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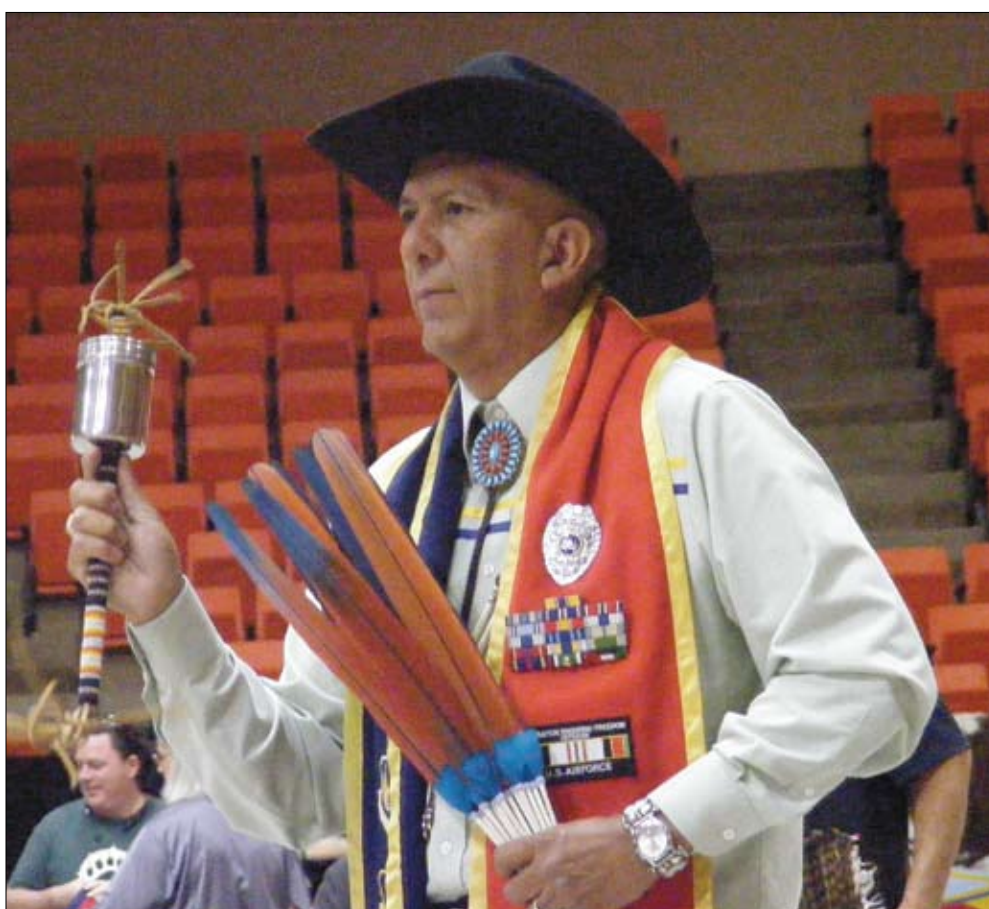
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The ninth annual Big Spring Powwow, a celebration of Native American culture, was held Saturday and Sunday in Garrett Coliseum. In the above photo, dancers in full regalia entertained the crowd. At right, Leonard Medina of San Antonio performs the gourd dance.
 HERALD photos/Andreia Medlin



Powwow: Celebrating history, heritage

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer
 The ninth annual Big Spring Powwow not only entertained, but provided an opportunity to learn about Native American culture and heritage.
 At one time, the Native American culture was once prevalent in West Texas, but it is slowly dissipating. Powwows are held all over the United States and gives members of the 500 American Indian nations a chance to gather, compete and

keep the history that helped shape our country alive.
 "The powwow is our people's way of meeting together, to join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships and making new ones," explained Fabian Galvan, arena director from Lubbock.
 "This is a time to renew and preserve the rich heritage of American Indians," Galvan added.
 Saturday's powwow also honored Native American veterans with a color guard preceding the dance

procession and competitions.
 Vendors at the event sell Native American wares, including items with hand sewn bead work, paintings with American Indian themes, fry bread and leather goods.
 Competition results, as well as more information on powwows including a schedule of events, are available on powwows.net
 To contact Andreia Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331 ext. 234 or email Life@bigspringherald.com.

Landfill tops city agenda

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer
 The Big Spring City Council is set to meet Tuesday evening, with final approval of an agreement between the municipality and the county to fund the opening and construction of a new city landfill topping the agenda.
 The resolution — which includes an inter-local agreement with Howard County to provide for sharing of the costs of land acquisition, permitting, operation, ownership, closure and post closure of a new municipal landfill — has been at the center of turmoil between the two governments since the city council approved first reading of the measure March 26.
 The measure requires the agreement to distribute the cost of the new landfill at a ratio of one-third for Howard County to two-thirds for the City of Big Spring. It was approved by the council on a unanimous vote during the March meeting with District 2 Councilwoman Carmen Harbour absent at the time.
What: Big Spring City Council.
Where: Council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.
When: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

While tempers may have flared during the March meeting, the city and county were able to reach an accord during subsequent meetings, according to officials from both entities.
 "We made some pretty good strides today," Howard County Commissioner John Cline said following the April 10 meeting between the two government agencies. "The city shared a lot of information with us that will be very helpful."
 Mayor Tommy Duncan agreed following the April 10 meeting, saying the city shared some vital information with county representatives that would help the proceedings move forward.
 "We're starting to come together," Duncan said. "I believe we provided the county with all the information they requested. Now, they'll take that information back and see where they want to go from here"
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Elbow Elementary earns distinguished performance award from TEA

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer
 FORSAN — Forsan Independent School District's Elbow Elementary won an award presented to high-performing schools with a large proportion of low-income students.
 Elbow received the Texas Education Agency's Distinguished Performance Award, given to high performing campuses which have at least

40 percent of its students coming from low-income families.
 The school was one of only 211 campuses statewide — and one of only two in this region — to earn this award, FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said.
 "TEA looks at the past three years of data in determining

the award," Johnson said. "To qualify, we had to have been designated an exemplary campus in the latest rating and been rated exemplary or recognized the two previous years.
 "This award puts us in an elite group of schools," he added. "We are definitely proud of this."
 Aside from meeting the low-income student threshold and state rating requirements,

Elbow also qualified for the award by meeting federal student performance guidelines.
 With the state of Texas public education under intense scrutiny, Johnson said it was gratifying for Elbow students and staff to receive this recognition.
 "We want to celebrate the positives when they come around," he said. "Schools get hammered when there's bad news and publicity, so we

definitely deserve to celebrate when there's good news. To receive this kind of recognition even when tougher standards are being enacted is a very big deal."



Johnson



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Obituaries

Barbara Blackshear



Barbara Blackshear, 73, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 20, 2013, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Barbara was born May 20, 1939, in Valley Head, W. Va. She graduated from Channing High School in 1957. Barbara married Bobby Blackshear on Dec. 30, 1958, in Channing. She was a homemaker and a member of College Baptist Church.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Bobby Joe Blackshear of Big Spring; one daughter, Natalie McDonald of Austin; two granddaughters, Marissa McDonald and Melanie McDonald, both of Austin; one great-grandson, Christian Ceniseros of Austin; five sisters, Karen Mason of Muleshoe, Diane Marple of Langlois, Ore., Sandy Todd of Sixes, Ore., Betty Rodgers of Paulden, Ariz. and Alene Lamkin of Anchorage, Alaska; and two brothers: Arval Marple of Langlois, Ore. and Kemper Marple of Chubbuck, Idaho.

