and could change, said Senate aides who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe private talks.

But because of their credentials, an accord between the two lawmakers could make it easier for gun control advocates to win crucial support from wavering moderate Democrats and from GOP senators, who have largely opposed much of Obama's push on guns.

Manchin is a moderate and Toomey is a conservative, and both senators have received A ratings from the National Rifle Association, which has opposed the major parts of Obama's plan, including his call for nearly universal background checks.

Kerry meets Israeli, Palestinian leaders amid talk of reviving Arab plan for Mideast peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry is meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and senior Israeli and Palestinian officials amid talk of reviving a decade-old Arab plan for Mideast peace.

Kerry spent the morning of Israel's Holocaust memorial day visiting Yad Vashem. He was to meet

later Monday with Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad and Israeli President Shimon Peres.

Kerry then has a dinner with Netanyahu; he met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Sunday.

Kerry is trying to end a 4½-year Israeli-Palestinian stalemate.

He hasn't publicly outlined a new plan.

Pentagon presses for higher fees for military health care beneficiaries, Congress resists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The loud, insistent calls in Washington to rein in the rising costs of Social Security and Medicare ignore a major and expensive entitlement program — the military's health care system.

Despite dire warnings from three defense secretaries about the uncontrollable cost, Congress has repeatedly rebuffed Pentagon efforts to establish higher out-of-pocket fees and enrollment costs for military family and retiree health care as an initial step in addressing a harsh fiscal reality. The cost of military health care has almost tripled since 2001, from \$19 billion to \$53 billion in 2012, and stands at 10 percent of the entire defense budget.

Even more daunting, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that military health care costs could reach \$65 billion by 2017 and \$95 billion by 2030.

On Wednesday, when President Barack Obama submits his fiscal 2014 budget, the Pentagon blueprint is expected to include several congressionally unpopular proposals — requests for two rounds of domestic base closings in 2015 and 2017, a pay raise of only 1 percent for military personnel and a revival of last year's plan to increase health care fees and implement new ones, according to several defense analysts.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel insisted this past week that the military has no choice as it faces a \$487 billion reduction in projected spending over the next decade and possibly tens of billions more as tea partiers and other fiscal conservatives embrace automatic spending cuts as the best means to reduce the government's trillion-dollar deficit.

Shock and awe: No one more surprised than Luke Bryan by ACM Awards entertainer of the year win

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Luke Bryan heard his name called at the end of the Academy of Country Music Awards, accepted the entertainer of the year trophy and then things became a blur.

"It was like I was on the tilt-a-whirl," Bryan said.

Bryan pulled off a dizzying upset, all right, beating out the night's top winner Miranda Lambert, two-time entertainer of the year Taylor Swift and top male stars and good friends Blake Shelton and Jason Aldean for the academy's top award.

The 36-year-old Georgia native's reaction? He hugged the trophy and hung his head, appearing to fight back tears as members of the crowd at the MGM Grand shouted "Luke!"

"I don't think there was anyone in the room more shocked than him," Aldean said. "That's why I love him."

Pakistan's top court orders former President Musharraf to appear in treason case

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's top court on Monday ordered former military ruler Gen. Pervez Musharraf to appear before the judges to answer allegations that he committed treason while in power, an offense that carries the death sentence.

The Supreme Court was responding to several private petitions alleging Musharraf committed treason by suspending the constitution and sacking senior judges, including the chief justice, while in office. The hearing is scheduled to be held on

Tuesday.

Musharraf seized power in a military coup in 1999 but was forced to step down almost a decade later under the threat of impeachment by Pakistan's main political parties. He left the country in 2008 and spent over four years in self-imposed exile before returning last month to run in upcoming parliamentary elections.

The former president has experienced a bumpy ride since his return. He was only met by a couple thousand people at the airport in the southern city of Karachi when his flight touched down from Dubai, a sign of how little support many analysts say he enjoys in Pakistan.

The Taliban have threatened to kill him, and he faces a series of legal charges, including some related to the 2007 assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

Complaints surge as airlines shrink seats, overbook flights to cram more people into planes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline passenger complaints to the Transportation Department surged by one-fifth last year even though other measures such as on-time arrivals and mishandled baggage show airlines are doing a better job, according to a report being released Monday.

Private researchers who have analyzed federal data on airline performance say it's not surprising that passengers are irritated. Carriers keep shrinking the size of seats in order to stuff more people into planes. Empty middle seats that might provide a little more room have vanished. And more people who have bought tickets are being turned away because flights are overbooked.

"The way airlines have taken 130-seat airplanes and expanded them to 150 seats to squeeze out more revenue I think is finally catching up with them," said Dean Headley, a business professor at Wichita State University in Kansas who has co-written the annual report for 23 years.

"People are saying, 'Look, I don't fit here. Do something about this.' At some point airlines can't keep shrinking seats to put more people into the same tube," he said.

The industry is even looking at ways to make today's smaller-than-a-broom closet toilets more compact in the hope of squeezing a few more seats onto planes.

Fire official: 2 children trapped at NC home construction site not expected to be found alive

DENVER, N.C. (AP) — Two young children trapped when dirt fell on them at a home construction site Sunday were not expected to be found alive and crews expected to work through the night to recover their bodies, a fire official said.

