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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## Corbin meeting for Wednesday has been moved

The steering committee meeting with Carolyn Corbin, president of the Center for the 21st Century, has been changed to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce boardroom.

The meeting is set for Wednesday from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. and will discuss the her May 8 conference on developing a clearer vision of the future of Big Spring.

Corbin is the president of a Dallas-based socio-economic think tank that provides executive briefings, research and analysis, consulting, organizational training and special studies in critical 21 century issues.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

- Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.
- Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.
- American Red Cross will meet at Canterbury South at 7 p.m.
- Sheriff's Posse, meets at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse on Andrews Highway.
- Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus room.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.
- Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.
- People 50 and older are invited to participate.
- Beginning line dance class, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact Margarita Durand-Hollis at the Dance Gallery.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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## New exhibitors swell list of Arts and Crafts Show offerings

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

New exhibitors and returning favorites will combine to make the 12th annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show set for Saturday and Sunday at



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Dorothy Garrett Coliseum bigger than it's ever been.

"We are up from last year," said Mel Prather, organizer of the event. "We probably have 40 to 50 more booths this year."

This year's event is expected to be bigger with more variety as artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the foyer, concourse and main arena with original art and handcrafted items.

Hours for the show are

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

No admission fee will be charged.

First-time participants will offer items such as crystal jewelry, porcelain dolls, functional stoneware pottery, clay animal caricatures, tapestries, barnwood furniture, pewter crosses and original art, Prather said.

Ceramics, hair accessories, handmade quilts,

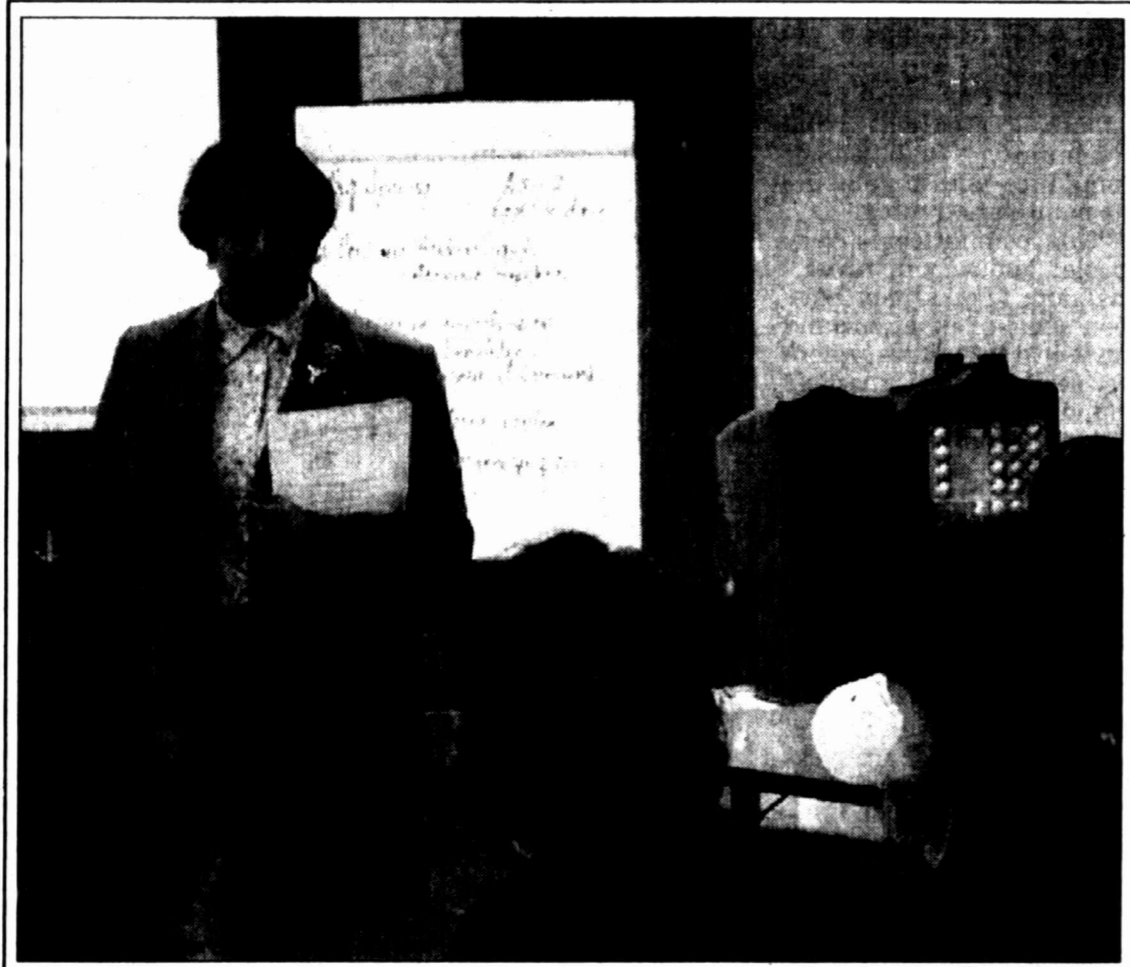
cookbooks, food mixes, homemade candy, metal art, candles, wood shelves, bookcases, tole painting, crystal rocks, barbed wire baskets and stained glass mosaics will be on display.