Barbara was preceded in death by her son, David Blackshear; her granddaughter, Christina McDonald; parents, Arden and Lura Marple; brother, Buren Marple; sister, Mildred Wright; and son-in-law, Pete McDonald.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Manuel 'Maco' Vega Sr.



Manuel "Maco" Vega Sr., 76, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 19, 2013, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, April 22, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born July 23, 1936, in Big Spring, Texas. He married Margarita Sosa and she preceded him in death May 18, 2005.

Maco had lived in Big Spring or Odessa all of his life. He worked as a carpenter and plumber and enjoyed working in his yard. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include one son, Manuel Vega, Jr. of San Antonio; two step-daughters, Nancy Franco and Ruby Luna, both of Odessa; one sister, Irene Vega of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his mother, Concha Vega.

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

Candy Lillie Andrews

Candy Lillie Andrews, 81, of North Richland Hills, formerly of Big Spring, died on Friday, April 19, 2013, in a Fort Worth hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 25, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Candy was born April 15, 1932, and married Raymond Andrews on Feb. 5, 1949, in San Angelo. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 2001.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Sharon Lee Dunne and husband, James of North Richland Hills; one son, Raymond Lee Andrews of Big Spring; four grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Lonnie Lee Andrews; one daughter, Mary Ann Hood-Sweeney; her parents Vester and Edith Bray; and one brother, Bobby Bray.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, PO Box 2222, Big Spring, TX 79721.

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

Delores Scott

Delores Scott, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 21, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Her services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Abner Shellman Sr.

Abner Shellman Sr., 68, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. His services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gail Earls

Gail Earls, 75, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 21, 2013 at her residence. Her 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:

- CHRISTOPHER RAY TEICHMAN, 40, of 1207 Hilltop Rd., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN THOMAS MARTINEZ, 27, of 709 Creighton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSE ANTONIO NIETO, 32, of 2403 S. Main St., was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and criminal mischief.
- CHRISTOPHER WAYNE BURNETT, 24, of 1502 Stadium, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- PHILLIP EUGENE CUMMINGS, 21, of 1501 W. FM 818, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOSHUA DAVID MITCHELL, 19, of 4812 Ratliff, was arrested Saturday on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- ALEXANDER TAPIA, 28, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 208, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.
- LUIS MATEO LOZANO, 34, of 203 Denton Rd., was arrested Saturday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 800 block of W. I-20.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- DAVID GONZELEZ-TADEO, 58, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of supervised release.
- JOHN GERARD ESCOVEDO, 34, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to comply with sex offender registration with a previous conviction.
- ALFONSO GARCIA RAMOS JR., 26, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- BRANDON DOUGLAS WOLFE, 28, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on an Ector County warrant for stalking.
- JOSHUA DEWIGHT MCGURK, 28, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANTHONY A. VASQUEZ, 38, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check, failure to appear and municipal warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.
- JOSE LUIS RODRIGUEZ, 29, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHARLES JACOB BIRD, 25, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- KIEF INMAN BLACK, 19, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license – when unlicensed and expired registration.
- JOSE ORTEGA JR., 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- MICHAEL DEWAYNE NORRIS, 39, 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.
- JOHN THOMAS MARTINEZ, 27, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
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- CHRISTOPHER WAYNE BURNETT, 24, 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.
- JOSHUA DAVID MITCHELL, 19, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- PHILLIP EUGENE CUMMINGS, 21, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- ALEXANDER TAPIA, 28, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- ANNA LISA VEGA, 36, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a charge of deadly conduct.
- LUIS MATEO LOZANO, 34, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

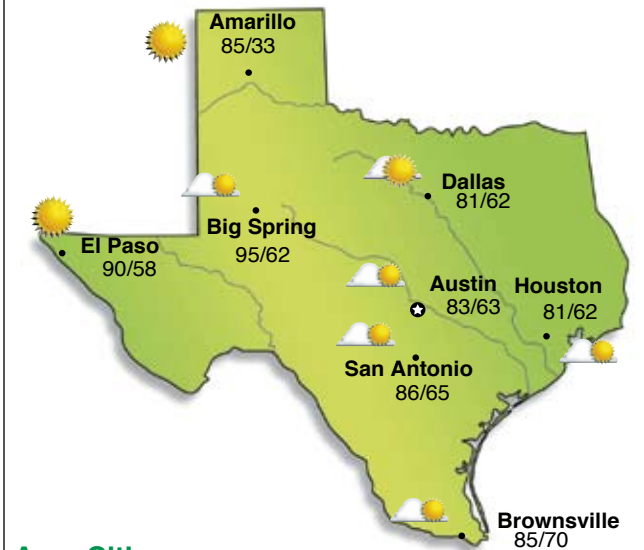
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 4/23	Wed 4/24	Thu 4/25
95/62	62/38	67/50
Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon.	More clouds than sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.
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Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunset: 8:22 PM



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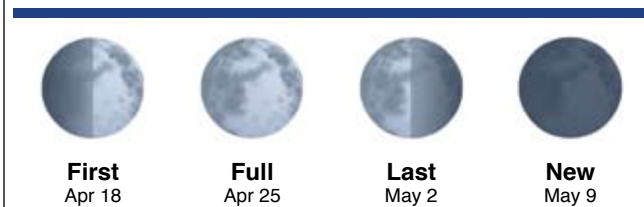
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	88	56	pt sunny	Kingsville	88	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	85	33	sunny	Livingston	82	58	sunny
Austin	83	63	pt sunny	Longview	79	58	sunny
Beaumont	79	62	sunny	Lubbock	91	41	sunny
Brownsville	85	70	pt sunny	Lufkin	84	59	sunny
Brownwood	88	60	windy	Midland	93	57	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	83	69	mst sunny	Raymondville	87	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	79	60	mst sunny	Rosenberg	82	62	pt sunny
Dallas	81	62	mst sunny	San Antonio	86	65	pt sunny
Del Rio	90	67	pt sunny	San Marcos	84	63	pt sunny
El Paso	90	58	sunny	Sulphur Springs	79	61	sunny
Fort Stockton	95	57	sunny	Sweetwater	90	57	windy
Gainesville	77	57	pt sunny	Tyler	80	59	sunny
Greenville	78	59	sunny	Weatherford	79	58	pt sunny
Houston	81	62	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	82	57	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	46	pt sunny	Minneapolis	44	31	mixed
Boston	51	40	pt sunny	New York	54	43	pt sunny
Chicago	65	51	pt sunny	Phoenix	91	63	sunny
Dallas	81	62	mst sunny	San Francisco	78	58	sunny
Denver	49	22	mixed	Seattle	60	40	sunny
Houston	81	62	pt sunny	St. Louis	71	56	mst sunny
Los Angeles	70	55	sunny	Washington, DC	59	46	mst sunny
Miami	83	70	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 4/23	Wed 4/24	Thu 4/25
10	8	10
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Lexington. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of S. Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GAS LEAK was reported in the 1400 block of Johnson.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 1584 and County Road 846. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2100 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of E. Highway 350 near the county line. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 6900 block of S. Highway 87. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1700 block of S. Gregg Street. Three people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1200 block of Cypress. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Take note

• The Coahoma Choir Kids and Third Grade Singers will perform a spring concert at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. The concert is free to the public and will be followed by an ice cream social fundraiser sponsored by the Coahoma Elementary PTO.