A father of one of the children called 911 at about 6 p.m. to report what happened, said Lincoln County Emergency Services public information officer Dion Burleson. Crews were on the scene in minutes, but couldn't get to the 7-year-old boy and 6-year-old girl, Burleson said.

Crews used shovels and climbing gear trying to get to the children at the Denver neighborhood. Emergency personnel from several places, including nearby Charlotte, were on the scene late Sunday.

Video from WSOC-TV shows backhoes scooping dirt from a deep hole surrounded by dirt. Equipment surrounded the hole. Burleson said it is hard to estimate how far down the children might be.

The man who called was the father of at least one of the children, Burleson said. Neighbors told WBTB that the children were cousins.

U.S. gun control advocates find themselves proving how much they like firearms too

NEW YORK (AP) — Lobbying for gun control in the United States often means proving how much you like firearms.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, whose state recently passed some of the strictest gun control measures in the country, often reminds people he is a hunter. Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who founded a gun control advocacy group after surviving a gunshot wound to the head, says she and her husband keep two guns in a safe at home. Vice President Joe Biden boasts that he owns two shotguns. And the White House recently released a photo of President Barack Obama skeet shooting at the Camp David presidential retreat, trying to silence skeptics of his claim in an interview that he has actually shot a gun.

The message is obvious: They, too, are a part of America's gun culture. In a country where at least a third of households have firearms, it's hard to impose stricter arms rules without support from gun owners. That means reassuring Americans that nobody is going to take away the guns they have legally acquired.

Gun rights groups scoffed at what they called clumsy and obvious attempts by Biden and Obama to ingratiate themselves with firearm owners even while trying to limit their rights.

"It's transparent, cynical and hollow and gun owners see right through it," said Lawrence Keane, senior vice president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, an association that represents gun manufacturers.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

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Opening lead — two of clubs.

Not many hands offer the potential for a swing of more than 6,000 points. First, the proper conditions — a high-level vulnerable contract, doubled or redoubled — must be met. Then a critical guess, such as an opening lead, has to be involved.

Those were precisely the conditions in today's deal, which occurred in the 1988 national men's teams. The bidding started with South's two-notrump opening, whereupon North invoked the Gerber convention to ask for aces.

South responded to the four-club inquiry by bidding four spades to show two aces, and this is where the train went off the tracks. Recollecting that a spade response in the much more commonly used Blackwood convention shows three aces, North leaped to seven notrump. This was duly doubled by East, who was looking at the ace of hearts.

The trouble was that East was not on lead, so this left West with a critical guess. He was sure his partner had an ace, but he hadn't an inkling which one it was.

West did the best he could, reasoning that North was likely to have a solid suit for his bidding. If East had the ace of that suit, it didn't matter what West led — East would have to get his ace before the suit could be run. West therefore dismissed the possibility of leading a spade or a diamond and focused his thoughts instead on hearts and clubs, where he knew from his own holdings that North could not have a solid suit.

After much soul-searching, West finally opted for a club. As a result, declarer made the redoubled grand slam for a score of 2,980 points. Had East elected to lead a heart instead, the defense would have collected the first six heart tricks for plus 3,400.

The total swing amounted to 6,380 points — if not a record, then certainly not very far from one.

Tomorrow: All you have to do is pray.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

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

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Hawk softball cruises past Clarendon, baseball beats Frank Phillips for split

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

Following up a doubleheader in which Howard College outscored Frank Phillips College 31-3 between the two games, the Hawk softball squad took it a little easier on Clarendon College on Saturday at Foundation Field. This time, Howard — which has won eight straight — allowed five runs on the day, taking Game One 16-1 and Game Two 12-4.

There simply hasn't been much competition for the Hawks (40-8, 15-1), who lead the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and are currently five games ahead of Midland College and Odessa College which are tied for second.

"We did a good job of coming out and being ready to go," said HC Head Coach Kelly Raines of the two-game stint with Clarendon. "Our sticks were huge. Jillian Navarrete was big for us again and our pitchers did a great job as well."

Navarrete is batting .388 and has nine home runs on the season, but there are plenty of big bats in the Hawks' lineup.

Jazzmin Arrant has the best batting average in the conference with a .534 along with 20 homers. Elizabeth Torres is right behind her with a .504, Micherie Korja is batting .483 and Megan Granado is sitting at .452.

Granado, Torres and Arrant are the top three players in the conference when it comes to RBI also, with all three players averaging over one and a half per game.

Also complimenting the high-powered offense is the Hawk pitching staff, which has been stellar in the circle all season.

"Nikki Diaz pitched very well for us," Raines said. Diaz holds a 9-1 record and ranks among the WJCAC's best with an ERA of 2.34 and opponent batting average — opponents are hitting a paltry .226 when Diaz is in the circle. Other Hawk pitchers have been lights-out as well. Alyssa Rangel



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Howard College's Jillian Navarrete launches one out of the park during Saturday's 12-4 win over Clarendon College in the second game of a doubleheader.

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Louisville, Michigan look to create lasting bond

ATLANTA (AP) — Rick Pitino knows how lasting one more win would be.

It would give everyone a reason to stay connected. It would create a lifetime bond.