Also back are those who will be offering dress sets, broomstick vests and skirts, birdhouses, sport quilts, barnwood furniture, "Texas" art, cedar boxes, baby bibs, floral art, Shaker furniture, belt buckles and the like.

And Prather encourages the public to come out even if it is for just a look at what's on display.

"It is great to be around so many creative people," he said. "You could get some ideas."

Prather estimated about half of the customers who attended the two-day event are not from outside the community, meaning that the show will mean additional income for numerous local businesses.



Dr. Maria R. Montano-Harmon speaks to members of the Big Spring High School faculty about teaching strategies this morning. Montano-Harmon will speak with the community about education and parents' role in their children's education at 7 tonight in the high school auditorium.

## Coahoma, Forsan cross debate squads return after taking part in state meet

Herald Staff Report

In University Interscholastic League 3-2A Cross Debate state competition, four area high school students argued, pleaded and reasoned their case in Austin.

Coahoma High School team of sophomores James Barton and Jessie Bennett and Forsan High School team of senior Jarrett Hopper and junior Michael Thomas participated in the contest held on March 12-13.

Spending several months researching this year's topic privacy in America, students prepared to argue both the pros and cons in the debate.

Students competing in cross debate learn not only the ins and outs of debate, but also a great deal about the topic, said Forsan debate coach Wendy Justiss.

"Some of the things we have come across, as far as your privacy goes, are very scary," Hopper said. "You

would not believe that there are everyday, normal people out there that can find out whatever they want about you."

Students debate back in forth, each speaking for about eight minutes followed by a five minute rebuttal round.

In the cross examination portion of the debate, the competing teams asks questions of each other attempting to trap the opposition

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## Howard College slates Community College Month events

Herald Staff Report

Howard College is joining hundreds of other community colleges across the nation in celebrating Community College Month with several special events in April.

"Community College Month is an important event at Howard College," said Marsha Jones, the col-

lege's director of communications. "This is also the year that community colleges across the nation celebrate 100 years of service as two-year institutions of higher education."

"At Howard College, we are pleased to be a part of the Big Spring and Howard County community, and we invite the public to our cam-

pus for any number of special events planned," Jones continued.

Some of the events planned this month are Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts flying kites on the college campus, a blood drive on April 30, a scholarship for the first baby born in April in Howard County and the Spotlight Employee of the

Day.

"Each work day morning, an individual on the Howard College and SWCID campus will be selected to receive a special gift and public recognition for being the Spotlight Employee of the Day," said Jones. "This has become very popular with the employees and the light bulb-shaped glass

candy dishes have become quite coveted on campus.

Other events scheduled during the month include a special "Dinner on the Ground" on Friday, followed by a Hawks baseball game at 1 p.m.

"Experienced chefs within the Howard College staff

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## Alon Refinery set to hold emergency drill Thursday

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Alon USA Big Spring Refinery will conduct an emergency response drill on Thursday, according to Don Riley, the refinery's safety director.

