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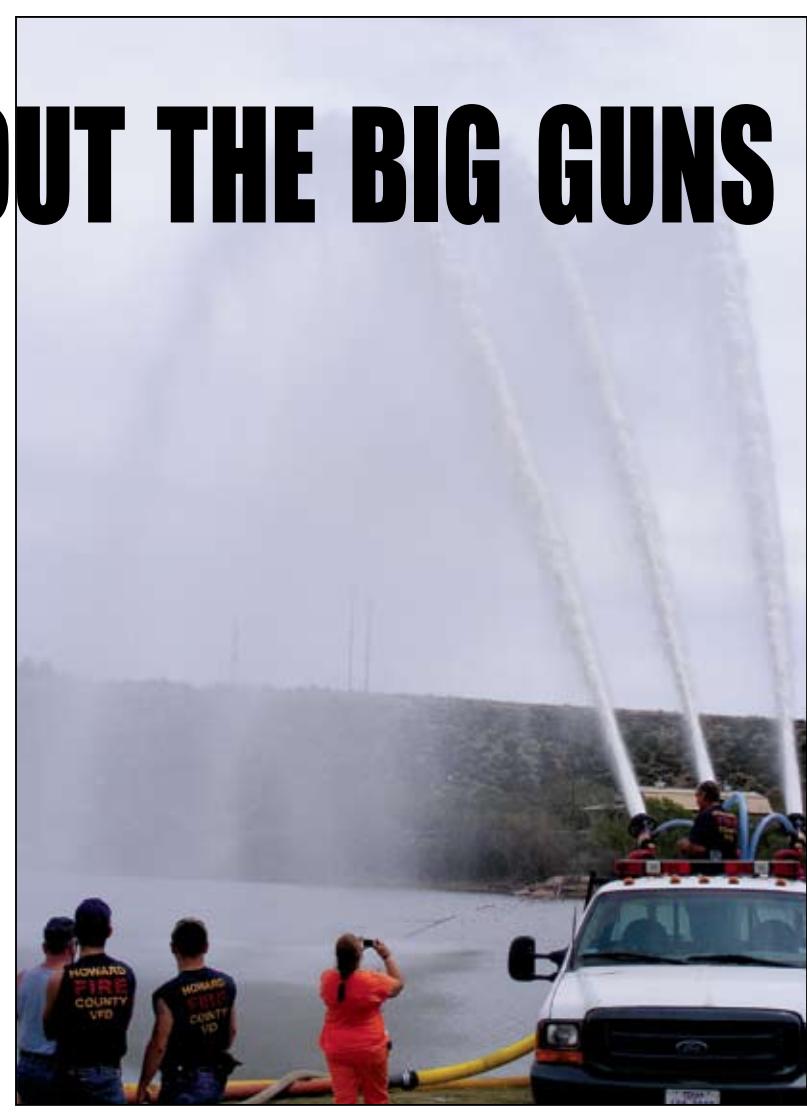


BRING OUT THE BIG GUNS

Firefighting ability rises for volunteers

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department has a new firefighting weapon in its arsenal and it's a big one. HCVFD tested its new 3-nozzle water cannon for the first time at Comanche Trail Lake Saturday and initial results were more than encouraging. The cannon is designed to deliver an impressive amount of water or fire retardant to a blaze. How impressive? How does almost a quarter-million gallons an hour grab you? Bolted to the back of one of the department's brush



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Water shoots about 80 feet in the air from the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department's new three-nozzle water cannon, which can deliver up to 4,000 gallons of water or fire retardant a minute.

Gasoline prices continue to fall ... slowly

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 4.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.46/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.0 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.58/g. Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 36.8 cents per gallon

lower than the same day one year ago and are 8.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 9.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands at 32.8 cents per gallon lower than one year ago. "Americans are spending \$108 million less on gasoline every day than they were a year ago," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Prices in nearly all Metropolitan Statistical Areas are lower today than a year ago. In all,

300 Metropolitan Statistical Areas saw cheaper first quarter prices for gasoline than in 2012, with two MSAs showing no statistically significant change. "More expensive markets in 2013 included locations in Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. The most expensive market in the country was the Honolulu area, but the outright price of \$4.157 a gallon this year was just 3 centss a gallon above the 2012 number," DeHaan said.

College dancers will conclude season with 'Sleeping Beauty' ballet

Herald Staff Report

Howard College Dance Department will be completing its season of ballet with an original version of Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" this week. "Fashioned more after the 1959 Disney version with touches of the original Russian classic, the Howard College show will feature all the fun, dazzling characters and colorful costumes of the movie," said Eulaine McIntosh, MFA, who has guided the dance department for the past seven years.

The Disney movie used music from the original three-hour classic ballet and McIntosh said she will also be using selections of the original for the local version. "Sleeping Beauty" opens Thursday evening and runs through Friday, with both performances starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Marie Hall Center for the Arts. Tickets can be reserved by calling 432-264-7671 or purchased at the door. Ticket prices are \$5 general admission and \$3 for Howard College faculty, staff and



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Doors open to discuss — but not act upon — nuclear storage facility

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners heard a presentation from local businessman Troy Tompkins regarding the possibility of bringing a temporary nuclear storage facility to the county during Monday morning's meeting, but took no action on the issue. Commissioners heard the presentation, in which Tompkins asked the court to consider the issuance of a letter of intent for a feasibility study of a secondary nuclear storage facility. According to County Judge Mark Barr, the letter is simply a way of letting officials involved with nuclear storage projects know the commissioners court's doors are open. "The commissioners didn't take action on the agenda item and I doubt they will until they have had a chance to really delve into the details,"

"The letter wouldn't bind Howard County into any kind of deal. It would simply let the companies who deal in this business know our doors are open and we're willing to talk to them."



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Obituaries

Clemente H. Guzman



Clemente H. Guzman, 89, passed away Thursday, April 4, 2013, at Hawks Ridge Assisted Living in Hood River, Ore., with his daughter, Linda Vigasaa, by his side.

He was born Dec. 9, 1923, in El Paso, Texas, to Clemente L. Guzman and Guadalupe Olguin Guzman. Clemente was a World War II veteran and served in the U.S. Army from February 1943 until March 1946. In 1946, he married Lumina Yanez in Big Spring, Texas.

In 1957, he moved to Phoenix, Ariz., and lived there until 1998. Clemente worked in the bakery industry and he and Lumina raised their family in Phoenix and lived there until after his retirement. In 1998, they moved to the Northwest. Clemente was a member of the Catholic Church and in his spare time enjoyed cooking and baking.

Survivors include a son, Albert Guzman of Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter, Linda Guzman Vigasaa of Hood River, Ore.; two brothers, Henry Guzman of Midland, Texas, and Armando Guzman of El Monte, Calif.; a sister, Luz Martinez of Big Spring, Texas; a grandson, Albert Guzman Jr.; and six great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Lumina Guzman; his son, Robert Guzman; and his granddaughter, Cynthia Guzman Gonzales.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 11, 2013, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Samaritan Funeral Home, 1505 East McDowell Rd., Phoenix, Ariz. Cemetery service with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2013, at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, Ariz.

Arrangements are under the direction of Samaritan Funeral Home and Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals, Receptions, Cremations) 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, Ore. 97031. Please visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

Paid obituary

Cody Ross Welch



Cody Ross Welch, 39, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 7, 2013, in Howard County. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 11, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 21, 1974, in Big Spring, Texas, and graduated from high school in 1992 in Morgan City, La. Following graduation, he went into the U.S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include a daughter, Tuesday Kaetlyn; his parents, Randy and Sonia Welch of Big Spring; two sisters, Christie Welch and husband Brad Everett of Big Spring and Cindy Welch Davis and husband Doug of Midland; his grandmother, Winona Welch of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Cecil Welch; and grandparents, Joe and Donna Oliver.

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

R.J. Knocke Jr.

R.J. Knocke Jr., 87, of Big Spring died Monday, April 8, 2013, at Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• MARTHA FINA LOPEZ, 41, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• CARRIE DIANE GARITSON, 35, of Middletown, Ohio, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• MELISSA GAY YOUNG, 43, of 704 Highland, was arrested Monday on charges of assault on a public servant and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• KIRSTEN NICOLE LUJAN, 31, of 2700 Rockdale, was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 100 block of E. 15th Street.

• ASSAULT was reported: In the 1000 block of Sycamore. In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail

reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

• CARRIE DIANE GARITSON, 35, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• KIRSTEN NICOLE LUJAN, 31, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

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Fire/EMS

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

Note: Report was not received in time for press.

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.stegall@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.

• 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.