To drive that point home, the Louisville coach showed his team the documentary on North Carolina State's improbable title in 1983, the one that left coach Jim Valvano running around the court looking desperately for someone to hug, the one that his players still get together to reminisce about — on and off camera.

"We weren't Cinderellas like N.C. State," Pitino said. "But I wanted them to understand that because (the Wolfpack) won a championship, for the rest of their lives

they will sit around that table. Every year, they will get together — for the rest of their lives."

Michigan coach John Beilein is surely trying to instill a similar urgency in his young team, which faces the No. 1 seeded Cardinals in the national championship game Monday night.

"It's really an eerie feeling," Beilein said. "This is it. There's two teams playing, and it's us and Louisville."

The Cardinals (34-5) have lived up to their billing as the tournament's top overall seed, first through their four opponents before rallying from a dozen points down in the second half to beat surprising Wichita State 72-68 in the national

semifinals.

It's been quite a run for the Louisville athletic program, in general. The women's basketball team will be playing for a national championship Tuesday night, while the football team won a Big East title and stunned Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

Even so, the Cardinals still feel a bit overlooked in their own state. The Kentucky Wildcats are the blue bloods of the bluegrass; Louisville is the school that knows it must work a little harder for a little love.

"We're not a who's who like Harvard and Yale in the alumni world," Pitino said. "We're a blue-collar school that supports each other. One of the coolest places I've ever

worked."

Football rules on the Michigan campus — rightly so, said Tim Hardaway Jr., given that program's long, storied history.

"We still have a ways to go," said Hardaway, the Wolverines' junior guard. "Football has a lot more national championships than we do."

Maybe so, but the Wolverines (31-7) haven't exactly been pushovers on the hardwood.

They won a national title in 1989, beating Seton Hall in overtime. They've lost three other times in the championship. The program is best known, of course, for the Fab Five, that group of five stellar recruits who led

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Rangers stop Angels, 7-3 in series opener

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Yu Darvish was far from perfect this time and still got the same result — a victory for the Texas Rangers.

Even against the AL West rival Los Angeles Angels and 20-game winner Jered Weaver.

Lance Berkman and David Murphy homered in the first off

Weaver, putting the Rangers ahead to stay on the way to a 7-3 victory Sunday night after Darvish had allowed two quick runs only five nights after coming within one out of a perfect game.

"I didn't have everything today. It wasn't my 100 percent, but I had to grind it out," Darvish said through his translator. "The reason I was able to do that was because of all

the support from my teammates."

Ian Kinsler also homered for the Rangers, who took two of three in their first series facing Josh Hamilton, who was booed throughout the weekend but had three hits in the finale.

Whilethereweresome that Hamilton made an obscene gesture to fans in right field, the five-time All-Star and 2010 AL MVP who played in the Rangers' only two World Series said that never happened.

"I never would do that. Ever. I never would flip anybody off," said Hamilton, expressing surprise about the constant booing every time he came to the plate. "A little more hectic than

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Mavericks hold on for 96-61 win over Portland

Photos: Mavericks hold on for 96-91 win over Portland ANNE M. PETERSON, AP Sports Writer PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Those beards aren't coming off yet.

Chris Kaman scored a season-high 26 points and the unshaven Dallas Mavericks boosted their faint playoff hopes with a 96-91 victory over the slumping Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday night.

Kaman added 11 rebounds for the Mavericks, who were 2½ games back of Utah for the eighth and final spot in the Western Conference, and two games behind the Lakers. Dallas (38-39) has just five games left, but four of those are at home.

Led by veteran Dirk Nowitzki, a handful of the Mavs have been growing out their beards since early February, vowing not to shave until they reach .500 and make the playoffs. Kaman is among them.

everyone else is about it because I don't think they like how it looks," he said. "But I'm not really thinking about it because it's important for us to finish the season on a good note and we have the next five games to do that."

After the game, Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said he held Nowitzki out of the fourth quarter because of a sore foot. Nowitzki said it wasn't serious and he would play Wednesday when the Mavericks host Phoenix

"We just felt like, either way, it was more important to keep him out," Carlisle said.

The Mavs led by as many as 26 points, but the Blazers closed the gap in the fourth quarter — even after sitting most of their starters.

Rookie Will Barton came off the bench with 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Blazers, who have lost eight straight for their longest losing streak since the 2005-06 season. Portland (33-44)

was eliminated from the playoffs after Friday night's 116-98 loss to the Houston Rockets.

Rookie Damian Lillard's layup narrowed Dallas' lead to 88-80 with 4:48 left. The Blazers pulled closer at 88-83 on Barton's jumper.

O.J. Mayo and Shawn Marion had consecutive baskets to slow Portland's momentum, but Eric Maynor's layup and a pair of free throws got the Blazers within 94-91 with 39 seconds left.

After Mayo missed a 3-pointer on the other end, Lillard's attempted layup with 6.9 seconds to go didn't fall. Marion scored at the buzzer for the final margin.

"We're one of those teams that lets other teams back in so it was kind of frustrating, but we're lucky there wasn't much time left on the clock because I think it might have been a different game," Kaman said.

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Jimmie Johnson gets win at Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — No matter the changes to the car, the tires, or the weather, Martinsville Speedway is Jimmie Johnson's kind of place.