The drill will simulate a response to an emergency at one of the five underground hydrocarbon storage facilities commonly called a salt well. The drill will test the plant's emergency response team as well as the coordinated response actions of various local agencies.

Local responders will include personnel from the Big Spring Fire Department, Big Spring Police Department, the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

Simulated casualties will be transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) and the VA Medical Center.

"The reason we are getting all the different agencies involved is we want this to be as realistic as possible," said Riley. "Everyone involved will be acting as if this was a real emergency and we will be evaluated on how well we do."

The Texas Railroad Commission has jurisdiction over this type of facility and personnel from its Midland office will monitor and critique the drill. The sirens will sound as the drill begins near mid-morning on Thursday.

Salt wells are underground storage facilities

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## Winning

### Area students advance with strong showings at district UIL contests

Herald Staff Report

Area high school students kept busy last week competing in University Interscholastic League (UIL) district academic meets.

Coahoma and Forsan high schools advanced a total of 15 students in UIL academic competition from the District 3-2A meet held in Plains on Thursday and Friday.

Students who placed first through third and teams placing first advanced to regional competition, scheduled on April 21 at Abilene Christian University.

Students advancing for Coahoma High School are Monica Chen, who placed first in computer applications, third in science and sixth in calculators; Leslie Phinny who placed second in prose; Jesse Hall, who placed second in accounting; and Brandon Wyatt, who earned third place in current events.

Also advancing from Coahoma will be James Barton, who placed second in science, third in mathematics, fourth in number sense and fifth in poetry. Barton earned the top biology award, given to the student with the highest biology score in the science competition.

Other Coahoma competitors included Haley Butts, who placed fourth in editorial, while Casi Thompson earned fifth in news writing. Tawna Jacobs was fifth

in literary criticism.

Tiffani Paige was sixth in prose; Michael Batterton was sixth in ready writing; and Lane Belew earned sixth place for mathematics and science.

The team of Barton, Chen and Belew will serve as alternates in team competition for number sense, mathematics and science, after earning second place in all three events.

The current events team of Wyatt, Brandi Hart and Belew finished in third place, as did the calculator team of Chen, Matthew Ham and Barton. The literary criticism team of Jacobs, Batterton and Ashley Woolverton also placed third.

Forsan High School had 10 students earn the chance to advance.

Advancing to regional competition are Rachel Kaelin, first in literary criticism and second in ready writing; Josh Gibson, first in Lincoln Douglas debates; Taylor Bristow, first in informative speaking and sixth editorial writing; Lori Ellis, who earned first place in news writing and second place in both feature writing and informative speaking.

Also advancing from Forsan are Meagan Knight, who earned second place in literary criticism; Kacy Liles, second in spelling; Ashley Pierce, second in poetry; Ross Rhoton, third

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From left, Caela Strickland, Shloh Sanders, Ross Berry, Codye Burt and Kimberly Berry take donations Saturday for the Relay For Life fund-raiser at the Wal-Mart parking lot. All five were helping the Sid Richardson "Men In Black" that were cooking burritos and fajitas to raise money for the relay.

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# Bush demands crew's return, awaits contact from China

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States wants to find a diplomatic solution to a standoff with China over the collision of two military planes but is not about to issue an apology, the U.S. ambassador to Beijing said Tuesday.

"I've been a Navy pilot for 35 years, and I think the assertions they (Chinese officials) described for the collision are extremely unlikely, including where the fault lies," Ambassador Joseph Prueher said from Beijing in an interview with

CBS' "The Early Show." "We really want to work this out through diplomatic channels," Prueher, a retired admiral, said. Asked whether he would have a problem apologizing for the incident, which has ratcheted up tensions between the two nations, Prueher replied:

"As a matter of fact, I do have a problem with it and I think our government would have a problem with it as well." He criticized "these assertions ... from the Foreign Ministry and

the message I have been getting for the last two nights as we have been talking to the Chinese" — that the United States is to blame.

China is holding the U.S. spy plane and its 24 crew members. Chinese officials have said the crew members are safe.