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Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	62	35	rain	Kingsville	88	55	pt sunny
Amarillo	51	27	windy	Livingston	73	43	t-storm
Austin	68	45	t-storm	Longview	69	42	t-storm
Beaumont	77	51	t-storm	Lubbock	59	29	sunny
Brownsville	91	60	pt sunny	Lufkin	76	44	t-storm
Brownwood	65	38	rain	Midland	64	38	sunny
Corpus Christi	82	55	t-storm	Raymondville	95	58	pt sunny
Corsicana	58	40	t-storm	Rosenberg	77	47	t-storm
Dallas	57	42	t-storm	San Antonio	71	50	t-storm
Del Rio	81	54	t-storm	San Marcos	69	46	t-storm
El Paso	68	45	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	64	40	t-storm
Fort Stockton	67	40	sunny	Sweetwater	63	35	mst sunny
Gainesville	54	35	t-storm	Tyler	69	42	t-storm
Greenville	58	38	t-storm	Weatherford	58	37	t-storm
Houston	78	48	t-storm	Wichita Falls	56	30	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	61	pt sunny	Minneapolis	39	28	snow
Boston	62	47	rain	New York	78	59	t-storm
Chicago	44	40	t-storm	Phoenix	74	51	sunny
Dallas	57	42	t-storm	San Francisco	74	54	sunny
Denver	33	21	cloudy	Seattle	56	45	rain
Houston	78	48	t-storm	St. Louis	79	48	t-storm
Los Angeles	79	56	sunny	Washington, DC	90	65	pt sunny
Miami	82	73	pt sunny				

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Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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► News briefs

**NKorea silences factories
it ran with South**

PAJU, South Korea (AP) — A factory complex that is North Korea's last major economic link with South Korea was a virtual ghost town Tuesday after Pyongyang suspended its operations and recalled all 53,000 of its workers as part of its recent war-like posturing.

The work stoppage at the Kaesong industrial complex, the biggest employer in the North's third-biggest city and a source of much-needed hard currency, shows that Pyongyang is willing to hurt its own shaky economy in order to display its anger with South Korea and the United States.

Only a few hundred South Korean managers remained at the facility, which has been run for the past decade with cheap North Korean labor and South Korean capital and know-how. The managers have not been forced to leave the complex, located just north of the Demilitarized Zone.

One manager said that he and his colleagues are subsisting on instant noodles but planned to stay and watch over company equipment as long as their food lasted. Some of those who chose to leave were seen departing in cars overloaded with finished products.

The pull-out is part of a torrent of provocations and threats Pyongyang has unleashed at Seoul and Washington in recent weeks. The North is angry at U.N. sanctions punishing it for its third nuclear test on Feb. 12, as well as joint military exercises between the U.S. and South Korea that the allies call routine but that Pyongyang sees as preparation for an invasion.

**Senate immigration bill would
boost high-tech visas but senators
at odds on worker protections**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators finalizing a massive immigration bill are arguing over plans to boost visas for high-tech workers, Senate aides and industry officials say, with disputes flaring over how best to punish companies that train workers here only to ship them overseas.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who's taken the lead in pushing to crack down on outsourcing firms, also is seeking higher wages for workers brought in on the H-1B visas that go to specially skilled foreigners, aides and officials say. High-tech industry officials say his efforts risk punishing companies not involved in the abuses he's trying to target, and lawmakers including Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., are taking the other side.

The dispute comes as aides to four Democratic and four Republican senators have been racing to put the finishing touches on sweeping immigration legislation that would secure the border and grant

eventual citizenship to 11 million people here illegally, while also allowing tens of thousands more high- and low-skilled workers into the country on new visa programs.

Aides worked into the evening Monday on the high-tech visa issue, and senators were to resume meeting in person Tuesday after returning to Washington from a two-week spring recess. They were hoping to complete their legislation this week, though next week may be looking more likely. The high-tech visa question loomed as one of a few remaining unsettled matters.

At issue is overwhelming demand from companies like Microsoft, Apple and Google for the H-1B visas, which are now capped at 65,000 annually, plus 20,000 more that are reserved for foreign workers who have earned an advanced degree from a U.S. university. On Friday, the Homeland Security Department announced that after less than a week of accepting applications, it already had received more requests than visas available for the 2014 budget year.

**Da Vinci robot hot among
surgeons, but gets FDA scrutiny**

CHICAGO (AP) — The biggest thing in operating rooms these days is a million-dollar, multi-armed robot named da Vinci, used in nearly 400,000 surgeries nationwide last year — triple the number just four years earlier.

But now the high-tech helper is under scrutiny over reports of problems, including several deaths that may be linked with it and the high cost of using the robotic system.

There also have been a few disturbing, freak incidents: a robotic hand that wouldn't let go of tissue grasped during surgery and a robotic arm hitting a patient in the face as she lay on the operating table.

Is it time to curb the robot enthusiasm? Some doctors say yes, concerned that the "wow" factor and heavy marketing have boosted use. They argue that there is not enough robust research showing that robotic surgery is at least as good or better than conventional surgeries.

**13 people killed in shooting
spree in village near Belgrade**

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — A 60-year-old man gunned down 13 people, including a baby, in a house-to-house rampage in a quiet village on Tuesday before trying to kill himself and his wife, police and hospital officials said.

Belgrade emergency hospital spokeswoman Nada Macura said the man, identified only as Ljubisa B., used a handgun in the shooting spree at five houses. The dead included six women.

Residents of the village of Velika Ivanca, 50 kilometers (30 miles) southeast of Belgrade, described the suspect as a nice and quiet man.

They said he first killed his son before leaving the house and shooting his neighbors, some of whom were still asleep.

"He knocked on the doors, and as they were opened he just fired a shot," said local villager Radovan Radosavljevic.

**Most women in Kabul jail charged
with 'moral' crimes, say they are
victims of abusive husbands**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The 21-year-old Afghan woman said she fled her abusive husband only to be raped at gunpoint by a stranger who was supposed to help her.

The man then settled in front of a TV set, putting the gun on a table by his side. Choosing her moment, Mariam grabbed it and shot her assailant in the head, then turned the gun on herself.

"Three days later I woke up in the hospital," said Mariam, shyly removing a scarf from her head to reveal a partially shaved head and a long jagged scar that ran almost the length of her head where the bullet grazed her scalp.

From the hospital, Mariam was sent to a police station and from there to Afghanistan's main women's prison, Badam Bagh, which in Pashto means Almond Garden. She is one of 202 inmates in a jail mostly filled with women serving time for so-called "moral" crimes. Many had sought justice for domestic violence or tried to run away from an abusive situation.

Under international pressure, Afghanistan has made some progress in advancing women's rights after years of repressive Taliban rule that banned girls from going to school and forced women to wear all-encompassing burqas and leave their homes only when accompanied by a male relative. But the country remains a deeply conservative society.

CANNON

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trucks, the cannon is rated to shoot 4,000 gallons of water or a water/foam mixture a minute and was designed specifically to help the department fight oil tank and other petrochemical fires.

The device, which cost about \$20,000, was paid for by Chevron Pipeline Co. and delivered to the department shortly before Christmas.

"We did some response work for them in the past ... and they asked us to draw up a wish list of things we needed, and this is what we came up with," HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan said.

Sullivan then designed the water cannon, which was built by Williams Fire and Hazard Control of Mauriceville.

While Sullivan said the device can be used to fight brush or structure fires, its main purpose will be to quench oil tank battery blazes.

"They're building oil tanks bigger and bigger," he said. "And with the

price of oil being as high as it is, we'll be able to cut down their losses faster. With the three nozzles, we can target three different structures at a time, or concentrate everything on a single spot."

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not currently in talks or negotiations with any entity regarding the temporary storage of nuclear materials.

"We just want them to know our door is open," he said. "We don't want to risk slamming the door on something that could be good for this community in the future. And when I say in the future, that's exactly what I mean. Something like this would be far into the future."

Barr said the court may decide to revisit the issue during a future meeting.

Also Monday, commissioners discussed upcoming talks with the city of Big Spring regarding county funding for a new municipal landfill.

"Commissioners John Cline (Precinct 4) and Jimmie Long (Precinct 3) are scheduled to meet with representatives

— for the construction of a new municipal landfill. The council approved an inter-local agreement between the city and county calling for the division of cost by a unanimous vote.

However, the funding wouldn't end with the estimated \$1.6 million the city is asking for now, as a total of three cells estimated at \$5 million each would be built every seven to 10 years after the initial permitting, according to estimates from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, the engineering firm handling the design. In all, the county would be expected to provide \$4.8 million over a 20-year period.

Long said he has been gathering information on the operation of the existing landfill available to the public and trying to calculate how much of a hike in fees it would take to cover the construction of a new landfill facility.

"I don't see the need for anything more than an increase in fees at this point," Long said. "I've been gathering information from what the city has available on the internet in hopes of finding a starting place."

"Looking at the last five years — from 2007 until 2011, as numbers for 2012 aren't yet available online — the landfill has made an average profit of \$709,000 each of those five years. That's a total of \$3.54 million over a five-year period. Looking at this, going from a \$5 fee to a \$6.50 fee and from \$12 a ton for commercial to \$15 a ton should cover the cost."