Johnson led a career-best 346 laps Sunday and pulled away on a restart with eight laps to go for his eighth career victory on the shortest track in the Sprint Cup Series, taking over third place on the career victories list on NASCAR's oldest track.

The only drivers ahead of him? Hall of

famers Richard Petty with 15 wins, and Darrell Waltrip with 11.

"Probably the most calm, relaxed thought-out weekend that we've ever had as the 48 (team)," Johnson said.

Matt Kenseth, who has struggled at Martinsville throughout his career, actually led for 96 laps.

Mark Martin, driving for the injured Denny Hamlin and equally disdainful of the venue, moved into fourth place.

"I did not fill Hamlin's shoes," he said.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The feeling that you have no control can be so overwhelming that it leads you to counterintuitive behaviors. Discuss it with a close friend or a guide who can help you see the areas you can control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is a lucky day for pitching ideas,

submitting proposals and the like. You have a way of single-handedly lifting the Monday morning fog that many are feeling in the early hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone has to start the good vibes rolling, and that someone is probably you. Make a mental list of the things you appreciate in your environment right now, including what loved ones do to make your life better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Be on guard against your tendency toward self-criticism. You need to be confident now in order to face the world, and that means getting on your own side. You can always address self-doubt later. For now, tell it to take a hike.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you hear about something that is not for you, you know immediately that it's not a good match. But acting on that feeling — and letting 'em down easy — takes finesse. Good luck.



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When the donkey is no longer hungry, he will not follow that carrot on the stick, no matter how juicy it may be. You'll be in a position to think of new incentives or wait until new appetites are formed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You sometimes feel like you're a playing piece in a game you don't completely understand. Give it time. You'll learn from your place in the board game of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The thing about putting yourself out there is that it doesn't always work out. Still, there's something that keeps you on this track of making the more daring and interesting choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll do your best work when you're left alone. Unfortunately, it will be a bit tricky to make that happen given today's nonstop business, but you'll manage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone will

give you the benefit of the doubt, and you'll appreciate the kindness of this gesture. It's indicative not only of the good nature of the person you're facing, but also of how far we've come as human beings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have an unlimited amount of time to learn every discipline or accomplish every task. Sometimes the coolest thing to do is to back off and let others do what needs doing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're criticized, don't jump up to defend yourself. It will be far better to blow it off in the moment and let the dust settle where it may. In time, your work will speak for itself. Either that, or someone loyal will spring to your defense.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 8). You have a soft place in your heart for those who do not relate to the rest of the group, and you reach out to offer a sense of belonging. That

contribution colors your year. You will in turn be included in the secret world of others and invited into remarkable experiences. Financial and creative highs come in May, June and October. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 12, 13, 22 and 15.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Adorable Aries Skai Jackson is a Disney channel favorite as the wisecracking cutie pie Zuri Ross of the series "Jessie." This Aries has the chart for longevity, as her moon is perfectly poised in Pisces for a serious acting career. Her Venus and Mars in Taurus shows a down-to-earth, grounded style that can keep the Hollywood lifestyle from going to her head.

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"Classic" Ann Landers®: Readers react to sex-less marriage advice

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

Dear Ann Landers: My jaw dropped when I read the letter from the woman who had been married for 14 years to a man who had shown no interest in sex since the day they married. That letter could have been written by me.

You told the woman she had a "clinker in her thinker" for staying with him. My comment is, "Well, maybe yes and maybe no."

Where I come from, marriage means a lot more than just sex. I was taught that marriage is forever. Also, it defines one's social status, not to mention one's income bracket.

For years, I thought I was doing something wrong. I tried to change. It didn't work. I then decided to end my sexless marriage, get a job and support myself.

I divorced my husband two years ago. The cold shoulder I received in this small, conservative town was unbelievable. People here assume that if a man isn't beating his wife or running around, she has no legitimate reason to leave him.

So, Ann, sometimes it's not the woman but the culture that has a "clinker in its thinker."

Dear Kansas: It sounds as if you asked yourself that old Ann Landers question: "Are you better off with him or without him?" And you decided you were better off without him, even though it meant getting a job. Good for you! I'm sure your life is infinitely better. Keep reading for more on this subject:

No City, N.Y.: I have been in a sexless marriage for more than

14 years, and I definitely do not have a "clinker in my thinker." I agree it can be difficult at times, but there's a lot more to marriage than what goes on in the bedroom.

My husband and I have been through a lot together, and our love continues to grow stronger. If a spouse were injured and became unable to have sex, would that be a reason for divorce? The vow says, "For better or for worse, in sickness and in health."

San Pedro, Calif.: I read the letter from "Older and Wiser in Maine," who spent 14 years in a sexless marriage. I would bet anything the man is either gay or asexual. One thing is certain — he is not normal, and neither is she if she is willing to settle for a sexless marriage.

Boothwyn, Pa.: I disagree with your assumption that a woman must be nuts to stay married for 14 years to a man who wanted no more

sex after they married. I am 33, and my husband is 40. In the six years we have been man and wife, he has never been interested in sex, and believe me, I have tried everything.

He says he loves me, he is an excellent father, but he doesn't like sex and refuses to see a counselor. My faith tells me divorce is a sin, and I wouldn't consider it unless he were abusing me or our child. As soon as I get the money together, I will see a therapist and get some help. I can't handle this on my own.