"The facts are, our aircraft was operating in international airspace and was on a routine surveillance mission when the collision occurred," Prueher said.

"The responsibility fully lies with the American

side," Chinese President Jiang Zemin was quoted by Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao. "We have full evidence for that."

The United States is demanding that China return the crew and their EP-3E Aries II surveillance plane, which made an emergency landing on the Chinese island of Hainan after the collision with a Chinese fighter jet early Sunday.

Prueher, interviewed on ABC's "Good Morning

America," said, "We have every reason to think the Chinese have been all over the airplane," which is crammed with sophisticated surveillance equipment.

President Bush sternly called on China to hand over the crew and plane but gave no indication how the United States might react if China delays or refuses.

"Failure of the Chinese government to react promptly to our request is inconsistent with standard diplomatic practice, and with the expressed desire of both our

countries for better relations," Bush said Monday.

China said U.S. officials would have access to the crew no sooner than Tuesday. But China did not promise to release either the plane or the crew.

The United States sent three representatives from its embassy in Beijing to see the plane's crew. The Navy late Monday released the names of the crew; they included 22 members of the Navy, one Air Force senior airman and a Marine Corps sergeant.

## Investigations widen against Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A defiant Slobodan Milosevic denounced his arrest as "politically staged" in an appeal that contained a startling admission — that the former president financed Serb rebellions that bloodied Bosnia and Croatia in the 1990s.

Milosevic, jailed in Belgrade's Central Prison as authorities build a case of alleged corruption and abuse of power against him, demanded his release in a statement written from his cell Monday.

Answering accusations that he illegally channeled millions of dollars to secret funds, Milosevic acknowledged for the first time that he funneled cash to ethnic Serb forces in neighboring

Bosnia and Croatia, who unsuccessfully fought to prevent those republics from breaking away from the former Yugoslavia.

Milosevic said he financed the purchase "of weapons, ammunition and other needs" for the Bosnian Serb and Croatian Serb armies. "These expenses could not, as a state secret, be accounted for in the state budget," he said, denying police allegations that he used the cash for personal gain.

But in attempting to account for \$390 million in Yugoslav dinars and German marks that authorities say he took from the country's treasury, Milosevic risked building the case against himself at another court — the U.N.

war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

The tribunal already has indicted Milosevic for crimes against humanity stemming from his crackdown on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo in 1999. Prosecutors said Monday they were preparing additional indictments against Milosevic for atrocities committed in Bosnia and Croatia, including genocide.

Milosevic was to be interrogated again Tuesday as the criminal investigations against him widen.

Milosevic was arrested early Sunday following a 26-hour standoff with police. Authorities added inciting violence to the growing list of charges pending against the former president.

## Fire damages aircraft carrier, museum

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A blaze at the floating museum that features the aircraft carrier USS Lexington burned hot enough to warp parts of the ship's steel floors, firefighters said.

The historic ship was scheduled to be closed Tuesday while damage was assessed at the Lexington Museum on the Bay.

"I can only tell you this is my worst nightmare," Sandi McNorton, the museum's marketing director, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in Tuesday's editions. "It's just going to

take a long time to assess the damage. We need to make sure everything is secure and safe."

A maintenance worker spray painting the navigation room on the superstructure's fifth floor created a spark with a spray gun that caught the room on fire, said Corpus Christi Assistant Fire Chief Eloy Ceballos.

The man's arms were singed by the flames but was not seriously injured. Other staff members setting up for an after-hours corporate dinner for Shell Oil Co. escaped without injury

after the first alarm went off at about 5:10 p.m. The museum had closed shortly beforehand and no visitors were on board.

Firefighting efforts were hampered by inadequate pump pressure from the ship's water supply system. Firefighters then had to run hoses from the shore to the ship, which delayed getting water for about 30 minutes.

Ceballos said firefighters also had trouble reaching parts of the fire, which spread to the floor above.

The fire and associated damage was contained near the top of the historic ship.

## Inspections intensified at Mexico border

McALLEN (AP) — Stepped-up inspections for foot-and-mouth disease along the Texas-Mexico border are focusing on agricultural shipments and travelers who have visited a farm.