• A benefit fund for the April Martinez family, who recently lost everything in a fire, has been set up at Prosperity Bank. Donations can be made to account number 3013914734. Ms. Martinez has four children ages 5 to 12.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• 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.

• 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 appliances. 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 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 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 donate 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 fans. 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.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide

counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

South Texas youth adopted after decade of waiting

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Anthony Gonzalez Harris had spent a decade in state foster care following the death of his mother, and as his 18th birthday drew near, he lost hope he'd ever be adopted. But there he was Wednesday, surrounded by a mix of some of life's golden moments in the 93rd state District Court with Judge Rudy Delgado.

With beaming parents Polly and Alex Harris by their new son's side, Delgado officially granted the adoption on the same date the judge himself was born 60 years ago.

The formation of the new family also happened to be the 17-year-old Mission youth's most sincere birthday wish.

It came true about two weeks early, allowing the teen to avoid the challenge of aging out of foster care upon turning 18. With a broad smile, he acknowledged his senior graduation and prom are on the horizon, too.

The road to Wednesday's court hearing has been "unbelievable,"

he said, following the struggle that affected his schooling as he tried to cope with his mother's death in 2002.

"I look at myself 10 years ago and I look at myself now and I'm like, 'Who is this? Who was this Anthony?'" Gonzalez Harris told *The Monitor*. "If my mom would have to pick anybody to take care of me, it would be them."

When asked in court if he wanted to be adopted, the teen earnestly responded:

"I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

There are dismal truths about children who, like Gonzalez Harris, must wait to find their "forever families."

Adoption proves more elusive for children who come from large sibling groups, who have a disability, or who are older. Gonzalez Harris was 7 when he entered foster care and was the middle child in a group of eight.

Seven Hidalgo County foster care children were adopted last fiscal year, according to data from the Texas Department of Family and Pro-

ductive Services. That amounts to less than 1 percent of the 963 children from here under such care.

Youths who age out of foster care are without a close support system and may face homelessness; among them, many lack a high school diploma and just a small number go on to earn college degrees, according to advocacy groups.

However, the state does offer post-foster care help.

So-called emancipated youths are not charged tuition at public colleges and they are given limited transitional living and aftercare allowances.

In some cases, youths may sign an agreement to remain in foster care until age 22. The state also requires all youths on the verge of aging out to go through its Preparation for Adult Living program.

In court Wednesday, a birthday banner hung from Judge Delgado's dais and Polly Harris led a rendition of "Happy Birthday to You" as several DFPS caseworkers in attendance sang along.

Given his jurisdiction over criminal and family law, the judge said that it's often the darker side of life that is discussed in his court.

So Wednesday was a breath of fresh air.

"Every once in a while I get to do something that brings joy to my heart," he said.

The hearing was "only a formality," though, he said, because it was obvious the three before him were already a family.

Polly and Alex Harris, a couple in their early 60s from Corpus Christi, thought rearing a child in their own home again was behind them. The couple has had an empty nest since 1999. Each of them has two adult children and they share three grandchildren.

For five years, Polly Harris, a retired educator and insurance business owner, worked to help coordinate informal picnics where foster children, including those finding it difficult to become adopted, could meet families already qualified to become parents. It was a picnic in November where the couple spot-

ted their future son — shyly standing alone, dressed in a suit.

"I never, ever, thought it would be me, really," she said of adopting. "To be honest, he got the best deal and so did we."

The family remembers the exact date she approached the teen to chat: Nov. 9. Drawn to the lonely looking boy, she said it was difficult that day to hear another family tell him they weren't interested in adopting an older child.

Less than a year later, as they sat on a court bench, a typical family scenario peppered with hugs and smiles played out in some good-natured teasing from Mom about a cute prom date.

"If there was one thing I was good at, it was being a mother," she said. "I thought why not give that to him?"

Alex Harris, who owns a title services company, recounted in court how the bond grew among the three as they took him to soccer practice and driver's education classes, while regularly talking on the phone and texting.

"Judge, he just touched our heart," Harris said.

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and we'll all meet again next week."

The county's one-third of estimated costs is expected to come to approximately \$1.6 million, with the opening of the first cell of the new landfill expected to cost approximately \$5 million, according to city officials. Both entities are expected to face similar costs one a second and third cell for the fa-

cility, which would be built over an estimated 20-year period.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is expected to consider:

- Discussion and approval of hiring a city planner.
- Discussion and consideration of changes to city personnel policies.
- Emergency reading of an ordinance imposing a moratorium on permitting of modular or industrialized housing units and developments and the use of travel trailers or rec-

reational vehicles as living quarters for extended periods within the city limits with a moratorium to be made effective for 90 days.

• Discussion of using outside contractors to install city services.
Tuesday's meeting is expected 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. Also, a complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at www.mybigspring.com

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Mournful silence, return to work: Boston marks week from Marathon bombings

BOSTON (AP) — Seven days after the Boston Marathon bombings, the city planned to mark the traumatic week with mournful silence and a return to its bustling commute.

Authorities on Friday made the unprecedented request that residents stay at home during the manhunt for suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. He was discovered that evening hiding in a boat covered by a tarp in suburban Watertown.

In another sign of progress, city officials said they are beginning the process of reopening to the public the six-block site around the bombing. The announcement came Sunday, a day when people could still watch investigators at the crime scene work in white jumpsuits.

"It's surreal," said Barbara Alton, as she walked her dog along Newbury Street. "But I feel like things are starting to get back to normal."

Tsarnaev remained hospitalized and unable to speak with a gunshot wound to the throat. He was expected to be charged by federal authorities. The 19-year-old suspect also is likely to face state charges in connection with the fatal shooting of MIT police officer Sean Collier in Cambridge, said Stephanie Guyotte, a spokeswoman for the Middlesex District Attorney's office.

Bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev remained hospitalized in serious but stable condition Sunday, two days after he was found wounded and bloody hiding in a boat parked behind a home in Watertown, a Boston suburb authorities had shut down to conduct house-by-house searches.

A defiant, festive mood prevailed at the London Marathon on Sunday as thousands of runners offered tributes to those killed and injured in Boston a week earlier. Police said they planned to add 40 percent more officers and extra surveillance as a precautionary measure.

Rescuers push into remote Chinese villages hit by Sichuan quake; 188 killed, thousands injured

LUSHAN, China (AP) — After dynamiting through landslide-blocked roads, Chinese relief crews hurried food, water and other supplies into the rural hills of China's Sichuan province Monday, two days after an earthquake killed at least 188 people and injured more than 11,000.

Rescuers reached the most cut-off communities in Baoxing and Lushan counties, though heavy machinery and trucks bearing supplies moved slowly along roads partly blocked by landslide debris. Repairmen hoisted ladders up against electrical poles to fix power lines.

The delivery of relief supplies, while not enough to meet all the demand, marked headway as frustrations grew among survivors.

Near an old house that had crumpled by the roadside in Lushan, about 2,000 people gathered early Monday to complain about the lack of food. A few jumped on to a motorized three-wheel cart to look for officials, and 20 minutes later a truck pulled up and distributed instant noodles. At another street corner, a truck handed out bottled water.

"We're so grateful for these donations," said Ji Yanzi, who was loading cartons of bottled water on to a three-wheeled vehicle to take to her family of 10, including aging parents. "At this point, we don't have much except a tent we made ourselves

and some food we were able to pull out from our apartment."

Taliban take 9 hostages, including 8 Turks, after emergency helicopter landing in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A Turkish civilian helicopter was forced to make an emergency landing in a Taliban-controlled area of eastern Afghanistan, and the insurgents took all nine people aboard the aircraft hostage, including eight Turks, officials said Monday.