Portland, Ore.: As if women in these sexless marriages aren't suffering enough, you add to their pain by saying we are also mental cases. Twenty-five years ago, after only six months of marriage, my husband said he didn't know why he married me. I was devastated. I could have married any one of several men but chose this nitwit because he seemed so respectful of me. He turned out to be a

cold fish and abusive. Of course, there was no sex. He made me quit my job, so I am dependent on him for money. He has convinced me that I am too stupid to do anything on my own. Life holds no pleasure. I am miserable.

And now this is Ann talking. For "Portland" and all other readers who are in sexless marriages, I would like to say: If you aren't interested in sex and don't want to be bothered, and your mate is of the same mind, fine, it's nobody's business. But the good Lord gave us this gift, and it is sad not to appreciate it and use it, and this goes for both men and women. As for Portland, get a job, leave the tyrant, and regain your self-respect.

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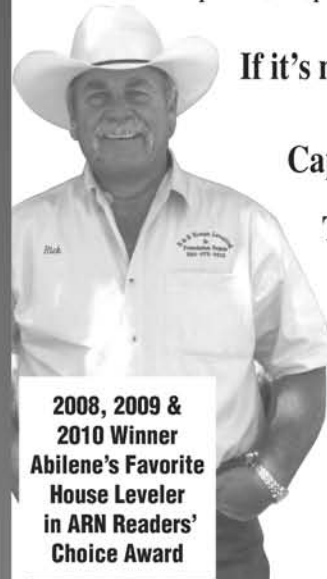
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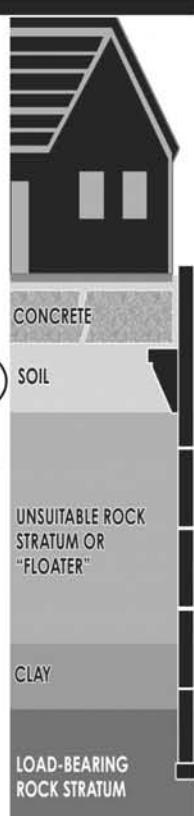
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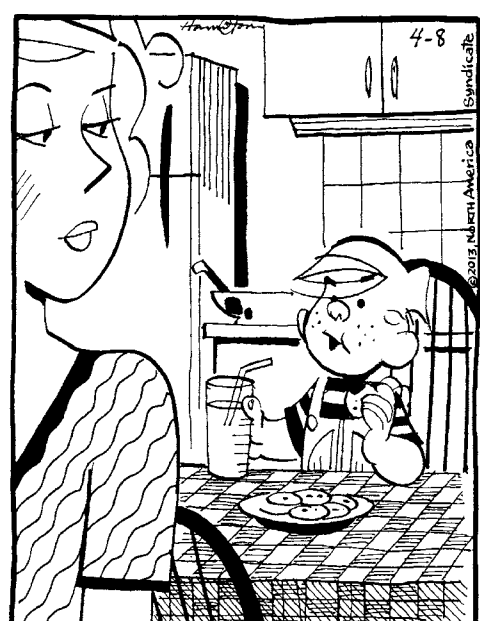
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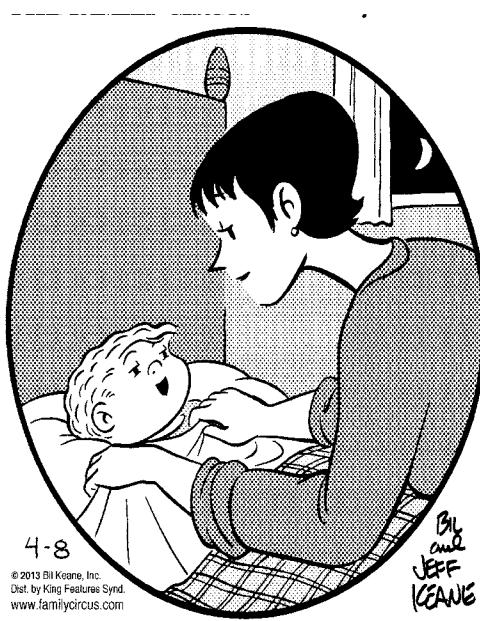
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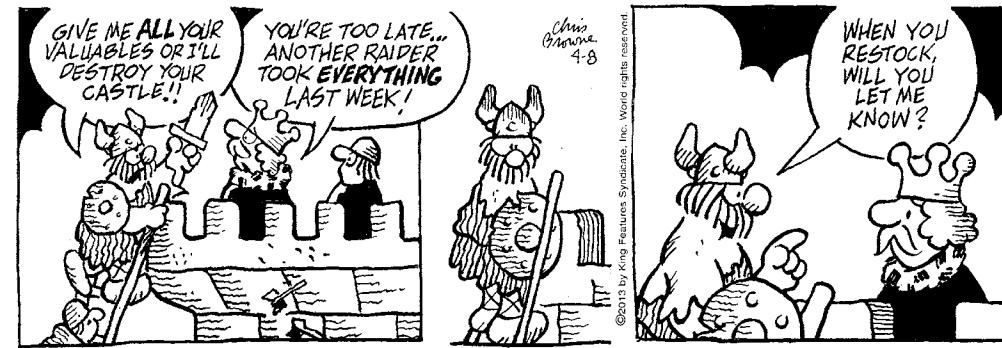
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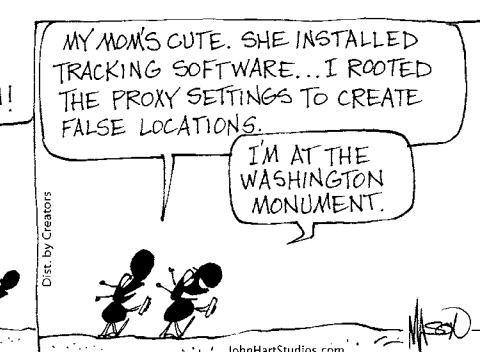
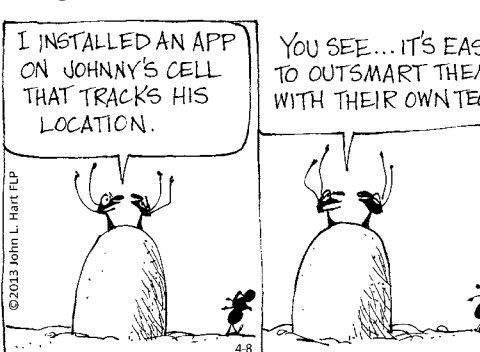