American borders are under close scrutiny to help protect livestock producers from the virus that has ravaged herds in Great Britain and Europe.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's enforcement action is in place at border checkpoints, airports and seaports across the United States. Gov. Rick Perry has said that vigilance — and close questioning of travelers — is important to pro-

tecting Texas' nearly 14 million head of cattle.

"If they've visited a farm or been close to a farm, they need to make us aware so we can take appropriate action," Claudio A. Garcia, a USDA supervisor at the P h a r r - R e y n o s a International Bridge.

Swift reactions over another animal ailment, the so-called mad cow disease, have been designed to help control any possible outbreak. Federal agricultural officials had quarantined and held for euthanization at least 21 cattle in Texas to ease concerns.

### HOROSCOPE

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 4:

You have unusual strength and enthusiasm. Sometimes others see you as impulsive, but you always land on your feet. The sign you were born under is "a lucky sign" this year. Recognize limits within your own circle. Network and break past restrictions. Don't let insecurity stop you. You have a lot to offer. Your ability to communicate and express yourself helps others feel safe with you. If you are single, a relationship heats up your life. This person could be special, and this could be a long-term relationship. If you are attached, consider tying the knot or making a deeper commitment. A new home could be in the offing. VIRGO works well with you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
\*\*\* Sort through your thoughts as you wake up. Test a financial concern rather than making a decision. Feedback affirms your thoughts. Review new information, which could involve a trip or possibly taking a course. Focus on one item at a time. Tonight: Do something good for your health.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\* Worries, combined with an erratic boss or loved one, exaggerate a down mood. Let go of this attitude and greet the possibilities. Don't feel locked in a situation. Use your ever-flowing creativity to find answers. A partner expresses concern. Tonight: Play the night away.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\* Speak your mind when confronted with an erratic

situation. Not everything is as you think. Dig into your imagination and find answers. Review potential and eye new possibilities. Someone presents you with the candy store, and more. Live up to your potential. Tonight: Mosey on home.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\* You could be faced with a money matter that you feel you cannot control. New possibilities knock on your door. Assume responsibility, and much will work out. Make calls, and you'll receive answers. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\* Realize that another could feel jeopardized by you; this explains those odd reactions. But not everything is as it seems. Creativity surges when you deal with ideas and new possibilities. Don't forget the here and now. Deal with finances. Tonight: Pay bills.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\* What starts out as difficult and challenging can work out to your benefit. Be tenacious and hope for resolutions. Answers stem from your resourcefulness and a partner's willingness. Express your strength of personality and humor. Tonight: Smile, and everything will work out.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\* Work with others, even though you might be frustrated by what goes on.

Your sense of humor emerges with a child or loved one. Give this person the benefit of the doubt. If you step back, another will walk up to the plate. Use your inner strength. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\* Others seek you out for answers and new possibilities. What seems inevitable turns around. Think in terms of creating greater satisfaction in general. A partner could be difficult, but he cannot help himself. Understand another's pressure. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\* Work through problems by making calls and seeking out information. You could feel disdain for someone who seems destined to make noise. You're in the limelight. Take charge and use your naturally strong leadership skills. Draw others to you. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\* Deal with a partner carefully. You could be disappointed by this person in some way. Assume greater control of your life, and realize how you influence others. Make phone calls and schedule a trip to gain a better perspective. Listen! Tonight: Movie night.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* You toss a boomerang into another's plans. As a result, he could display an attitude. Pressure builds within your inner circle. A friend helps you by giving excellent advice. Schedule time for an important meeting on a one-on-one level. As a result, caring will grow. Tonight: Try some tightness.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\* Listen to a friend or loved one. This person does whatever he must do to make your life work. Consider possibilities that surround a moneymaking venture. Someone you put on a pedestal comes through for you in a big way. Recognize possibilities. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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Wife ponders whether to tell friend about affair

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a married woman who slept with my friend's husband. We didn't mean to cheat, but once it happened, the affair continued for several months before we decided to end it. I told my husband, and he was wonderful. He forgave me and said we should move ahead.