Despite plans for Wednesday's meeting, the Big Spring City Council is poised to give final approval to the proposed inter-local agreement between the two government bodies which started the controversy, calling for the county to provide one-

third of the cost, estimated at \$5 million per cell.

According to Barr, if the council gives final approval of the inter-local agreement tonight, it could seriously alter the way the commissioners court approaches the subject.

"I really don't understand the city council's thinking at this point," Barr said. "If they move forward with this agreement — which is basically an ultimatum to the county that if we don't pay what they tell us to pay, county residents won't be allowed to use the landfill — we are certainly going to consider a different way of settling this. In the end, we may not have a choice, but we will certainly look for a different way to do this."

The city council meeting is expected to get under way at 5:30 p.m. today in the council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street, ad-

acent to city hall. For more information call 264-2401. Also, a complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at www.mybigspring.com

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DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, dear Lord, for giving us the resolve to never give up.

Amen

The world is upside-down

What right-minded person can deny the current uncanny applicability of the admonition by the Prophet Isaiah, uttered some 2,700 years ago, “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness?”

Increasingly today, what is undeniably evil is depicted as good and what most traditionalists, at least, used to agree is good passes often for evil.

What’s striking to me is that many aren’t merely rationalizing evil in an attempt to excuse their indefensible actions. They have systematically turned our entire moral code upside down. They have attacked the very basis for that code and declared that belief in its divine author itself is evil — and dangerous.

Many deny that there is an affirmative war against Christianity and Judeo-Christian values, but they apparently haven’t heard or read the words of some of the New Atheists — or anti-theists, as some call themselves — who conflate all religions and blame them all for most of the evil and war in the world.

Others scoff at the notion that Christianity and Christian values are being assaulted, arguing that it’s absurd to believe a majority belief system could be under attack.

Let me share just three disturbing stories that caught my attention the past few days.

During an Army Reserve Equal Opportunity training briefing on extremism, evangelical Christianity, Catholicism and Islamophobia were listed along with al-Qaida, Hamas, the Ku Klux Klan and other groups as examples of religious extremism.

An Army spokesman confirmed that this occurred but told Fox News that this was an

“isolated incident not condoned by the Dept. of the Army.”

Well, that’s good to know, but it doesn’t change the fact that we see this kind of wrongheaded insanity with ever-greater frequency in our culture. The idea that evangelical Christianity and Catholicism can be listed as extremist organizations by anyone is troubling enough — but even more so in a publication paid for by taxpayer dollars. This episode may be isolated as far as the Army is concerned, but the thought process giving rise to this twisted perspective is anything but unique, as those paying attention can attest.

Next, we turn to the Florida Statehouse, where legislators were considering a bill to require abortionists to provide medical care to an infant who survives an abortion — the same type of bill President Obama opposed as an Illinois state senator.

Townhall reports that Alisa LaPolt Snow, the lobbyist representing the Florida Association of Planned Parenthood Affiliates, testified that her organization believes the decision to kill an infant who survives a failed abortion is the prerogative of the mother and her abortion doctor.

It must not escape your attention that Snow repeatedly affirmed that she was speaking not on her own behalf but on behalf of her organization.

If this doesn’t repulse you, you might need a stimulant to jumpstart your moral blood pressure. If you think this is isolated thinking, then you might need to do a little more research into Planned Parenthood and the overall culture of death we are witnessing in this nation.

When Snow was pressed on her position, she reportedly betrayed no moral reservations about her organization’s position. Rep. Jim Boyd asked her, “If a baby is born on a table as a result of a botched abortion, what would Planned Parenthood want to have happen to that child that’s struggling for life?”

She replied, “We believe that any decision that’s made should

be left up to the woman, her family and the physician.”

Stop right there. Pro-abortionists will still argue, disingenuously, I believe, that abortion does not involve the killing of a live human being, but no one can argue the procedure in question is anything short of premeditated murder. Let me repeat: premeditated murder. Yet we have a woman, representing a major organization that is cherished by the political left and receives government funding, arguing for the right to commit murder. There are no synonyms for “shocking” and “depraved” that can adequately describe this evil.

Finally, The Washington Times has reported that Melissa Harris-Perry, a professor at Tulane, has endorsed the concept of human ownership by the state.

I don’t have the space to delve into this one, but it suffices to say that it fits nicely with the first two examples as another assault on our society’s foundational institutions and values.

These incidents used to be rare, fringe occurrences but have now elbowed their way into mainstream culture.

Please don’t accuse me of whining, pessimism or fatalism for calling these matters to your attention. I’m not saying the culture war is over, but I am saying the forces of evil have the upper hand and will ultimately prevail if the prevailing attitude of apathy and moral indifference continues to imprison our will to fight for what is right. It’s up to us.

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Moderation of Margaret Thatcher

In honoring Margaret Thatcher, some of her greatest fans complain, “They don’t make conservatives like that any more.”

But they do. Problem is, the Republican right wing now running the party primaries would chew a Thatcher-type politician into unelectable shards.

It takes a brave conservative to engage in detail-oriented fights over what government should and shouldn’t do. How much easier to draw simple-minded cartoons of bloated government and condemn any public program as “socialism.” Ideological purists may shudder, but this hard process is called governing. Thatcher would have laughed at when Obamacare foes’ called the reforms “a government takeover of health care.” Recall how, in the heat of battle, the right waved Britain’s National Health Service as a warning of terrible things awaiting American health care under the Affordable Care Act.

But here is what Thatcher wrote about the NHS in her memoir, “The Downing Street Years,” after she had left the thick of politics: “I believed that the NHS was a service of which we could genuinely be proud. It delivered a high quality of care — especially when in it came to acute illnesses — and at a reasonably modest unit cost, at least compared with some insurance-based systems.”

In Britain, doctors work for the government, making the NHS truly socialistic. As for government control of health care, Obamacare doesn’t come close. But had candidate Obama likewise praised NHS to the skies, his consultants would have passed around smelling salts.

As prime minister, Thatcher raised the value added tax — a kind of national sales tax — to help pay for cuts in income tax rates. (She wasn’t into borrowing money for tax cuts.) When Mitt Romney said he’d consider a similar tax during the Republican presidential primaries, Newt Gingrich called him a “European socialist.”

Note that the founder of free-market economics, Adam Smith, regarded such taxes as a swell idea.

“Taxes on consumptions are best levied by way of excise,” he wrote in his 1776 classic, “The Wealth of Nations.” “They have the advantage of ‘being paid imperceptibly.’”

Another Thatcher hero was the late conservative economist, Milton Friedman, hailed as Smith’s spiritual heir. Conservatives often cite Friedman’s view that the bigger the share of government spending in a national economy, the less free the people are. But, hmmm, at what point would government’s share set off an alarm that freedom was really in peril?

Friedman offered a number: 60 percent of the gross domestic product. Right now our government spending — federal, local and state put together — accounts for about 35 percent of GDP, well below the panic point. Thatcher revered Friedrich

Hayek’s “Road to Serfdom,” a book conservatives raise high as the great repudiation of socialism. One hopes but can’t assume that their praise extends to the parts where Hayek defends a minimum wage, guaranteed health coverage and other government programs.

Hayek wrote that “there can be no doubt that some minimum of food, shelter, and clothing, sufficient to preserve health and the capacity to work, can be assured to everybody ... Nor is there any reason why the state should not assist the individuals in providing for those common hazards of life against which few can make adequate provision.”

For insurable risks, he added, “The case for the state’s helping to organize a comprehensive system of social insurance is very strong.”

However one feels about Thatcher’s politics, there’s no question that she chose crusades and framed arguments with great care. She didn’t talk of drowning governments in bathtubs.

For her pragmatism, much of today’s Republican right would have panned Thatcher as “socialist,” “statist” and, heaven forbid, “European” — though they now hail her.

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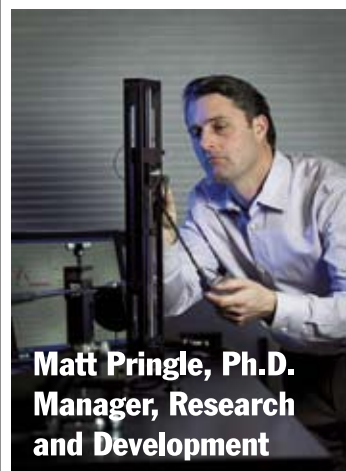
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YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER THE STEM ZONE

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. Chevron and the United States Golf Association (USGA) are bringing science to life by showing how STEM studies play a big role in the game of golf. This page is the third in a series of special Kid Scoop pages created through this partnership.

GOLF FROM THE GROUND UP

Dr. Matt Pringle's knowledge of science got him the job of studying how golf clubs and golf balls work. He uses what he learns in these studies to help write the rules for equipment used in the game of golf.



"I get paid to study sports for a living! And, I get to travel all over the world," Dr. Pringle says. "I'm pretty lucky!"

Dr. Pringle invented "TruFirm," a tool that measures the firmness of golf turf and bunker sands.

Why do you think it is important to know the firmness of golf course grounds?

THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT TO STOP QUESTIONING. CURIOSITY HAS ITS OWN REASON FOR EXISTING.

THE CHANGES OF MAKING TWO HOLES-IN-ONE IN A ROUND OF GOLF ARE ONE IN 67 MILLION.

- Albert Einstein

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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word VOLUME in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

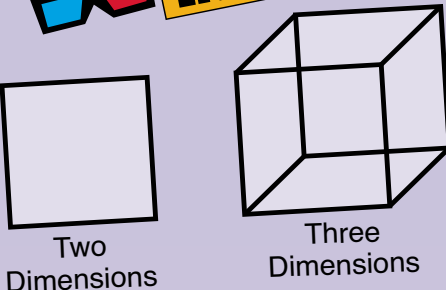
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IN 3-D!



When we use a ruler to measure the length of a line, that is measuring in one dimension. Measuring the area of a flat surface is measuring in two dimensions. Measuring in 3-D is called measuring something's volume.

GOLF CLUB RULES

In professional and amateur golf, the head of the club can be no more than 2.8 in (7.1 cm) high and 5 in (12.7 cm) wide. The volume can be no larger than 28.07 cubic inches (460 cubic centimeters).

Measuring the height and width of a club is straightforward. But how do you measure the volume? To find out read the **Scientist's Notebook**.

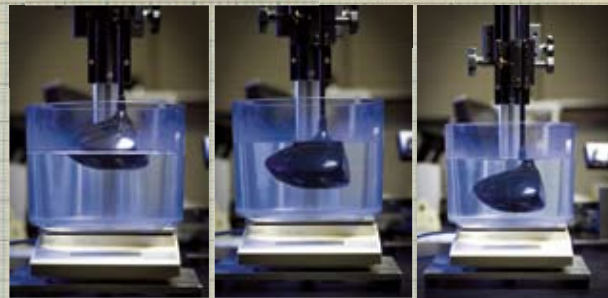
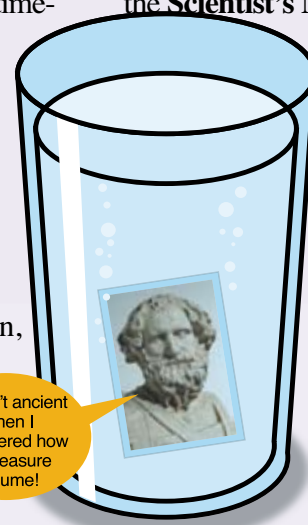
STEM workers typically use metric measurement because it is internationally accepted and understood.

Interestingly, the USGA uses the British Imperial System of measurement – which includes inches, feet and yards – in their measurements, because of golf's history and tradition. After all, the game did get its start in the British Isles.

ARCHIMEDES DISPLACEMENT EXPERIMENT

The Ancient Greek mathematician, Archimedes, discovered that the volume of an object can be determined by measuring the change in water level (displacement) when an object is placed in it.

I wasn't ancient when I discovered how to measure volume!



At the USGA Test Center, the club head is attached to a shaft which is mounted to hold the club head in the exact location needed for an accurate measurement. The club is then submerged and the level of displacement is measured.

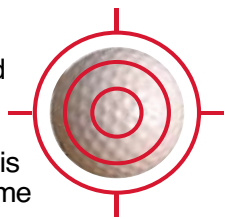
Scientist's Notebook

Record the measurement before an object is dropped into each graduated cylinder. Then record the level after it is in the water. The difference between these two levels is the VOLUME

BEFORE: 10 mL	BEFORE: 10 mL	BEFORE: 10 mL	BEFORE: 10 mL
AFTER: 30 mL	AFTER: 20 mL	AFTER: 25 mL	AFTER: 15 mL
VOLUME: 20 mL	VOLUME: 10 mL	VOLUME: 15 mL	VOLUME: 5 mL

STEM Connection:

If a golf club had a targeting laser that lined up a golfer's shot, a player could get a better score even with poor aiming skills. As technology improves golf equipment, it is important to have rules which keep the game a challenge of skill.



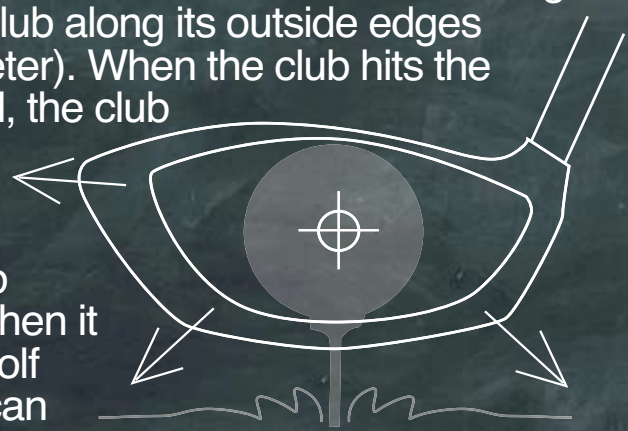
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Math in the STEM Zone

Identify ten different ways math is used in the sports section of the newspaper. Cut out examples and create a chart to display your findings.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

A hollow club head distributes the weight of the club along its outside edges (perimeter). When the club hits the golf ball, the club is less likely to turn. If a club turns when it hits a golf ball, it can change the direction the ball will fly, and the ball will not go as far.



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Double Double Word Search

- ARCHIMEDES
- SUBMERGED
- VOLUME
- BEFORE
- OBJECT
- CHANGE
- RECORD
- LEVEL
- AFTER
- WATER
- RULES
- SCORE
- GAME
- CLUB
- HEAD

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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S	B	L	F	B	L	O	L	W	E
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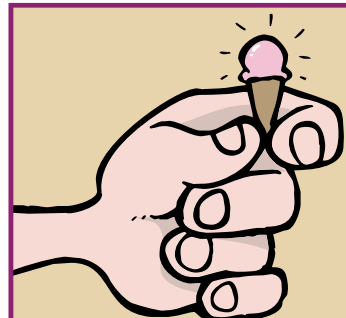
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Meter Readers

Measure and label the metric length and width of columns on one page of the newspaper. Measure the largest photograph you can find in the newspaper. Measure the width of your favorite comic strip.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What scientific instrument do you use to serve tiny portions of ice cream?

ANSWER: A microscop.

Write On!

2-D or 3-D?

Which do you like better, 2-D or 3-D? Why?

Bird Poop: A hawk named MOJO

After the man had finished describing his predicament, I asked, "Where are you?" The number displayed for his caller ID gave me no clue. "About twelve to thirteen miles south of Odessa, in Pleasant Farms," answered Mr. Van Zandt.



BEBE
MCCASLAND

Continuing his story, he said he had seen it around his barn for several days. "That's not all that unusual. Something's always coming in for my feed grains or the mice." The previous morning, he had herded four cows into a pen usually set aside for his bulls. Stepping out on the back porch after lunch, he was confronted with "a real ruckus!" Scattering, the cows were banging into the sides of the pen. Clouds

of dust created by their hooves blurred his seeing what was causing such a commotion. Never had he seen cows "acting so strangely."

By the time he reached the enclosure, he was nearly out of breath. Fortunately, preventing his cows from running to the far pasture was the sturdiness of the deep-set posts and side-rails designed for temperamental bulls.

After calming the animals with his voice and presence, he noticed a hawk standing in the center of the pen. With wings spread wide open and mouth agape, it appeared to be a menacing threat to the bovines.

Slowly entering the pen, he continued to soothe the frightened cows. Braver than the other three, one tried again to approach the stranger in the pen.

When its head was about a foot and a half from the raptor, the interloper rushed forward. Only a jump backwards prevented the hawk's talons from

reaching its nose.

Once again, the four-some scattered and bumped into the rails. Quickly, jumping aside, Mr. Van Zandt opened the gate and let the cows escape.

As he turned back to confront the large, brown raptor, he thought it appeared to be the kind of hawk he normally saw in late spring and throughout summer. In other parts of the county, he had seen that same species on a hot, July afternoon. He had watched it snatch grasshoppers from the tall grasses lining a fencerow.

Now that he was inside the pen with the hawk, he could clearly see the damage to one of its wings. Even though it had "buffaloed" his cows with outspread wings and a bravado attitude, it could not have flown away.

Hurriedly grabbing a pair of leather gloves and a horse blanket from the barn, he returned to the pen. Anticipating that the hawk might display the same behavior toward him as it did for his cows, the man was careful in his approach.

Another step caused the hawk to spread its wings in defensive posturing. Striking out at one of his gloved hands, the raptor's foot was able to grip two of his fingers. The pressure exerted by its talons was painful.

Not wanting for the hawk to grab his other hand, he reached for the blanket. After plac-



Courtesy photo

Hunting for grasshoppers, rabbits, ground squirrels, rats, lizards and snakes, the Swainson's hawk is often seen soaring on thermal updrafts or perched atop telephone poles and fence posts. Arriving sometime between March and May, it begins its migration southward in late August or early September.

ing it over the bird, he held the raptor between his legs until he could get free from its grasp.