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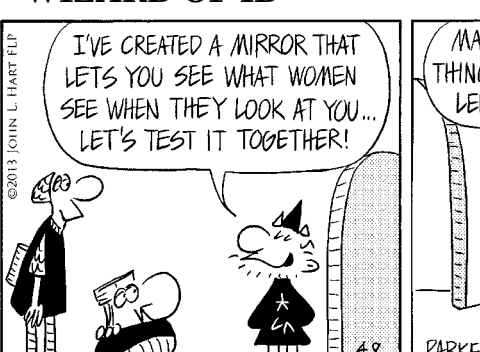
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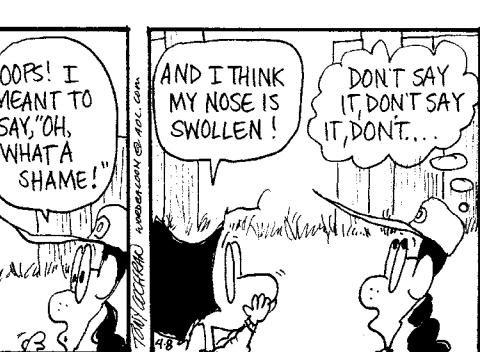
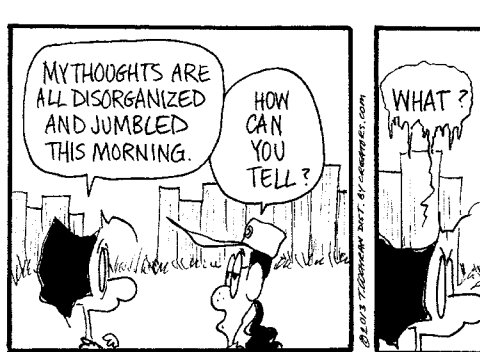
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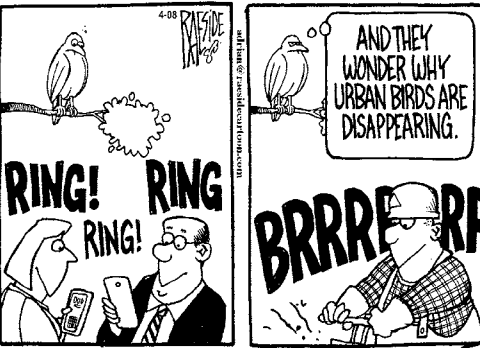
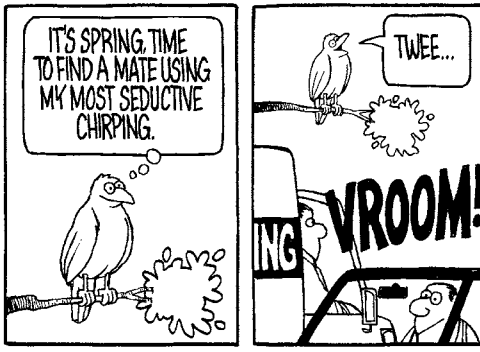
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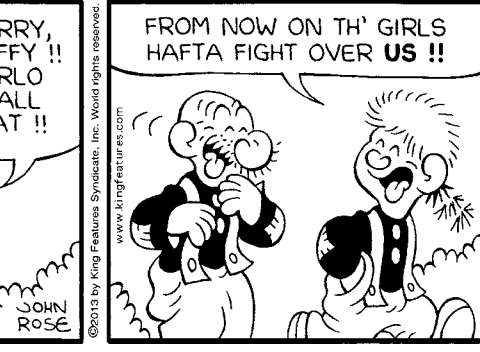
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 8, the 98th day of 2013. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On April 8, 1913, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for popular election of United States senators (as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified.
- President Woodrow Wilson became the first chief executive since John Adams to address Congress in person as he asked lawmakers to enact tariff reform.
- On this date: In 1820, the Venus de Milo statue was discovered by a farmer on the Greek island of Milos.
- In 1913, the Republic of China's first parliament convened.
- In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provided money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.
- In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered a freeze on wages and prices to combat inflation.
- In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for its final session.
- In 1952, President Harry S. Truman seized the American steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority, opening the way for a seven-week strike by steelworkers.)
- In 1963, "Lawrence of Arabia" won the Oscar for best picture at the Academy Awards; Gregory Peck won best actor for "To Kill a Mockingbird" while Anne Bancroft received best actress honors for "The Miracle Worker."
- In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died in Mougins (MOO'-zhun), France, at age 91.
- In 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.
- 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 1993, singer Marian Anderson died in Portland, Ore., at age 96.
- 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: Comedian Shecky Greene is 87. Actor-turned-diplomat John Gavin is 82. Author and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Seymour Hersh is 76. Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan is 75.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword PARTS OF SPEECH by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Ooze slowly	1 Health resort
5 Female choir voice	2 Apiece
9 60 Minutes network	3 Canyon sound
14 Walk back and forth	4 Banana covering
15 Make airtight	5 Fancy knotted scarf
16 Hawaiian greeting	6 Tilted
17 Having sore muscles	7 Grab hold of
18 Birthday dessert	8 Bullring cheers
19 Talked nonstop	9 Christmas tunes
20 Keep silent	10 Not written on, as paper
23 Had a snack	11 Choral performance
24 Moose relative	12 "___ shalt not steal"
25 Mine passageway	13 Wind-direction indicator
29 Citizens of Copenhagen	21 Saw socially
32 Pub beverage	22 Wobble
35 Soup-serving utensils	25 Thick slices
37 Purring pet	26 Rabbit relatives
38 "Doggone it!"	27 Jingle writer
39 Overly well-equipped	28 Made a quick escape
42 Bit of a bracelet	30 Stand in for
43 Keogh plan kin. Abbr.	31 Slangy refusal
44 Tell, as a tale	32 Regions
45 Govt. issued ID	33 Coffeehouse order
46 Remove creases in clothes	34 Old-time anesthetic
48 Money hoarder	36 Add, as to soup
49 Yale student	38 Sandwich shop
50 Touch on the shoulder	
52 Feeling sad	
60 Residence	
61 Say "Be careful" to	
62 Underground plant part	