The problem is my friend. I'm pretty sure she has no idea about the affair, but lately, she has been treating me like pond scum. She says our different lifestyles make it impossible for us to be close anymore. I work full time, and she is a stay-at-home mother. She insists she makes her husband happier this way, but I know for a fact that her husband is plenty miserable, and he doesn't exactly hide it. If he hadn't slept with me, it would have been with somebody else.

I feel bad that my friend is going through life thinking she's with a man who is happy and loyal, when that's hardly the case. Should I tell her about our affair and clear the air? Please advise me. -- Wondering in New York

Dear N.Y.: If your friend is treating you "like pond scum," you can bet your bottom dollar she already knows that you slept with her husband. You have done enough damage. Clean up your act and move on. That "friendship" is over.

Dear Ann Landers: My daughter just turned 17. Her grandparents sent her a very insulting birthday card, picturing an overweight "birthday girl." Inside was a punch line about gaining weight. "Bonnie" is NOT overweight, but teenagers are so sensitive to remarks about their appearance that I was appalled by my in-laws' thoughtlessness.

This isn't the first time they have behaved this way. My in-laws have never been fond of me and have said and done hurtful things over the years. I have put up with it for 20 years, but I refuse to allow them to do this to Bonnie. She was so upset by the card that she no longer wants to have anything to do with her grandparents. She has told me she will return any cards or gifts they send in the future and refuse to take their phone calls.

How should we handle this? My husband thinks we should confront them, but they are sure to pretend innocence and act insulted - which could create even more problems. We are waiting until we hear from you before we do anything. Don't let us do n. Ann. -- Anxious in California

Dear Anxious in Calif.: I cannot imagine grandparents being so insensitive. Do nothing for the time being. Let the situation cool off. After a month or so, suggest that the grandparents send a small gift, along with a note, apologizing for their insensitivity. Meanwhile, do what you can to heal the breach. Tell Bonnie, "Your grandparents always had a weird sense of humor. Try to forgive them."

drug in my column. Check it out with your physician or psychiatrist.

Dear Ann Landers: I was interested in the letter from the Wiccan who was being harassed at work by a religious fanatic. I was once in a similar situation, not because I am Wiccan, but because I am gay.

Almost 20 years ago, I worked at a power plant in Michigan. I was openly gay at the time, and most of my co-workers were comfortable around me. However, one particularly religious woman kept leaving anti-homosexual biblical tracts and quotations on my desk. I told her I wasn't interested in her literature, but she insisted on trying to "save" me.

Finally, I started to clip articles on gay-related activities, clubs, bars, sports leagues, and so on, and left them on her desk. After one week of this, she stopped harassing me, and that was the end of it. -- R.T. in Chicago

Dear R.T.: I applaud your ingenuity. I say, "Don't get mad. Get even." You accomplished your mission without insult, rancor or bitterness. I'm sure your diplomacy earned you a place of respect around the office and elsewhere. Bravo!

Gem of the Day (credit J.R. from Wilmington, Del., a reader for 41 years): You know you're getting old when you wake up feeling like "the morning after," and you know darn well you didn't go anywhere.

Dear Ann Landers: My son has informed me that it is proper for the bride and groom to select ALL the wedding guests, including mine. They have told me how many people I can invite and which ones they want. I think this is unfair. I have a few close friends I would like included and am willing to pay for them, but my son says no.

I don't want to cause a rift in our relationship, but are they right? Does the wedding couple get to choose all the guests? Am I not entitled to invite some of my friends since I'm paying for half the wedding? Please tell me how to handle this before the invitations go out. I am -- Baffled in Denver

Dear Baffled: For most weddings, the bride's parents have a list, and the groom and groom have their own list of people they wish to invite. The person who is paying for the wedding determines how many invitations can be issued, and then divides the invitations equitably. (The number does not have to be equal.) It is NEVER appropriate to tell someone who they can and cannot invite. Since you are paying for part of the wedding, you should be permitted to invite some of your friends, and which ones should be your decision. Fair is fair.