The transport helicopter landed in strong winds and heavy rain on Sunday in a village in the Azra district of Logar province, southeast of Kabul and 30 kilometers (20 miles) from the Pakistan border, said district governor Hamidullah Hamid.

Taliban fighters then captured all nine aboard the helicopter and took them from the area, Hamid told The Associated Press. He said most of the nine civilian hostages are Turks but that one is an Afghan translator.

In Ankara, a spokesman at Turkey's Foreign Ministry told the AP that there were eight Turks aboard the helicopter but did not know if it also was carrying other civilians or what their nationalities were. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with ministry regulations, had no information about the condition of the civilians.

Turkey's semi-official Anadolu news agency quoted Logar Deputy Police Chief Resishan Sadik Abdurrahminzey as saying that "a large number" of policemen were being sent to the region to rescue the hostages.

Air traffic controllers furloughed as government cuts kick in; some flight delays show up

Commercial airline flights moved smoothly throughout most of the country on Sunday, the first day air traffic controllers were subject to furloughs resulting from government spending cuts, though some delays appeared in the late evening in and around New York. And even though the nightmarish flight delays and cancellations that the airline industry predicted would result from the furloughs did not materialize yet, the real test will come Monday, when traffic ramps up.

Information from the FAA and others showed that flying Sunday was largely uneventful, with most flights on time. There were delays in parts of Florida, but those were caused by thunderstorms.

Mark Duell at the flight tracking website FlightAware said that John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia airports in New York indicated delays due to lower staffing starting late Sunday evening. JFK averaged 70-minute delays for inbound flights, but no detectable departure delays. LaGuardia averaged 74-minute delays for inbound flights, and departure delays of 37 minutes.

The FAA website said that flights from Philadelphia and Orlando, Fla., into John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Westchester County airports were delayed due to staffing issues.

The trade group Airlines for America, which represents the airlines and had predicted a big traffic snarl, said Sunday evening that it was "not seeing a significant impact at this point." A spokeswoman said the group would continue to monitor the situation, and urged flyers to stay in contact with their airlines.

Police: 5 dead in shootings at apartment complex south of Seattle

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. (AP) — Gunfire erupted at an apartment complex in a city south of Seattle and five people were shot to death, including a suspect who was shot by arriving officers, police said early Monday.

Officers responding to an emergency call at 9:30 p.m. Sunday at the apartments in Federal Way encountered a chaotic scene, with bullets flying.

"When officers arrived there were still shots being fired," said Federal Way police spokeswoman Cathy Schrock.

They found two injured men on the ground in a parking lot. One of the men reached for a gun as police moved in to assist the two, she said.

At that point, officers opened fire. The suspect died but police said it wasn't immediately clear if it was from their gunfire.

Don't take the cinnamon challenge: Doctors warn teens after surge in calls to poison centers

CHICAGO (AP) — Don't take the cinnamon challenge. That's the advice from doctors in a new report about a dangerous prank depicted in popular YouTube videos but which has led to hospitalizations and a surge in calls to U.S. poison centers.

The fad involves daring someone to swallow a spoonful of ground cinnamon in 60 seconds without water. But the spice is caustic, and trying to gulp it down can cause choking, throat irritation, breathing trouble and even collapsed lungs, the report said.

Published online Monday in Pediatrics, the report said at least 30 teens nationwide needed medical attention after taking the challenge last year.

The number of poison control center calls about teens doing the prank "has increased dramatically," from 51 in 2011 to 222 last year, according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

"People with asthma or other respiratory conditions are at greater risk of having this result in shortness of breath and trouble breathing," according to an alert posted on the association's website.

Reese Witherspoon: 'Deeply embarrassed' after arrest, apologizes for behavior

ATLANTA (AP) — Reese Witherspoon is "deeply embarrassed" about what she said to police officers after she and her husband were arrested during a traffic stop in Atlanta.

The Oscar-winning actress released a statement late Sunday apologizing for her behavior to police that began when her husband, Hollywood agent Jim Toth, was arrested early Friday for driving under the influence of alcohol.

"Do you know my name?" Witherspoon is quoted as saying in a state trooper's report. She also said: "You're about to find out who I am" and "You're about to be on national news," according to the report.

"I clearly had one drink too many and I am deeply embarrassed about the things I said," Witherspoon said. "It was definitely a scary situation and I was frightened for my husband, but that is no excuse. I was disrespectful to the officer who was just doing his job. The words I used that night definitely do not reflect who I am. I have nothing but respect for the police and I'm very sorry for my behavior."

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Prayer and waiting in Texas town rocked by blast

WEST, Texas (AP) — The First Baptist Church in the tiny Texas town where a fertilizer plant exploded is still off-limits, so the Rev. John Crowder put folding chairs in a hay pasture and improvised a pulpit on a truck flatbed. At the elementary school, an official carted

extra desks and chairs into the only public school campus that's left.

This was Sunday in West. Four days after the blast that killed 14 people and injured 200 others, residents prayed for comfort and got ready for the week ahead, some of them still

waiting to find out when — or if — they will be able to go back home.

The explosion at the West Fertilizer Co. rocketed shrapnel across several blocks and left what assistant state fire marshal Kelly Kirstner described Sunday as "a large crater." A section of the flat farming town near the crater, including Crowder's church, is still behind barricades.

One school campus was obliterated, and on the eve of 1,500 students

returning to class for the first time since Wednesday's blast, Superintendent Marty Crawford said the high school and middle school could also be razed.

Nearly 70 federal and state investigators are still trying to determine what caused the fire that set off the explosion, Kirstner said. Authorities say there are no signs of criminal intent.

Robert Champion, the special agent in charge

for the Dallas office of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said experts plan to enter the crater in the next few days and start digging in search of an explanation.

Slow is the normal way of life in West. But the last several days for many of its 2,800 residents have melded into an anguishing and frustrating stretch of wait-and-hear — about the safety of family and friends.

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Lady Hawks finish off Midland

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Having already clinched the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title, Howard College is preparing for the Region V tournament after completing a sweep of Midland College at Foundation Field on Saturday by winning 13-4 and 9-1 in a doubleheader.

Claudette Smith helped the Lady Hawks in their rout of the Lady Chaparrals in Game Three of a four-game stand when she belted a grand slam home run. Smith also had a two-run blast, accounting for six RBI during the outing.

Apparently, Megan Granado wanted to add a grand slam to her resume, too. Granado emptied the bases with one swing — scoring Mallory Mitchener, Rebecca Long and Smith — in the final game of the series to take a 5-1 lead in the bottom of the second inning after a RBI single by Micherie Korja knotted it up at 1-1.

Shelby Shelton wanted in on the home run derby and sent a solo shot over the fence to lead off the bottom of the third. With runners on the corners in the bottom of the fifth, Korja recorded another RBI on a single. The game ended in the sixth when Mitchener picked up a base hit, Smith walked and Long laid down a bunt to load the bases. Lani Munoz ripped a single to score Mitchener and the game ended via run-rule.

Nikki Diaz got the win in the early game, while Nicole Wilson earned a win in the nightcap. Megan Granado also contributed from the circle Saturday.

Next up for the Lady Hawks (47-9, 22-2) will be a doubleheader with Clarendon on Friday and a two-game affair with Frank Phillips College on Saturday.

HC Head Coach Kelly Raines and her team have already locked up the WJCAC title, so the final four games of the regular season will be tune-ups before making an appearance at the Region V championship tournament in Lubbock, May 3-5.