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Howard College's Dane Steinhagen catches a fly ball in center field during Saturday's 5-4 win over Frank Phillips College at Jack Barber Field.

MAVS

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Barton's breakout performance had the Blazers in an upbeat mood following the game, despite the loss. Barton had 18 points and 11 rebounds in the second half alone.

"Yeah Willie B! Yeah Willie B!" two-time All-Star LaMarcus Aldridge shouted a cross the locker room. "What did you eat today?"

Barton, who was a second-round pick by the Blazers out of Memphis, was brimming with confidence.

"Everyone on the team says I've got a special talent," he said.

Portland was without starting forward Nicolas Batum for the third straight game because of a sore right shoulder.

Victor Claver started in his place.

Elton Brand missed his third straight game for the Mavericks with a sore right calf.

The Mavericks went up 13-3 early and Kaman took over with 12 points in the opening six minutes alone. His short jumper late in the second quarter gave Dallas a 46-24 lead.

The Mavericks led 56-32 at the break. Dallas extended the lead to 79-53 late in the third quarter after Vince Carter's 3-pointer.

With an 81-61 Dallas lead going into the final quarter, Portland rested its starters except for Lillard, a five-time rookie of the month.

The young group narrowed the Mavericks' lead to 86-72 after Maynor's long jumper with 7:37 left.

OPENER

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I expected. ... A little disappointing more than anything."

Hamilton, who signed a \$125 million, five-year deal with the Angels last winter, finished 3 for 13 in the series, and is batting only .160 (4 for 25) on the season.

In an early season matchup of aces, neither Darvish nor Weaver made it past five innings. But that wasn't because of the runs they allowed.

Darvish (2-0) threw 85 pitches over five in-

nings, and was replaced starting the sixth because of a blister on his right ring finger that also had developed in the game against Houston when he retired 26 consecutive batters before giving up a single.

"As far as it developed, I don't really want to talk about it," said Darvish, describing it more like a piece of skin coming off than a blister. "We won the game, so I think everything went well."

Weaver (0-1) did throw to a batter in the sixth, but strained his left elbow when trying to dive out of the way of Mitch Moreland's liner to start the inning.

While Weaver avoided being hit by the ball, he landed awkwardly on his left arm. The pitcher immediately grabbed his arm near the elbow and manager Mike Scioscia and a trainer quickly were on the field. X-rays were negative.

"Pretty painful. It feels a little swollen in there," Weaver said after the game. "I can't move it around too good right now. It's strange. Kind of like jamming your thumb."

Weaver said he "didn't feel anything pop or crack," but said he wasn't sure if he'd make his next scheduled start.

Darvish had 14 strikeouts with no walks in his near perfect opener at Houston, but after a strike on the first pitch to leadoff hitter Mike Trout, he threw four straight balls.

Darvish then hit Erick Aybar on the foot and walked Albert Pujols before a run scored on Hamilton's double-play grounder. Mark Trumbo's RBI single quickly made it 2-0.