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6:30 News (CC) Fortune	Cosby (CC) Spin City (CC)	Wishbone Zoboomaloo	Step by Step Step by Step	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News (CC) Fortune	News (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Carita de Angel	Movie: Genius (CC)	Miami Vice	Movie: Witness (CC)	Movie: The Faculty (CC)	Movie: Here on Earth (CC)	News John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	Movie: Color of Night	Secrets of Forensic Science			
7:30 Be a Millionaire	70s Show Titus (CC)	Scientific Frontiers	Freaks and Geeks	Copperfield	Be a Millionaire	Dharma-Greg About Joan	Fighting Fitz DAG (CC)	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Miami Heat	Abramez May Fuerte	Aaron Carter	Martini Law (CC)	Movie: Naked Souls (CC)	Movie: When a Man Loves a Woman (CC)	Movie: Here on Earth (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	Prosecutors: Justice	Movie: Color of Night	Trauma: Life in the ER				
8:30 Dharma-Greg About Joan	Arrest & Trial Nanny (CC)	Nova (CC)	Freaks and Geeks	60 Minutes II (CC)	60 Minutes II (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	DateLine (CC)	Utah Jazz Inside NBA	Aqui y Ahora	the Round Table (CC)	a Woman (CC)	Resurrection Blvd. (CC)	Queer as Folk	Sopranos (CC)	News Dr. Massey	Investigative Reports (CC)	FBI Files	White Female	Misdiagnosis of Death				
9:30 NYPD Blue (CC)	Arrest & Trial Nanny (CC)	Frontline (CC)	Early Edition (CC) (DVS)	48 Hours (CC)	48 Hours (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	DateLine (CC)	Utah Jazz Inside NBA	Aqui y Ahora	the Round Table (CC)	a Woman (CC)	Resurrection Blvd. (CC)	Queer as Folk	Sopranos (CC)	News Dr. Massey	Investigative Reports (CC)	FBI Files	White Female	Misdiagnosis of Death				
10:30 News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer (CC) Club (CC)	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline			
11:30 Politically Inc. Cheers	Blind Date Sudden	Nova (CC)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late	Show (CC) Late			
12:30 AM Paid Program	Judge-Brown Cops (CC)		Paid Program	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Street Smarts			

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"IF THOSE BIRDS CAN TELL WHEN WINTER'S OVER, THEY SHOULD BE DOIN' THE TV WEATHER."

### FAMILY CIRCUS

"Maybe you could grow a bigger lap, Grandma."

### HAGAR

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?  
 YESTERDAY WAS MY TWENTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY.  
 WERE YOU INJURED DURING THE PARTY?  
 NO, I WAS INJURED BECAUSE I FORGOT TO GO TO THE PARTY!!

### BLONDIE

THE WORK ON THIS CONTRACT IS SHODDY AND UNACCEPTABLE.  
 BUT BOSS, YOU WROTE THAT ONE YOURSELF!  
 I KNOW, AND IF I CAN SAY THAT ABOUT MY WORK...  
 IMAGINE WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY ABOUT YOURS!

### B.C.

IN-SIN-U-ATE  
 ADAM AND EVE'S LEAST FAVORITE WORD.

### GEECH

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT I HAD THE LAST TIME?  
 ORTMEAL  
 FOR LUNCH?  
 FOR BREAKFAST.  
 I WAS HERE THIS MORNING?  
 YOU'VE BEEN HERE ALL MORNING.

### WIZARD OF ID

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ON THE HEADSTONE?  
 JUST PUT "SO MUCH FOR AN APPLE A DAY"

### HI AND LOIS

WE ALL GOT BONUSES AT WORK TODAY!  
 GREAT!  
 I'LL PUT IT IN THE KIDS' COLLEGE FUND!  
 NO FAIR! THIRTY IS USING HIS TO GO ON A GOLF VACATION!

### GASOLINE ALLEY

Delicia says I'm always saying something called a faux pas!  
 Like what?  
 I told her, her stockings were wrinkled!  
 That's not bad!  
 She wasn't wearing any!  
 That's bad!