Continuing his story, Mr. Van Zandt said he had placed the hawk in a large cage. The raptor had readily accepted the game he provided from his freezer that evening and the next morning.

When we met in Stanton, he told me of a compound fracture above a joint. He wondered if it could even be fixed, and added, "It's really messed up."

On his truck's tailgate, we laid the Swain-

son's hawk on its back. Extending the injured wing, we noticed dirt in the wound. It looked as if the bird had landed in mud. Exposed to the air, the broken bone had started drying and was a conduit for infection. Decaying flesh had the distinct aroma of gangrene.

After we all agreed that ending the hawk's suffering was primary, I promised to call him later that evening. By that time we would have conferred with the wildlife center in Lubbock, and had euthanasia administered by our

veterinarian.

During our brief handling of the Swainson's hawk, we had admired the most noticeable identifying marks of its specie. Across its creamy upper chest, it wore a chestnut-brown bib. Its brown upper parts and head were a sharp contrast to its pale belly. Dark bands accented its grayish tail. With its light wing linings contrasting against its dark flight feathers, the raptor was an outstanding specimen.

Answering after the first ring of his phone, Mr. Van Zandt was very understanding of the results of his efforts. His realistic acceptance of the hawk's death was reassuring.

"By the way, I forgot to tell you the name I gave it," he added. Having seen how the hawk bluffed his cattle and stood its ground, he likened the personality of the bird to his favorite high school football team.

Sometimes, he thought, the players almost seemed to have a charm or magic spell in winning games, along with their talent. Since he had admired the Permian Panthers for years, he shared their most recognized logo with the Swainson's hawk by naming it "MOJO."

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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

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

9	3	1			7		8	
4	8	6	3	1	2	9	5	7
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8	6		4				3	5
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1	9	3	5				2	6
	7	8		6	4	5		
3	1	9	7	8	5	6		2
6	5	4			3		7	

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Pet owner to feds: The dog ate my money

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A Montana man whose 12-year-old golden retriever ate five \$100 bills hopes to be reimbursed by the federal government.

Wayne Klinkel tells the Independent Record that his dog Sundance ate the bills while he and his wife were on a road trip to visit their daughter.

Klinkel says he carefully picked through the dog's droppings, and his daughter recovered more when snow melted.

He says he washed the remnants of the bills and taped them together and sent them to the Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing with

an explanation of what happened.

The bureau's website says an "experienced mutilated currency examiner" will determine if at least 51 percent of a bill is present and eligible for reimbursement.

The process can take up to two years.

Communication breakdown

Have you ever noticed how important good communication is, and how miscommunication can really cause a lot of agony?

We all miscommunicate at times and reasons vary considerably from people to situations but a few wrong presumptions we make through communication can really create an interesting situation, to say the least.



DARRELL
RYAN

We all realize that miscommunication happens when what is said is not interpreted in the way that we intended. We may have chosen words that the listener is unfamiliar with or that the listener's context is different than ours, such as an age difference, cultural difference, or a difference in background.

We may also allow our emotions to get in the way, or our meaning is intentionally withheld so that the listener is left unable to interpret what we said.

As we try to avoid having miscommunication, we should think through the main purpose of our interaction with other people or groups. The following story is a good illustration as to what can happen through miscommunication.

Bubba had shingles. As he walked into a doctor's office the receptionist asked him what he had. Bubba said: "Shingles." So she wrote down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat. Fifteen minutes later,

a nurse's aide came out and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, "Shingles."

So she wrote down his height, weight, a complete medical history and told Bubba to wait in the examining room. A half hour later a nurse came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, "Shingles." So the nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told Bubba to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and found Bubba sitting patiently in the nude and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, "Shingles." The doctor asked, "Where?"

Bubba said, "Outside on the truck. Where do you want me to unload 'em?"

OK, so sometimes miscommunication can be a bit humorous, too!

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
All You Have to Do Is Pray

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 9 5 2
♥ A 8 7 4
♦ Q 6 5
♣ Q 8

WEST
♠ Q 7
♥ Q J 9
♦ 9 8 7 4
♣ 10 7 6 3

EAST
♠ J 10 6 4
♥ 10
♦ A K J 3
♣ 9 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K 8 3
♥ K 6 5 3 2
♦ 10 2
♣ A K J

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

Declarer starts the play of many hands without knowing whether or not he'll make the contract. The outcome might depend strictly on how the defenders' cards are divided, or on how skillfully he or the opponents play their cards.

Take this case where West leads a diamond against four hearts. East wins with the jack and continues with the A-K, declarer ruffing the king.

At this point, South does not know how he will fare. If the missing trumps are divided 2-2, he is sure to make the contract. But if the trumps break 3-1, the contract must apparently go down one, since South will then have a trump loser as well as a spade loser.

At trick four, declarer leads a heart to the ace and returns a heart to the king. When East shows out on the second heart, the contract appears doomed.

But if South comes from the school that does not concede defeat easily, he tries to picture a distribution of the opposing cards that would allow him to make the contract despite the disappointing trump division. And, if he thinks hard enough, he finds there is still a reasonable chance to get home safely.

He begins by cashing the A-K-J of clubs, discarding a spade from dummy. He then cashes the K-A of spades and exits with a trump, praying that West started with no more than two spades.

On this occasion, declarer's prayers are answered. West wins the trump but is forced to return a diamond or a club, allowing South to ruff in dummy and discard a spade from his hand, and the contract is home.

Tomorrow: The best method of play.

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District 4-3A track meet results from Snyder (Day 1)

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

SNYDER — Big Spring's varsity track squads competed in the first day of the District 4-3A meet in Snyder on Monday, with several Steers and Lady Steers placing among the top-ranked participants.

Boys Results:

- Triple jump — Shahiem Menefield, fifth place, 40-10 ½.
- 3,200 — Gustavo Lugo, first place, 10:48:42; Joshua Means, second place 11:10.

Girls Results:

- Triple jump — Yaneira Tuitt, first place, 34-9 ¾.
- Shot put — Julia Wilson, fifth place, 31-8 ¾.
- 3,200 — Karina Alvarado, second place, 13:27.

The second day of the district meet will resume in Snyder on Thursday. The area meet is slated to be held in Pecos on April 19, with the regional meet being held in Lubbock April 26-27.

The Big Spring girls unseated Wylie as district champions for the first time in more than 20 years last season and finished as state runners-up.

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

Ump admits making game-ending mistake, Rangers top Rays 5-4

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon knew it was ball four to Ben Zobrist, who was already headed toward first base. Even Texas Rangers closer Joe Nathan expected that would be the call after his full-count pitch.

Except plate umpire Marty Foster called a game-ending third strike — one he later admitted was wrong.

Nathan mouthed “Wow!” when the strike was called to wrap up his 300th career save, which along with the Rangers' 5-4 victory stood despite Foster's postgame admission late Monday night.

“That kind of call cannot occur. I don't even want to say under those circumstances,” Maddon said. “The last inning, the last out of the game. I'm not even going to go there. That call can't be made in a Major League Baseball game.”

The last pitch, a curveball, was low and outside. Zobrist put both hands on his helmet and took it off in disbelief while Maddon quickly came out and argued with the umpires for several minutes, even standing in front of them at the gate where they exit the field.

“I saw the pitch and of course don't have the chance to do it again,”

Foster told a pool reporter after the game. “But had I had a chance to do it again, I wouldn't call that pitch a strike.”

A.J. Pierzynski, the new Rangers catcher who was once traded for Nathan, said he heard Foster call strike, and went out to congratulate his teammate on becoming the 24th major leaguer with 300 saves.

“Did I draw it up like this for my 300th (save)? No. But we'll take it,” Nathan said. “I knew I was throwing it there. The fact is I thought it was ball four. I thought he might offer at it. When he didn't, my mindset went more to concentrate on what we've got to do with (Evan) Longoria now. I think I might have been the last guy on the field to realize the game was over.”

Nathan's milestone save was his second this year, and 39th in two seasons with the Rangers. He had 260 saves for the Twins and one for San Francisco before being traded by the Giants to Minnesota after the 2003 season for Pierzynski.

After the score was twice in the eighth off two relievers, Nathan came on to start the ninth. The 38-year-old right-hander allowed a two-out RBI single to Sean Rodriguez,

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Courtesy photo/Daury Booth
President of the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association, Joan Daniel (left) and Patsy Sharpnack pose for a picture before the Annual Mary Ruth Robertson Spring Fling event kicks off. The association hosted the annual event Monday and Tuesday at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The 36 participants come from all over the region, including Farwell, Amarillo, Stanton, Fritch, Alpin, Borger, Howardwick, Colorado City, Sunray, Hereford, Bovina, Duman and Clovis, N.M.

Louisville beats Michigan 82-76, claims NCAA title

ATLANTA (AP) — Rick Pitino held court in a tunnel beneath the Georgia Dome, going on and on about the grittiest bunch of guys he's ever coached.