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Howard College's Claudette Smith smacks a grand slam home run during the first game of a doubleheader against Midland College on Saturday. Smith was one of two Hawks to belt grand slams Saturday — Megan Granado hit one in the nightcap. HC won both games.



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Big Spring's Mercedes Ruiz catches the ball for an out at first base during a game against Snyder earlier in the season. The Lady Steers nabbed the final district playoff spot Saturday.

Lady Steers edge Monahans to earn final playoff spot

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The one-year playoff drought is over.

Big Spring defeated Monahans on Saturday by a score of 2-1 at Lady Steer Field, then Snyder beat Greenwood to ensure BSHS the final postseason bid from District 4-3A.

The Trust Loboos jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Lady Steers answered quickly answered back.

Senior Logan Yarbar — who allowed just two hits from the circle in her final regular season performance — connected for a one-out single in the bottom of the first, then was advanced to second base when contact was made by Haley Dimidjian, who was thrown out at first. Angelina Castillo picked up a RBI base hit to tie the game at 1-1.

Valerie Goodblanket smacked a home run in the

bottom of the third to add the final run of the outing.

A typically solid showing by Yarbar combined with strong defensive play by the Lady Steers — most notably from Ayanna Gomez in left field — kept Monahans off the board for the remainder of the affair.

John Sparks couldn't be happier for his team.

"We played well," Sparks said. "Even though it was a low-scoring game, they played the game. They knew what they had to do and they went out there and had fun and took care of business. Ayanna had some outstanding plays in left field. Logan keeps teasing it up — it's awesome how she's played. I give credit to Monahans for playing hard, too."

Big Spring's offensive production is the focus for Sparks as he prepares his squad for the

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Hawks complete sweep of Luna College

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Howard College finished off its sweep of Luna College on Saturday, winning Game Three of the four-game stint, 5-2 and Game Four, 9-0.

Taking all four games was important the Hawks, who are in a bit of uncharted territory.

Howard College's perennially strong baseball program has faced some adversity this year.

With the renovations to the playing surface at Jack Barber Field, the Hawks were forced to play more than 30 games on the road before they enjoyed a home field advantage.

Britt Smith, HC head baseball coach, makes no excuses for his squad and believes the majority of its struggles are self-inflicted.

"The guys as a group get along well," Smith explained. "The issue has been when they have an opportunity at the plate, they're not hitting for the team, they are hitting for themselves. That's why they don't have the success other teams have had here. We have to win our last six games if we're going to have a shot at making the playoffs."

Despite the criticism from Smith, the Hawks are 30-16 overall and hold a Western Junior College Athletic Conference record of 19-9 — hardly a terrible season. Howard College currently sits in third place in the WJCAC. If they can hold that position or improve, a Region V tournament appearance won't elude Smith, who guided the Hawks to a national title in 2009.

In critiquing his team, Smith also offered up some praise.

"We pitched really well this weekend," Smith said. "We only gave up seven runs

and only five of them were earned. Our four starters did a really good job. David Gates gave up two runs early Saturday, but that's all they scored all day. Brock Hunt did a good job in Game Two even though it was a bad situation. David Palladino came in and pitched well in Game Four. We also pitched fairly clean defensively all weekend."

New Mexico Junior College is the lead horse in the race at this point with a 22-6 WJCAC record. Midland is only one game up on the Hawks and HC is four games ahead of Odessa College and Frank Phillips College, both of which have 15-9 records.

Due to potentially bad weather Tuesday, the Hawks and the Chaparrals rescheduled and will play today in Midland at Christensen Stadium at 6:30 p.m. HC will be on the road over the weekend for a four-game series with Clarendon.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball

- Howard College at Midland College, Christensen Stadium, 6:30 p.m. (this game was originally scheduled for Tuesday.)
- Lamesa at Coahoma, 7 p.m.

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approach on the abilities,
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(March 21-
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You have an
ease with
your

surroundings that is very
attractive, especially to
those who are not sure
how to navigate the
terrain. This coupled
with your friendly
attitude will lead you to
make interesting social
connections.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). You'll dedicate
yourself to a project. The
tips you'll hear are
valuable, but they are not
the be-all-end-all secret to
success. There is no one
answer. The real secret is



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to apply what you learn.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). Your sign mate Walt
Whitman suggested, "If
anything is sacred, the
human body is sacred."
You'll treat it as such,
being attentive to its
needs, listening to what it
wants and doing what
feels natural.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). People feel gratitude
for what you've done, but
because of social
awkwardness or other
pressing reasons, they
will have trouble
expressing thanks. Be
confident in the
knowledge that you have
made a difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
No one is ready-made; we
are all works in progress.
Since you're the one who
has to do the work, you
may as well be the one
who decides what end
result you are going for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). It is costly to try
different tactics, even if
the experiments
themselves are
inexpensive. Your time is
the most valuable asset

you have. A consultant
who has been there is
definitely worth the
investment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). There will be much
to accomplish, so arrange
your schedule to take
advantage of peak
productivity times. You
can move more quickly
when you are well rested.
You'll be prolific when
your energy is high.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). In case you are still
wondering how you come
across to others, you can
relax in the knowledge
that people really like
you. Why wouldn't they?
You're sweet enough to
be desirable and bitter
enough to be interesting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). Because you
really care, you think of
ideas that might be
helpful to your loved ones
and present them without
expectation of reward.
Even if none of your
ideas get used, people feel
loved because you do
this.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). Business is often

like a race: Those who
take the swiftest action
make the most money.
Your gut will tell you
you're on to something,
so follow through without
hesitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). The beauty of
having another person
close by who loves you
very much is not lost on
you. Whether it's your
close kin or a sweetheart,
today there is nothing
better than accepting that
affection and basking in
it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). You need both your
left and right brain
strengths in order to
complete today's tasks. If
either side gains too
much control, you will
mentally fly in circles.
Balance is key.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(April 22). Next month, a
shift in your atmosphere
will have you forming a
new team you can depend
on. A window of romance
also opens in May. Your
social standing will be
elevated without your
participation, and you'll

turn the surge in
popularity into good
times. July and
November are the
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*Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann
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letters originally appeared in 1999.*

Dear Ann Landers: I recently
married "Jim," a man 20 years
my senior. It was a second marriage
for both of us. Jim's first marriage
lasted 22 years, and
there were no
children. Since his
divorce (which was
before I met him),
Jim and his ex-wife
have maintained a
very close
relationship.

Last week, Jim lost
a dear friend, whom I
knew briefly. I
comforted him as best
I could, and he was
most appreciative. He
said there would be no memorial
service and that his friend would
be cremated.

While listening to our answering
machine, I heard a day-old message
giving details of the funeral
service.

I asked Jim about the message,
and he admitted there would be a
service but said he hadn't invited
me to attend with him because his
ex-wife planned to go. He said if
she saw us there together, it would

upset her.

I am not the type of person to
inflict pain on anyone, so I told
Jim to go to the funeral without
me. Jim and his ex-wife attended
the service, which was followed by
a reception. I feel pain in my
heart that he did not ask me to go
with him and feels no remorse
about the incident. What do you
make of this? — *Bewildered in
Texas*

Dear Texas: I think Jim may
still be emotionally attached to his
ex-wife, and apparently, she has
some feelings for him. Don't make
an issue of this. Be warm and
comforting. Remember, if a man is
fed well at home, he will not be
inclined to go to restaurants.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in
response to "Greensboro, N.C.,"
whose 17-year-old son left home
after refusing to get a job or go to
school. Those parents should check
with a legal expert to find out if
they are responsible for the boy's
expenses.