### SNUFFY SMITH

PAW II TH' PARSON INVITED US OVER FER VITTLES  
 HAVE I GOT TO DRESS UP?  
 NOPE -- IT'S JEST A BACKYARD BAR-B-Q

### BETLE BAILY

CAN YOU SAY A PRAYER FOR ME, CHAPLAIN?  
 CERTAINLY, MY SON.  
 HOLD IT, SARGE. LET HIM FINISH MY LAST RITES FIRST.

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
 Today is Tuesday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2001. There are 272 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
 On April 3, 1860, the legendary Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, Calif.

**On this date:**  
 In 1776, George Washington received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Harvard College.  
 In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.  
 In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.  
 In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J., for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant.  
 In 1946, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed outside Manila.  
 In 1948, President Truman signed the Marshall Plan, which allocated more than \$5 billion in aid for 16 European countries.  
 In 1968, less than 24 hours before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers.  
 In 1968, North Vietnam agreed to meet with U.S. representatives to set up preliminary peace talks.  
 In 1974, deadly tornadoes struck wide parts of the South and Midwest before jumping across the border into Canada; more than 300 fatalities resulted.  
 In 1990, jazz singer Sarah Vaughan died in suburban Los Angeles at age 66.  
 Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council adopted a Gulf War truce resolution demanding that Iraq abolish weapons of mass destruction, renounce terrorism and pay reparations. English novelist Graham Greene died at age 86.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Marlon Brando is 77. Actress-singer Doris Day is 77. Actress Miyoshi Umeki is 72. Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is 71. Country singer Don Gibson is 69. Jazz musician Jimmy McGriff is 65. Actor William Gaunt is 64. Singer Jan Berry (Jan and Dean) is 60. Actress Marsha Mason is 59.

Answer to previous puzzle

UNABLE	WIG	WAG
DUNNING	AMA	TRAIL
AMONTHOP	DUNJAYE	
AM	LELL	
DAYI	WAND	DAYOUT
EVIL	WIAN	LIWIE
CLOPS	WING	AWA
LUCE	LADEN	AYOM
IDA	ALI	EMIR
FEDS	BELF	AMOD
FROM	THEY	ARONE
OUT	TAD	
WEEKEND	WARRIOR	
OGEE	QUE	POTFUL
WORD	BET	PATIVY

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### Newsday Crossword

**WHITE HAT WEARERS** by S.N.  
 Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

- Hard work
- Thick carpets
- Urban transportation
- Diminish
- Annoy
- Sch. in Columbus
- White-hat wearer
- Spelling contest
- Shirt part
- Modern Maturity publisher: Abbr.
- "It's cold!"
- Make over
- Unkempt
- Air-conditioning unit: Abbr.
- Leg part
- All even
- Coffee brewers
- Designer Cassini
- Soda flavor
- White-hat wearer
- Cookout food, for short
- Concluded
- Demeanor
- Don't go to sleep
- Drench
- Late-shift periods: Abbr.
- Sports-shoe part
- Neighborhood
- "Where Begin" (theme from Love Story)
- Reason of
- First First Lady
- Fuse

**DOWN**

- Statutes
- Genesis son
- Foundation
- Aquatic mammal
- Actor Keanu
- D.C. legislator
- "Very funny!"
- Mr. T's former group
- White-hat wearer
- Asked for it
- ... had a farm, ...
- GWTW heroine
- June grads: Abbr.
- German industrial city
- Forty-... (Gold Rush guy)
- Cramped attic
- Street-corner octagon
- "Mack the Knife" singer
- Software buyer
- Plaintiff
- Very new, as a stock tip
- Lubricated
- Blood component
- Commuters' towns, for short
- Pay for dinner
- Like a sore loser
- Peter and Franco
- Overturned
- Hammer parts
- Female prophet
- Columbus' hometown
- Windshield cleaner
- "Heavens to Betsy!"
- Regional dialect
- Annie Hall actress
- Puts into alignment
- Word form for "first"
- Calendar squares
- Aroma
- Cleveland's lake
- Lighter-...-air
- Roll-call response
- From a distance
- Calendar abbr.

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