One of them sat in the corner of the locker room, a net around his neck, grinning away.

The Louisville Cardinals vowed to finish the job for Kevin Ware.

Boy, did they ever.

With their injured teammate cheering them on from the bench, Louisville capped its run through the NCAA tournament, coming back again from a 12-point deficit to beat Michigan 82-76 in the championship game Monday night.

“These are my brothers,” said Ware, still getting around on crutches after a horrific injury in the regional final. “They got the job done. I'm so proud of them, so

proud of them.”

Ware is just getting started on what could be a yearlong recovery from a broken right leg, but he's already got something no one can take away — a championship.

They even lowered the goal so he could take a turn with the scissors, helping cut down the net that wound up around his neck.

“It meant the world to me,” Ware said. “I don't really have any other words to describe how I feel right now.”

Pitino knows how it feels to win a championship, having guided Kentucky to a crown in 1996. Now, working right down the road from Lexington, he became the first coach to win titles at different schools.

“This team is one of the most together, toughest and hard-nosed teams,” he said. “Being down never

bothers us. They just come back.”

It was quite a capper to perhaps the best week of Pitino's life.

Earlier Monday, he was introduced as a member of the latest Hall of Fame class. On Saturday, his horse won the Santa Anita Derby to set up a run for the roses in the Kentucky Derby. And last week his son got the coaching job at Minnesota.

What's next?

His first tattoo, apparently.

Pitino vowed to get inked up if his players won the championship. They intend to hold him to that promise.

“I have a couple of ideas,” said Luke Hancock, who became the first backup in tournament history to be designated as most outstanding player. “He doesn't know what he's getting into.”

“Our biggest motivation,” Peyton Siva

added, “was to get coach a tattoo.”

Not a bad week for Louisville, either. The school has a chance to make it two national titles in 24 hours when the surprising women's team faces Connecticut on Tuesday night in the championship game at New Orleans.

On the eve of their big game, the women got together with hundreds of fans in a hotel lobby to cheer on the men.

“It's a great time to be a Cardinal,” coach Jeff Walz said.

A great time, indeed. Hancock produced another huge game off the bench, scoring 22 points, and the Cardinals (35-5) lived up to their billing as the top overall seed in the men's tournament.

They sure had to work for it, though.

Louisville trailed Wichita State by

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Mariners shut out Astros in home opener

SEATTLE (AP) — The memories of what Houston's Philip Humber did a year ago in Seattle were gone in just one batter when Michael Saunders lined a single.

No repeat perfect game for Humber. No snapping of the Astros losing streak that's now at six games.

“Those guys have done a tremendous job of keeping us in ballgames and pitching well and we want that to continue,” Houston manager Bo Porter said. “Offensively, we just need things to come around.”

Kendrys Morales drove in two runs in his Seattle home debut, Joe Saunders rebounded from a rough first start to throw 6 1-3 shutout innings, and the Mariners debuted the

new look of Safeco Field with a 3-0 win over the Astros on Monday.

Morales snapped Seattle's 0-for-14 drought with runners in scoring position by chopping an RBI single in the first and added a two-out RBI double in the third, both off Humber (0-2). Michael Saunders scored each time.

While Seattle got clutch hits, Houston's offensive struggles continued, getting shut out for the third time already. Porter remains confident the offense will come around, but he isn't putting up with lapses either.

He pulled J.D. Martinez for the fourth inning and replaced him with Rick Ankiel.

There was no announcement made of a reason for the switch

during the game and afterward, Martinez said he made a mental mistake and completely understood why there was a quick hook.

Martinez was pulled after he swung at the first pitch and popped out for the second out of the fourth inning.

“I had a mental error going up to the plate. It was totally my fault,” Martinez said.

The lack of offense by the Astros was partly due to a strong outing from Seattle starter Joe Saunders.

Saunders (1-1) went 6 1-3 innings, allowing six hits and striking out five. He improved to 7-0 all time at Safeco Field and dropped his ERA at the ballpark to 1.91 in 10 career starts.

Local Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball

- Midland College at Howard College, Jack Barber Field, 3 p.m.
- Snyder at Big Spring, Steer Park, 7 p.m.
- Forsan at Winters, 5 p.m.

Softball

- Snyder at Big Spring, Lady Steer Field, 5 p.m.
- Forsan at Ira, 5 p.m.

Golf

- Big Spring at Monahans (Final District 4-3A meet).

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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How do you make a wish? Some do it on birthday candles, others on stars. You could do it by throwing a penny into a well or while brushing a fallen eyelash from the cheek of a loved one. One of my personal favorites is to wish on the Aries new moon, a cosmic genie of sorts. Tonight is the pre-party, and it's a perfect time to get your wishes in order!

ARIES

(March 21-April 19). You are wary of doing things that you expect the general public will find impressive, because you don't seek attention or reputation. It's more important that you quietly serve your key people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you talk about what you're doing, sometimes you don't sound so enthusiastic. Are you more excited than your expressions suggest? If not, how can you drum up more enthusiasm?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can't control how

other people take your words. When what you say inspires an unintended consequence, you'll suddenly find yourself on an interesting ride into the psyche of another.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The feeling that your options are limited brings on a self-fulfilling state and one that is far from the truth. When you are aware of the situation around you, you will have more options.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes it feels like you never, ever, ever get a break. Everyone seems too focused on what they want to consider your part. So instead of waiting around, give yourself the break you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Try to envision the long-term picture for every decision you make today. Short-term gains may feed something shallow and immediate while starving a deeper part of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those who have a reputation for being difficult may have cultivated that perception for a long time, but you'll break through it with your kindness and attention to detail.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). You don't mind if another person wants to take charge, unless the task has already been assigned to you. Just know that it's only because you make it seem so fun that they can't help but rush in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Efficient interactions are preferred in business, but when it comes to your pleasure, things don't have to be so buttoned up. Loose, lingering and meandering connections will bring you joy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The menacing creatures of the woods usually come with sounds to match their nature: roars, growls and the like. But in the civilized world, the ones to watch out for may coo with enticingly smooth tones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel comfortable enough to take action in certain situations but not in others. Pushing to the edges of your comfort zone is favored today, but crossing into territory deep beyond them won't help anyone, least of all you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's too much to be accomplished for you to abandon the plan,

though you may decide to approach it differently — namely, with a smile. You are playful and fun, but you will stay on task all the same.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 9). People feel comfortable around you because you communicate warmly, purposefully and succinctly. It's a skill you'll continue to cultivate this year to great effect. Relationships of all kinds blossom over the next 10 weeks. You'll cash in on an investment in March and July. You'll accept a stellar offer in October. Pisces and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 4, 13, 24 and 10.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jackie Evancho is the little girl with the big voice — and the big record sales to match. This pint-sized opera singer embodies the fresh spirit of Aries, a sign of youthful enthusiasm. It's juxtaposed with old-soul powers of communication that come with her natal Mercury in Pisces, the sign of maturity. Her Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in Taurus, the sign that rules the voice, is a most auspicious alignment for singers.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I wanted to share a bit of what it's like to be the family member of a person who drinks too much. I know. I had more than 40 years of experience by the time I finally sought answers. I studied brain- and addiction-related research to assess my loved one's drinking patterns in order to protect myself from secondhand drinking. Secondhand drinking is a term to describe the impact on the person on the receiving end of another person's drinking behaviors.

These drinking patterns cause brain changes — especially in the areas of the brain responsible for judgment, memory, coordination, pleasure/reward and reasoning. And we don't fully understand the physical and emotional consequences to the health of a family member or friend who repeatedly deals with SHD. These include anxiety, depression, stomach ailments, skin problems, obesity, sleep problems, difficulties at work or in school, migraines and more.

April 11, 2013, is National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD). This year, I urge people who love someone who drinks too much to conduct an anonymous screening

of their loved one's drinking patterns. Screening for Mental Health has created a fantastic website, www.HowDoYouScore.org, where anyone can anonymously evaluate their own or a loved one's drinking patterns through an online assessment. The website also provides information on treatment options and suggestions for what it would take to cut down on or stop drinking.

This kind of anonymous screening allows you to understand what you are really dealing with: a drinking pattern that is changing their loved one's brain and causing hurtful drinking behaviors. — *Lisa Frederiksen, Author, Speaker, Consultant*

Dear Lisa: Thank you for sharing your story and emphasizing the importance of screening for alcoholism. Once again, those who wish to be screened can do so at howdoyouscore.org.