Berkman's first homer with the Rangers was a two-run shot in the bottom of the first. Murphy added a solo shot two batters later to put Texas ahead to stay.

BOND

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Michigan to back-to-back finals appearances in 1992 and '93.

This team is cut from the same mold, with three freshmen starters and two other first-year players who made big contributions in a semifinal victory over Syracuse.

"The Fab Five was a great team. I mean, a really great team," said freshman guard Caris LeVert, who came off the bench to score eight points against the Orange. "They did some great things for our school."

But these guys can do something the Fab Five never did — win it all.

"Just making it to the Final Four, we are going to hang up a banner in the Crisler Center," said another freshman, Glenn Robinson III. "But we aren't done. Having the chance to hang another one up for a national championship ... is all kind of surreal to us."

Both teams got to this point with crucial assists from the backups.

LeVert and Spike Albrecht — yep, another freshman — both hit a pair of 3-pointers in Michigan's semifinal win, points that were desperately needed with player of the year Trey Burke struggling through a brutal night. The sophomore guard went 1-for-8 and finished with seven points, just the second time this season he's been held in single digits.

Burke said he'll gladly cede scoring duties to someone else again Monday if the Cardinals

take a similar approach to Syracuse.

"Pretty much every time I got the ball, I had two people in my face," he said. "I tried not to force anything, but I probably forced two or three shots. That 3 I hit (from way out and his only basket of the game) wasn't a good shot. But I try not to force things and just look for different ways to find the open man."

Louisville, inspired by the gruesome injury to Kevin Ware but needing others to step up while he's down, got an even bigger contribution off the bench than Michigan.

Luke Hancock scored 20 points. Walk-on Tim Henderson, moving up in the rotation because of Ware's broken leg, knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers that turned the momentum when it looked as though Wichita State might pull off another shocker.

There's always a chance for the more obscure players to step up on the biggest stages.

"Those guys, not that you don't pay attention to them, but your strategy is not toward them," Pitino said. "We're all trying to stop the great players defensively, choreograph our defensive plan to stop the great players."

But there's no doubt that Michigan needs Burke to have a much better game, especially against Louisville's fearsome press, just as the Cardinals will be counting on Russ Smith to lead the way. He scored 21 points in the semifinals despite a woeful night at the foul line.

Smith is on the verge of completing quite a personal journey,

considering it looked for a while like he might not even finish his career with the Cardinals. Unhappy with his playing time and constantly sparring with Pitino, the now-junior guard considered transferring after his freshman season.

Boy, he's sure glad he stayed. "I was leaving, but I talked to my dad and decided to come back," Smith remembered. "I decided to work hard and try to earn some minutes."

He still gets into it with Pitino from time to time — remember, the coach dubbed him "Russdiculous" for some of his wacky shots and perplexing antics — but it's hard to envision where this team might be without him.

"I just try to make winning plays," Smith said. "I don't look at myself as a point guard or a shooting guard. I look at myself as a winning player."

Pitino is certainly a winner. He's already the first coach to lead three schools to the Final Four. Now, he's got a chance to become the first to win national titles at two schools, having led Kentucky to a championship in 1996.

Pitino isn't worried about personal accolades.

He'd rather have a lifelong connection with this team.

"I haven't thought about it for one second," Pitino insisted. "Everything we do is about the team, about the family. I'd be a total hypocrite if I said (winning another title is) really important. It really is not important. I want to win because I'm part of this team. That's it."

HAWKS

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and Kendall Maddox are approaching a total of 100 strikeouts between the two of them.

With a conference championship in sight, Raines said her team remains focused on a strong finish as they inevitably roll toward a Region V tournament appearance.

"We don't want to lose a game to a team we think we should beat," Raines added. "Our goal is to keep winning — these girls like to win — we want to win the conference and win as many games as we can."

Howard College will return to action Friday for a four-game affair with Luna College. Game times in Luna are slated for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (MST), Friday and Saturday.

After dropping the first two games in Howard College's home-

opening series at Jack Barber Field against Frank Phillips College, the Hawks charged back Saturday to edge the Plainsmen 5-4 in Game Three and a 9-1 rout in Game Four to earn the split.

When asked what adjustments were made from Friday to Saturday, HC Head Coach Britt Smith said it was simple — his team decided to allow themselves to be coached.

"We took better at-bats, we pitched better and we played better defense," Smith explained. "It's nothing we haven't said to them all year long — they just listened."

There were some changes made to the lineup, but a better day on the mound led to more success against FPC, the team which is battling HC for third place. Both squads hold 12-8 records and are trailing conference leader Odessa College by three games. New

Mexico Junior College and Midland College are tied for second in the standings with records of 14-6.

"As a whole, we played better Saturday," Smith said. "We didn't give away as many at-bats. That's a big part of it. We pitched better. When you're not playing from six runs or seven runs behind, it certainly helps."

Next up for the Hawks will be a non-conference game against Midland College on Tuesday at Jack Barber Field, but

Smith isn't worried about figuring out what makes the Chaparrals tick, he is concerned with tightening up his players.

"We have to worry about us," Smith added. "The wins were big for us, but we have a long way to go. We have to get better."

Game time is set for 3 p.m.

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