I have friends who were
presented with huge bills run up
by their minor child who no longer
lived at home. These parents found
themselves responsible for trashed
living quarters, wrecked cars and
expensive clothing — and they

didn't even know where the kid
was living.

Parents in this position need to
be assured of legal protection no
matter how much they love the
child or hope he will come home.

If their minor child has moved
out, they should see a lawyer
before things get more
complicated. They could be liable
for a bundle. — *Been Down That
Road in Holland, Mich.*

Dear Holland: Excellent advice
to those parents. I hope they see
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move back home and get some
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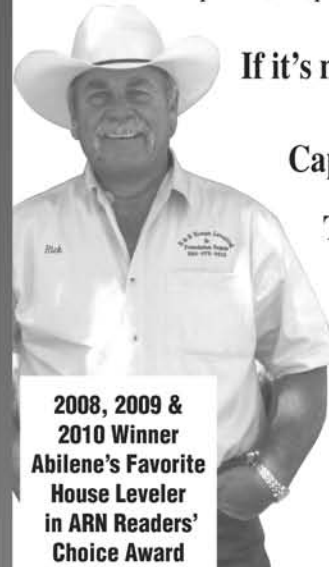
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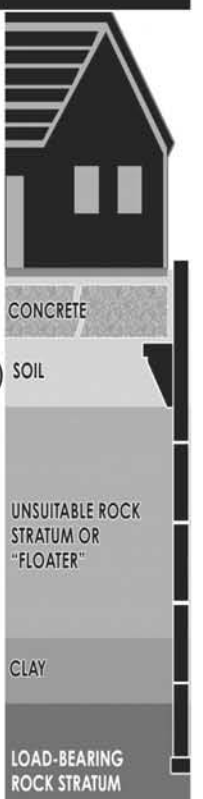
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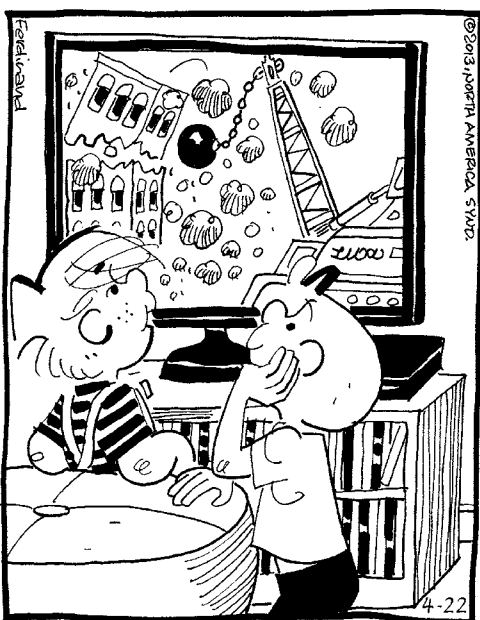


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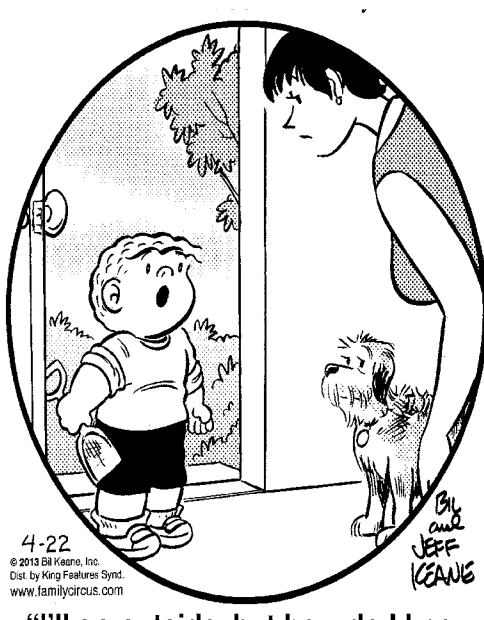
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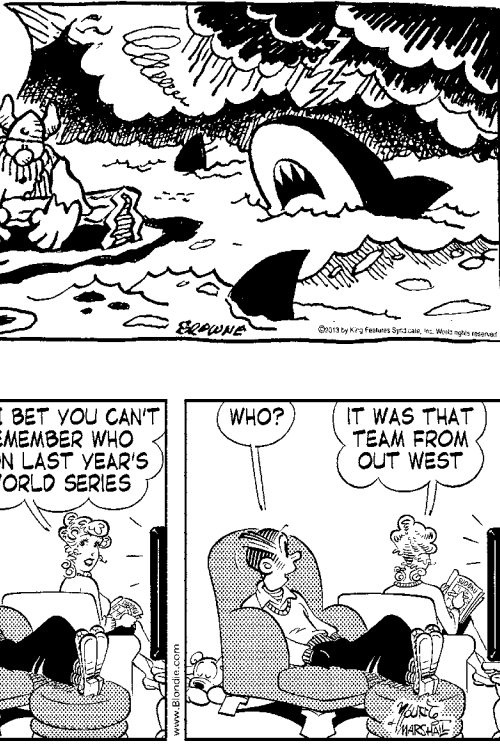
"I'll go outside, but how do I know when I've had enough fresh air?"

HAGAR



WHAT DO WE DO NOW, HAGAR? I SAY WE TRY SINGING THE VIKING FIGHT SONG...

BLONDIE



IT'S CRAZY, BUT ALREADY I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO WON THE SUPER BOWL! I CAN! IT WAS THE TEAM WEARING THE WHITE SHIRTS

BC



I'D GIVE ANYTHING, ANYTHING, JUST TO KNOCK ON ONE MORE DOOR!

WIZARD OF ID



HE'S IN THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM.

AGNES



I SLEPT ON MY FACE LAST NIGHT, AND NOW I HAVE HUGE WRINKLES.

HI AND LOIS



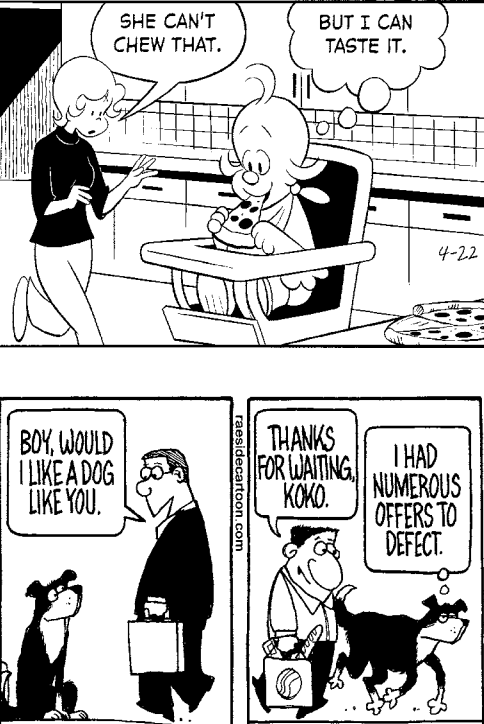
YES... IT HAS GIVEN ME A HORRIBLE PREVIEW OF MY HEAD AS A VINTAGE HUMAN.