Dear Annie: I have lupus and suffer terribly. Some days are better than others, but most include fatigue, pain or some other symptom. Yet, when friends greet me, they say, "How are you? You

look good." Rather than greet me this way, I would prefer they not ask about my illness, because I haven't felt well in 17 years. Could you please tell readers in this position to simply say, "It is so good to see you"? That way, I don't feel obligated to speak about my current condition. — *Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired*

Dear Sick: Your suggestion is a good one, and we hope people will keep it in mind. But we don't believe these friends actually expect a rundown of your illness, nor are you obligated to talk about it. Greeting someone with, "How are you?" is generally rhetorical. You aren't expected to respond other than to say, "Fine, thanks," or some short variation. Because you haven't truly been well for years, it stands to reason that you would take questions about your health more literally than intended.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. © 2013 CREATORS.COM

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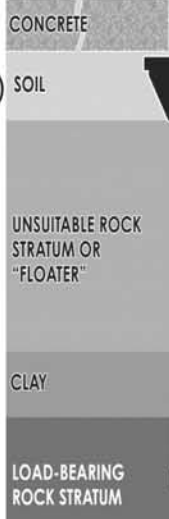
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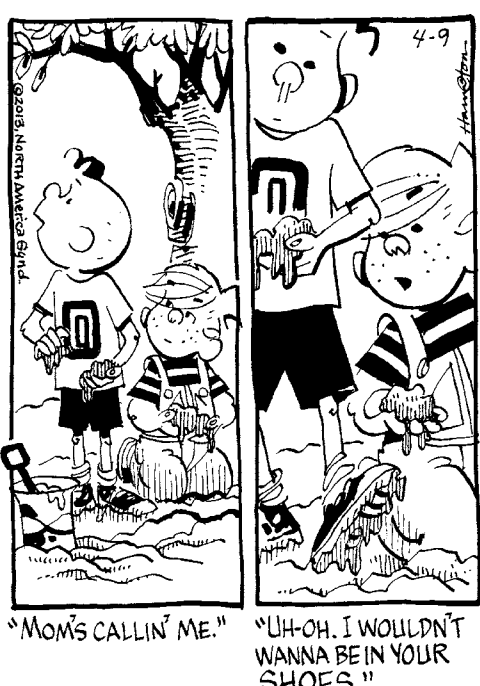
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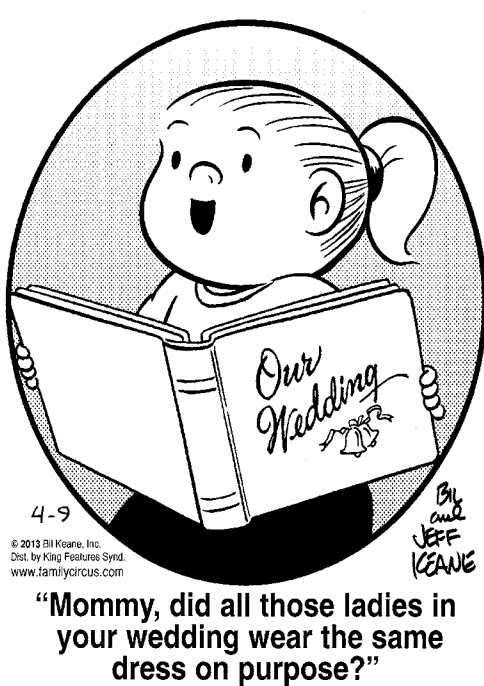


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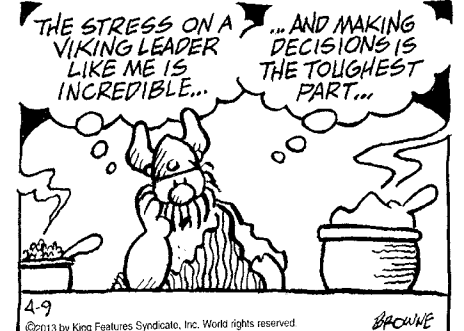
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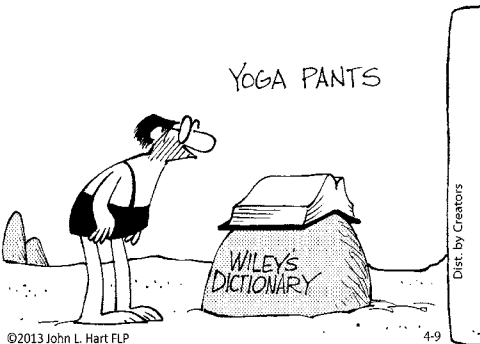
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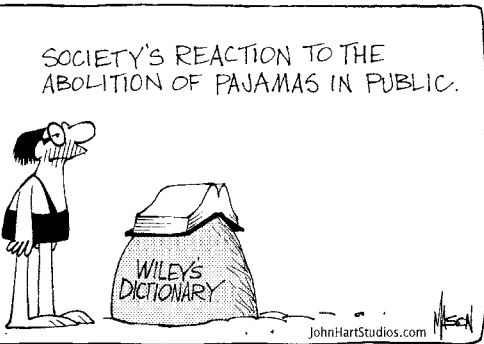
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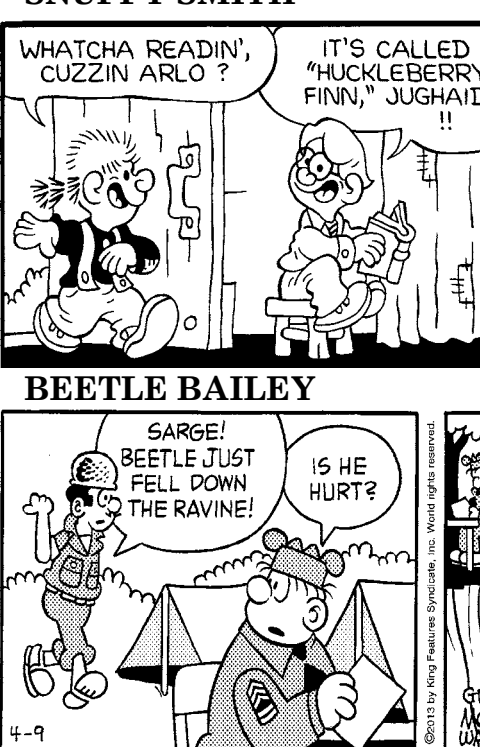
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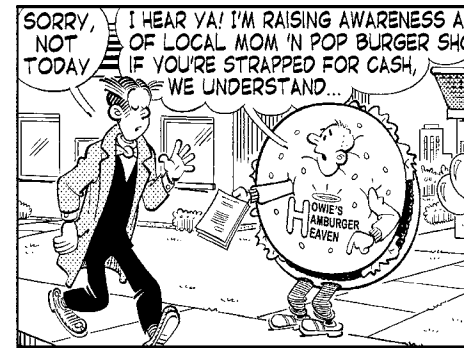
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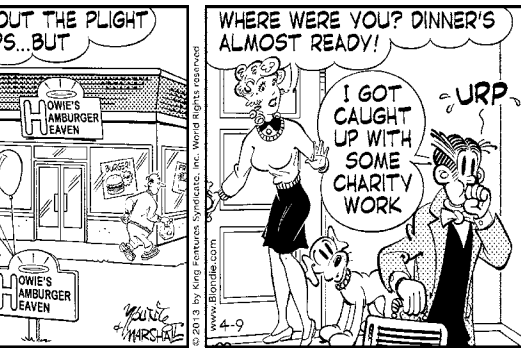
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 9, the 99th day of 2013. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1913, the first game was played at Ebbets Field, the newly built home of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who lost to the Philadelphia Phillies, 1-0.

On this date:

In 1413, the coronation of England's King Henry V took place in Westminster Abbey.

In 1682, French explorer Robert de La Salle claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France.

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after being denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the

American Revolution.

In 1942, during World War II, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March.

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 181 lives.

In 1959, NASA presented its first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, 91, died in Phoenix, Ariz.

In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was proclaimed an honorary U.S. citizen by President John F. Kennedy. (Churchill, unable to attend, watched the proceedings live on television in his London home.)

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1993, the Rev. Benjamin Chavis was chosen to head the NAACP, succeeding Benjamin Hooks.

In 1996, in a dramatic shift of

purse-string power, President Bill Clinton signed a line-item veto bill into law. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the veto in 1998.)

In 2005, Britain's Prince Charles married longtime love Camilla Parker Bowles, who took the title Duchess of Cornwall.

Today's Birthdays: Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 87. Satirical songwriter and mathematician Tom Lehrer is 85. Naturalist Jim Fowler is 81. Actor Jean-Paul Belmondo is 80. Actress Michael Learned is 74. Country singer Margo Smith is 71. Country singer Hal Ketchum is 60. Actor Dennis Quaid is 59. Humorist Jimmy Tingle is 58.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 20 Soldier's ABCs
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 - 24 Santa __, CA
 - 25 Where ships anchor
 - 29 Well-qualified
 - 31 %: Abbr.
 - 34 Soprano's solo
 - 35 Mexican snack
 - 37 Steeple
 - 39 Soldier's marching rhythm
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 - 44 Signals to actors
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 - 48 Have a brawl, in rural slang
 - 50 Poor grade
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 - 60 Twosome
 - 61 Den or dinette

- DOWN
- 1 Golf instructor
 - 2 Arm or leg
 - 3 Korea's continent
 - 4 Butterfly catchers
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 - 26 Caribbean island
 - 27 Tear to shreds
 - 28 Flying mammals
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 - 36 Envelope abbr.
 - 38 One-stripe Gls
 - 40 "Let's ask for directions"
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 - 49 Sailor's "yes"
 - 50 Informal eatery
 - 51 Most important
 - 52 Pickle flavoring
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 - 54 Minor quarrel
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Pardee remembered as football innovator

HOUSTON (AP) — Jack Pardee coached in college, the NFL, the USFL, the CFL and the World Football League.