THE OTHER COAST



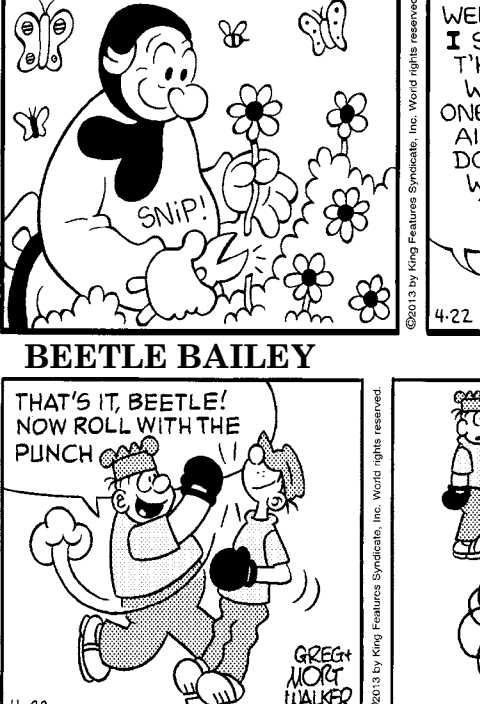
AREN'T YOU SWEET I'D LOVE TO HAVE A DOG.

SNUFFY SMITH



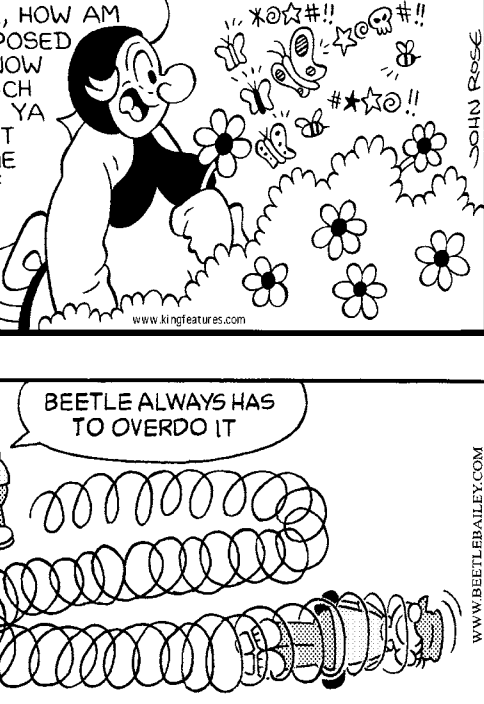
WELL, HOW AM I S'POSED T'KNOW WHICH ONES YA AIN'T DONE WIF ?!

BEETLE BAILEY



THAT'S ROLL IT, BEETLE! NOW ROLL WITH THE PUNCH

BEETLE BAILEY



BEETLE ALWAYS HAS TO OVERDO IT

This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 22, the 112th day of 2013. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 22, 1993, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was dedicated in Washington, D.C. to honor victims of Nazi extermination.

On this date:

In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1912, the United States Chamber of Commerce had its beginnings with a National Commercial Conference held in Washington, D.C.

In 1930, the United States, Britain and Japan signed the London Naval Treaty, which regulated submarine warfare and limited shipbuilding.

In 1938, 45 workers were killed in a coal mine explosion

Answer to previous puzzle

at Keen Mountain in Buchanan County, Va.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings at Hollandia and Aitape.

In 1952, an atomic test in Nevada became the first nuclear explosion shown on live network television as a 31-kiloton bomb was dropped from a B-50 Superfortress.

In 1963, Lester B. Pearson took office as Canada's 14th prime minister.

In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

In 1983, the West German news magazine Stern announced the discovery of 60 volumes of personal diaries purportedly written by Adolf Hitler; however, the diaries turned out to be a hoax.

In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.

In 1997, in Peru, government commandos stormed the Japanese ambassador's residence, ending a 126-day hostage crisis; all 14 Tupac Amaru rebels were killed, all 72 hostages were rescued (one died later of gunshot wounds).

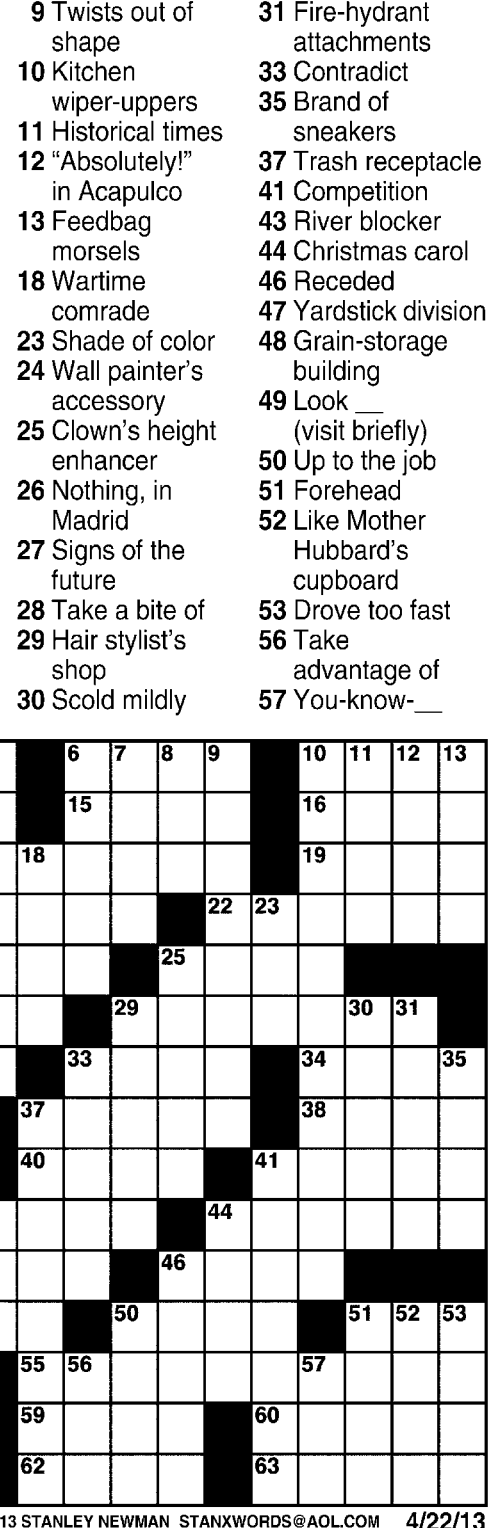
Today's Birthdays: Actor George Cole is 88. Actress Charlotte Rae is 87. Actress Estelle Harris is 81. Singer Glen Campbell is 77. Actor Jack Nicholson is 76. Singer Mel Carter is 70. Author Janet Evanovich is 70. Country singer Cleve Francis is 68. Movie director John Waters is 67. Singer Peter Frampton is 63. Rock singer-musician Paul Carrack (Mike and the Mechanics; Squeeze) is 62. Actor Joseph Bottoms is 59. Actor Ryan Stiles is 54. Baseball manager Terry Francona is 54. Comedian Byron Allen is 52. Actor Chris Makepeace is 49.

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Newsday Crossword

ON A ROLL by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Half-melted snow
 - 6 Bath-powder ingredient
 - 10 Mexican money
 - 14 Swiftness
 - 15 Black-and-white cookie
 - 16 Opera solo
 - 17 Energy-saving material
 - 19 Bygone days
 - 20 For each
 - 21 Answered a court charge
 - 22 Grad student's research paper
 - 24 Bent together
 - 25 Tart-tasting
 - 26 Document-signing official
 - 29 Elongate
 - 32 Stuck up on
 - 33 Fishhook attachment
 - 34 "I guess that's fine"
 - 36 Piece of office furniture
 - 37 Rural water sources
 - 38 Prudent
 - 39 Prefix for social or freeze
 - 40 Oodles
 - 41 Gave up, as rights
 - 42 Mails away
 - 44 ___ than (at a minimum)
 - 45 Airport boarding site
 - 46 Long periods of time
 - 47 "Am I the problem?"
 - 50 Help commit a crime
 - 51 Air-gun ammo
 - 54 One of Columbus' ships
- DOWN
- 1 Ocean liner
 - 2 Narrow street
 - 3 Cold War adversary: Abbr.
 - 4 Trio after R
 - 5 Assistants
 - 6 Carried around
 - 7 Dry as a desert
 - 8 Roaring zodiac sign
 - 9 Twists out of shape
 - 10 Kitchen wiper-uppers
 - 11 Historical times in Acapulco
 - 12 "Absolutely!"
 - 13 Feedbag
 - 15 Wartime comrade
 - 18 Shade of color
 - 23 Wall painter's accessory
 - 25 Clown's height enhancer
 - 26 Nothing, in Madrid
 - 27 Signs of the future
 - 28 Take a bite of
 - 29 Hair stylist's shop
 - 30 Scold mildly
 - 31 Fire-hydrant attachments
 - 33 Contradict
 - 35 Brand of sneakers
 - 37 Trash receptacle
 - 41 Competition
 - 43 River blocker
 - 44 Christmas carol
 - 46 Receded
 - 47 Yardstick division
 - 48 Grain-storage building
 - 49 Look ___ (visit briefly)
 - 50 Up to the job
 - 51 Forehead
 - 52 Like Mother Hubbard's cupboard
 - 53 Drove too fast
 - 56 Take advantage of
 - 57 You-know-___





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The nine Howard College sophomore softball players were honored Saturday after sweeping Midland College. The Lady Hawks clinched the WJAC title and will compete at the Region V tourney. The Lady Hawk sophomores (shown with Coach Landry Moore (far left) and Kelly Raines (far right) will be graduating this season are (in no particular order): Nikki Diaz, Megan Granado, Micherie Korja, Lacy Lawrence, Rebecca Long, Amber Marlett, Mallory Mitchiner, Shelby Shelton and Claudette Smith.

Ginobili, Parker lead Spurs past Lakers in Game 1

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Manu Ginobili cautioned against expecting too much from him in his second game back from a hamstring injury. All he did is help the San Antonio Spurs snap a three-game skid and win their play-off opener against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Ginobili and Tony Parker scored 18 points each as the Spurs led from early in the first quarter and beat the Lakers 91-79 on Sunday.

"It was great to have Manu

back," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He does what he does. He makes big shots. He creates problems for the opponent and he's got a great will, a great desire. I'll worry all night about how he'll feel in the morning. If he says he feels great, then that will be a good sign for our team."

In his 11th season, Ginobili has battled leg injuries all season and was playing for the second time following a nine-game absence due to a strained right hamstring. He

looked like his old self, going 6 for 13 from the field and 3 for 5 on 3s in 19 minutes.

"I feel good," Ginobili said. "I'm very happy that I played the whole game, that I didn't get hurt and that I scored a little bit."

Tim Duncan added 17 points and 10 rebounds, Matt Bonner had 10 points and Kawhi Leonard had eight points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio.

Dwight Howard had 20 points and 15 rebounds, Steve Nash scored 16 points and Pau

Gasol added 16 points and 16 rebounds for Los Angeles.

Despite the double-doubles from Howard and Gasol, the Lakers failed to take full advantage of their inside presence, much to the consternation of the injured Kobe Bryant, who watched the national broadcast.

"Post. Post. Post," Bryant, sidelined with a torn Achilles, tweeted in reference to the Lakers' offense.

"Yea, that's what we did," D'Antoni said when asked

about Bryant's tweet. "It's great to have that commentary."

Los Angeles' height caused San Antonio problems early as the Spurs missed their first three shots — all inside the paint — as they altered their shots to avoid Howard and Gasol.

Nash, who returned after missing nine games with a hamstring injury, gave the Lakers their only lead with a jumper on the opening possession.

Sudoku Answers on Page 4

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				7		1	5
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PLAYOFF

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bi-district round, where they will be facing the winner of today's meeting between Presidio and Fort Stockton.

"Putting the ball in play is a big concern," Sparks explained. "We need to score more runs

if we are going to go deep in the playoffs. We've got to come and focus at practice."

Most of all, Sparks just wants his team to enjoy the ride. Especially his cadre of seniors, which set an early goal of earning a postseason berth after missing it last season.

"It couldn't have come

at a better time," Sparks added. "This year's team — it's the best team I've ever coached. And it's because of these seniors. I want them to just have more fun."

BROWNFIELD — Another area team which muscled its way into the playoffs is Coahoma, despite a narrow, 5-4 loss to Brownfield on Friday.

Shelby Franklin singled pitcher Kyla Clanton home in the sixth inning to put the first run on the board for the Bulldogettes.

CHS then tied it up in the top of the seventh when Kara Fuentes walked, Savannah Neff drove her home with a base hit and Emilea Brumley recorded a RBI single to send Neff home. Brittney Cortez, who reached on an error also plated a run, but Brownfield tacked on the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to spoil the Bulldogettes' last regular season outing.

Though a time and place hasn't been finalized, first year Head Coach Jill Bradshaw drew Post as her first playoff opponent. The goal, according to Bradshaw, has been to make a playoff appearance and pick up where the previous CHS coaches have left off.

"Making the playoffs was what I expected of the team and what the town expected of me," Bradshaw said. "It's a good program and it needs to be kept that way."

Bradshaw cites the effort on the part of her squad for making it an easy transistion.

"The girls performed great and worked hard from the beginning of the season," Bradshaw added. "After district began, we started hitting and doing what we needed to do."

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By Steve Becker Famous Hand

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9 7 3
♥ K Q 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 10

WEST
♠ A K 4 2
♥ J 10 8 7 5
♦ Q 9
♣ A 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 6
♥ —
♦ 10 5 4 3
♣ 7 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 5
♥ A 4 3
♦ A J 8 6 2
♣ K J 9 8

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

Opening lead — king of spades.
There's a play in bridge you won't find in any of the textbooks. It's called the Alcatraz Coup, and the reason it's omitted is that the play amounts to cheating.

The Alcatraz Coup, as might be surmised, originated in Alcatraz. Who invented it is in dispute, but its many practitioners include some of the most distinguished members of the rogues' gallery.

The first use of the play occurred in this deal. West led the spade king

and shifted to a heart, ruffed by East. East returned a club to partner's ace and got another heart ruff, securing the fourth trick for the defense. East then led a spade, ruffed by South.

Declarer played a diamond to the king and a diamond back, East following suit with the ten. South was now at the critical point of the play. Only one diamond, the queen, was missing, and the question was whether to finesse or play the ace.

South analyzed the situation thoroughly. He reasoned that East's original distribution was either 5-0-4-4 or 4-0-5-4. If East started with five diamonds, finessing the jack was essential; but if East began with only four diamonds, going up with the ace would be the winning play.

South eventually came up with a unique solution. On East's ten of diamonds he played the ace of hearts! West did not even look at South's card and mechanically followed with the queen of diamonds.

South thereupon corrected his deliberate revoke by substituting the diamond ace for the heart ace and so made the contract.

Of course, players who practice such shenanigans eventually get ostracized, and it was no different for South, who was sentenced to a period of solitary confinement — away from the bridge table — by his peers.

Tomorrow: Against the grain.

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