And each of those stops came after a playing career that began as one of Bear Bryant's "Junction Boys" at Texas A&M and culminated in becoming an All-Pro linebacker.

Pardee, who died of cancer last Monday at 76, was remembered as an innovator, teacher, and loving father and husband by hundreds who gathered Monday to memorialize him.

Andre Ware won the Heisman Trophy in 1989 at Houston by leading Pardee's "run-and shoot" offense. He fought back tears after the funeral as he recalled a man he thought of as a father figure. Ware said Pardee always cared about him as a person, not just a football player.

"He just taught me how to be me through the way he lived his life," Ware said. "I think that's the ultimate compliment that you can pay someone is that you want to live how he lived."

Ware recalled the close relationship he shared with his former coach and joked about how, as a freshman at Houston, he'd stake out his path to lunch to run into him so he'd know who he was.

"It touches you when someone directly has an effect on who you are," Ware said, wiping away a tear. "That's why it hurts to let go."

Pardee's son, Ted, who is the color analyst for Houston radio broadcasts, said his three loves were, "God, family and football."

"My father was just a genuine person. He was what you see is what you get," Ted said.

Pardee scored 57 touchdowns for his six-man football team at Christoval High School in west-central Texas in 1952. Bryant became the Aggies' coach in 1954 and moved their preseason camp to desolate Junction, about 100 miles northwest of San Antonio.

The state endured a severe drought and an historic heat wave that year, but Bryant worked his team through the brutal conditions and refused to allow water breaks in an effort to toughen players. Pardee was one of 35 players who made it through to the end of the 10-day camp without quitting.

Teammates from that team attended Monday's service, as did fellow coaches, many of Pardee's former players and Houston Texans coach Gary Kubiak.

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a dozen in the second half before rallying for a 72-68 victory. This time, they fell behind by 12 in the first half, then unleashed a stunning spurt led by Hancock that wiped out the entire deficit before the break.

"I had the 13 toughest guys I've ever coached," Pitino said. "I'm just amazed they could accomplish everything we put out there."

No one was tougher than Hancock, who matched his season high after a 20-point effort in the semifinal victory over Wichita State. This time, he came off the bench to hit four straight 3-pointers in the first half after Michigan got a boost from an even more unlikely player.

Freshman Spike Albrecht made four straight from beyond the arc, too, blowing by his career high before halftime with 17 points. Coming in, Albrecht was averaging 1.8 points a game and had not scored more than seven all season.

Albrecht didn't do much in the second half, but Hancock finished what he started for Louisville. He made it 5-for-5 from long range when he hit his final 3 from the corner with 3:27 remaining to give the Cardinals their biggest lead, 76-66. Michigan wouldn't go away, but Hancock wrapped it up by making two free throws with 29 seconds left.

While Pitino shrugged off any attempt to make this about him, there was no doubt the Cardinals wanted to win a title for Ware.

Watching again from his seat at the end of the Louisville

bench, his battered right leg propped up on a chair, Ware smiled and slapped hands with his teammates as they celebrated in the closing seconds, the victory coming just 30 miles from where he played his high school ball.

Ware's awful injury will forever be linked to this tournament. Against Duke, he landed awkwardly, snapped his leg and was left writhing on the floor with the bone sticking through the skin. On this night, he hobbled gingerly onto the court with the aid of crutches, basking in a sea of confetti and streamers.

This one belonged to him as much as anyone on the court.

Siva added 18 points for the Cardinals, who closed the season on a 16-game winning streak, and Chane Behanan chipped in with 15 points and 12 rebounds as Louisville slowly but surely closed out the Wolverines (31-8).

Michigan was in the title game for the first time since the Fab Five lost the second of two straight championship games in 1993. Players from that team, including Chris Webber, cheered on the latest group of young stars.

But, like the Fab Five, national player of the year Trey Burke and a squad with three freshman starters came up short in the last game of the season.

The first half, in particular, might have been the most entertaining 20 minutes of the entire men's tournament.

Burke started out on fire for Michigan, hitting his first three shots and scoring seven points to match his output from the semifinal victory over Syracuse, when he made only 1-of-8 shots.

Albrecht took control when Burke picked up his second foul

and had to go to the bench for the rest of the half. The kid whose nickname comes from his first pair of baseball spikes showed he's a pretty good hoops player, knocking down one 3-pointer after another to send the Wolverines to a double-digit lead.

When Albrecht blew by Tim Henderson with a brilliant hesitation move, Michigan led 33-21 and Louisville was forced to call timeout. The freshman was mobbed on the Michigan bench, as if the Wolverines had already won the national title, with one teammate waving a towel in tribute.

Not so fast. Not against Louisville.

The Cardinals came back one more time.

Burke, who played only six minutes in the first half because of the foul trouble, did his best to give Michigan its first championship since 1989. But he couldn't do it alone. Albrecht was held scoreless after the break, and no one else posted more than 12 points for the Wolverines.

Still, it was quite a run for a fourth-seeded team that knocked off No. 1-seeded Kansas with the greatest comeback of the tournament, rallying from 14 points down in the second half to beat the Jayhawks in the round of 16.

But they came up against the ultimate comeback team in the final, a group that was intent on keeping the title in the bluegrass state after Kentucky won it all last season.

Louisville had already pulled off a stunning rally in the Big East championship game — down by 16 in the second half, they won by 17 — and another against Wichita State.

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who was still on base with Longoria (3 for 3 with a walk) on deck when strike three was called.

"Umpires make mistakes just like players do. It was a tough time to have a bad call," Zobrist said. "I hope it doesn't end up costing us playoffs in the end. I know it's the first week of the season. But every win is important

and we might have had a chance to win that one. Everybody makes mistakes. What are you going to do?"

Start fresh on Tuesday in the second game of the three-game set, the only time the teams play until mid-September.

Foster said Maddon was very professional. "He was frustrated and I understand," Foster said.

"He acted probably the best he can under that situation."

Umpire crew chief Tim Welke indicated that he didn't foresee a scenario in which Maddon would be disciplined.

Maddon said he "saw it clearly" when it happened, but looked at a replay afterward "to reaffirm what I'd seen.

Again, it just can't happen in a Major League Baseball game."

After Pierzynski's first homer for Texas, a two-out solo shot in the fourth that made it 2-1, Mitch Moreland pulled a 428-foot shot deep into the Texas bullpen in right-center field.

Elvis Andrus, in a 2-for-18 slide before singling in the fifth, added a two-run single in the Rangers seventh for a 5-1 lead.

Alexi Ogando (2-0) allowed only one run on three hits, but needed 89 pitches to get through 5 1-3 innings.

The right-hander walked three and struck out two five days after getting a career-high 10 strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings at Houston.

Joe Ortiz, the 22-year-old rookie lefty who is only 5-foot-7, got out of a two-on jam relieving Ogando with a pair of grounders and then worked a 1-2-3 seventh.

Jeremy Hellickson (0-1), starting on his 26th birthday for Tampa

Bay, gave up three runs and five hits over five innings.

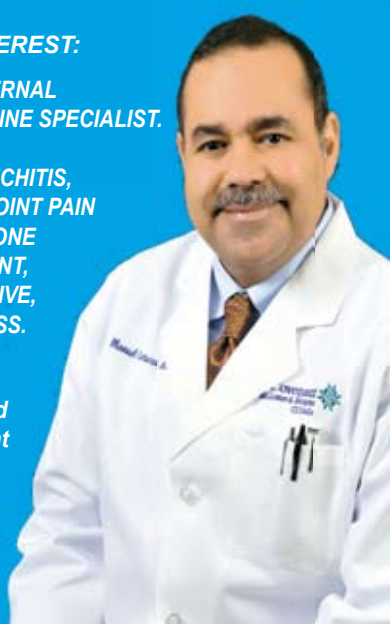
He needed 30 pitches to get out of the first, including a nine-pitch leadoff walk by Ian Kinsler, and threw 98 pitches overall.

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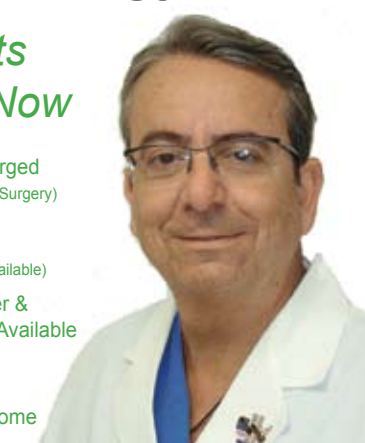
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