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## Local man shot; one in custody

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
 Managing Editor

A 51-year-old Big Spring man is in stable condition with a gunshot wound at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the alleged shooter is in custody, police said this morning.

Genaro Castroena was shot in the abdomen during an argument that took place around 11:45 p.m. Saturday at 400 W. Fourth. He was rushed to the local hospital by ambulance.

According to police, the shooting suspect, 62-year-old Alberto Hernandez-Diaz, was taken into custody and transported to the Howard County

Detention Center. He was waiting arraignment this morning.

"The suspect was arrested at the scene and a .22 caliber handgun was seized," said Sgt. Tony Everett, information office with the Big Spring Police Department. "The shooting appears to have taken place in front of the suspect's home following an argument between the two men."

Everett said it is believed the two men knew each other, but the reason for the argument is not known.

The shooting remains under investigation.



Above, a powwow participant readies a child to compete in the 8th annual Big Spring Powwow on Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, as the event's grand entry prepares to get under way. Below, male and female dancers are ready to perform.

HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins

## Hearing on 4B project slated

*During Tuesday's council meeting*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring residents will have an opportunity to voice their opinions regarding a proposed 4B project to overhaul the municipality's water and wastewater facilities using up to \$13 million in economic development funding. The public hearing will be held Tuesday evening in city council chambers.

The project calls for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to provide \$750,000 a year for the first two years, and then 40 percent of its sales tax revenue — with a floor of \$500,000 and a ceiling of \$750,000 for the following 18 years — with the city of Big Spring picking up the remainder of the tab on the renovations. The total tab is expected to be up to \$13 million.

Big Spring City Council gave its approval — on a unanimous vote — to have the proposal placed on the May 12 ballot during its Feb. 14 meeting, a unified decision that came after several months of intense debate, both among the council members and city residents.

According to state law, because the Big Spring Economic Development

Corporation, which is funded by local sales taxes, is designated a 4A entity, it can only fund 4B projects — in this case, an initiative to improve the city's infrastructure — if the project is approved by voters.

Unfortunately for the city, it's hard to say what the municipality's part of the bill will look like until the project matures, according to City Finance Director Peggy Walker.

"These first two years, we know the EDC will be paying the \$750,000, and the way sales tax revenues are projected right now, that won't be a problem for them. So, at least for 2013 and 2014, things are very stable and easy to project," Walker said. "Unfortunately, it's when you go beyond that you begin to tread into unknown waters."

"We're anticipating debt service on the project to be between \$800,000 and \$850,000 a year. If the EDC's 40 percent holds up around the \$750,000 to \$800,000 mark, the city will be able to make up the difference through the utility fund. However, should something unforeseen happen and that 40 percent suddenly become something much less than that, we'll have

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## DRRC set to strut its stuff for public Thursday

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer

Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center is celebrating 50 years and wanting to celebrate the milestone with the community. The open house celebration is set from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. Presentations will be made by local U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer and State Sen. Kel Seliger.

"This has been a busy year for us," Penny Phillips, DRRC executive director, said. "We felt this was a good

time to have the community come in and see all the renovations and take a tour of the facility."

Highlights of the new wellness facility include vertex systems for total body vibration exercise, a cardio theatre entertainment system for private workout enjoyment, freemotion strength equipment and incline training, precor cardio training, personal locker systems as well as all new lighting, ceiling fans, carpet and window covers.

A dedication honoring Jan Weaver Morgan, whose leadership supported the annual Gala and Ball held for

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#### Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 4/24	Wed 4/25	Thu 4/26	Fri 4/27	Sat 4/28
<b>95/64</b> Sunny skies. Near record high temperatures. High around 95F.	<b>104/67</b> Plenty of sun. Highs 102 to 106F and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>101/66</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>97/64</b> Sunny and wind. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>95/62</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:06 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:22 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:05 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:23 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:04 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:24 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:03 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:24 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:02 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:25 PM

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#### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	66	sunny	Kingsville	85	60	sunny
Amarillo	93	58	sunny	Livingston	75	47	sunny
Austin	85	62	sunny	Longview	71	47	sunny
Beaumont	79	62	sunny	Lubbock	79	53	pt sunny
Brownsville	87	70	sunny	Lufkin	76	48	sunny
Brownwood	91	63	sunny	Midland	87	58	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	82	63	sunny	Raymondville	87	62	sunny
Corsicana	82	61	sunny	Rosenberg	77	53	sunny
Dallas	84	63	sunny	San Antonio	82	56	sunny
Del Rio	92	64	sunny	San Marcos	78	53	sunny
El Paso	95	67	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	71	49	sunny
Fort Stockton	98	66	sunny	Sweetwater	80	55	pt sunny
Gainesville	84	61	sunny	Tyler	72	47	sunny
Greenville	81	60	sunny	Weatherford	74	49	sunny
Houston	82	63	sunny	Wichita Falls	72	51	sunny

#### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	68	48	mst sunny	Minneapolis	71	52	pt sunny
Boston	59	44	windy	New York	59	46	windy
Chicago	62	45	pt sunny	Phoenix	92	68	mst sunny
Dallas	84	63	sunny	San Francisco	67	58	pt sunny
Denver	84	54	mst sunny	Seattle	72	53	pt sunny
Houston	82	63	sunny	St. Louis	74	55	pt sunny
Los Angeles	68	56	cloudy	Washington, DC	63	44	pt sunny
Miami	78	57	mst sunny				

#### Moon Phases

**New** Apr 21  
**First** Apr 29  
**Full** May 6  
**Last** May 12

#### UV Index

Tue 4/24	Wed 4/25	Thu 4/26	Fri 4/27	Sat 4/28
10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

## Northside CC

Northside Community Center offers after-school assistance with homework and study for the STARR test. The program runs from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For information on this and other programs, call 263-2673.

Northside is also registering youth for its summer program, which will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Other activities:

- Free ESL (English as a Second Language) or SSL (Spanish as a Second Language) classes are held from 10 a.m. until noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Free basic computer sessions are held from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

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## Obituaries

### Freddie Hodnett



Freddie Hodnett, 61, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 22, 2012, in Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas.

Freddie was born to Viola and Leonard Hodnett on Aug. 1, 1950, in Big Spring, Texas. Freddie graduated from Sands High School in 1969 and continued his education, training and certification in mechanics. He married Sandra Gail Nichols on March 5, 1971, in Knott, Texas, where they resided

until 1998 and relocated to Big Spring. The family will receive family and friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

Freddie worked as a tractor mechanic for John Deere for 20 years and then opened Hodnett's Independent Tractor Repair in Ackerly, Texas, which he owned and operated for 10 years. Freddie continued to work for John Deere in customer service up until recent days. He was well-known for his exceptional hard work and dedication to the agricultural community. He had a love, knowledge and passion for cars and drag racing that was shared among many friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Hodnett of Big Spring; one son, Jason Hodnett and wife Jenny of Caddo Mills, Texas; one daughter, Mandy Anderson and husband Phillip of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Hannah Hodnett; three grandsons, Travis Hodnett, Garrett Anderson and Brady Anderson; and one sister, Nelda McKinney of Granbury.

His family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock, Texas 79424.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

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

- ALBERTO HERNANDEZ-DIAZ, 62, of 700 W. Fourth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault-aggravated with deadly weapon.
- VICTOR ZAMORA HERNANDEZ, 35, of 2505 Gunter Circle, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft between \$50 and \$500 shoplifting.
- SAMMY FERRELL, 50, of 509 N. Johnson St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass-habitation/shelter.
- ENRIQUE CASTREJON TABOADA, 78, of 423 S. Second St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault: family violence-threat or offensive touch.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 2300 block of Wasson Road.  
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:  
In the 100 block of Whipkey Drive.  
In the 1400 block of Stadium Avenue.  
In the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.
- BURGLARY OF BUILDING was reported in the 1200 block of S. Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT was reported:  
In the 800 block of E. 18th Street.  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of S. Second Street.

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## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 58 inmates at the time of this report.

- NICHOLAS LOYA, 32, was arrested Friday by HCSO on warrants for alcoholic beverage in city party, failure to appear (two counts) and driving while license invalid.
- JONATHAN WAYNE KELSEY, 51, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$20 and \$500 by check.
- MICHAEL ARTHUR BROWN, 41, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a warrant for accumulated items.
- HECTOR GARCIA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on charges of speeding 85 mph in a 70 mph and violate promise to appear ran stop sign.
- KRISTIN SHENA MARMOLEJO, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of curfew violation and fighting with another.
- SALVADOR GUITEREZ PEREZ, 41, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- GUADALUPE MORENO, 44, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by BSPD on a warrant for fail to maintain financial responsibility.
- RICHARD RUIZ BAUTISTA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by BSPD on warrants for no drivers license when unlicensed, failure to appear and minor consuming alcohol.
- FELICIA CANALES, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance.
- CYNTHIA G. MORIN, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by BSPD on a charge of issuance of bad check.
- ROBIN RENE PORTER, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by BSPD on warrants for capias/safety seat system-child under age 8 or less than 4'9" tall and capias/display expired registration.
- BONNIE GRETT, 40, was arrested Saturday by HCSO on warrant capias/assault-family violence.
- ANDREA MARIE RUIZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams.
- MARCOS MENDEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, capias/curfew violation, capias/minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage, capias/hindering a police officer and capias/public intoxication.
- ALBERTO DIAZ HERNANDEZ, 62, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.
- VICTOR HERNANDEZ ZAMORA, 35, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$50 and \$500.
- SAMMY FERRELL, 50, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and criminal trespass.
- ENRIQUE CASTREJON, 78, was arrested Monday by HCSO on a charge of assault: family violence threat or offensive touch.
- KIRSTEN TASHAY LEWIS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief between \$50 and \$500 and violate promise to appear speeding in school zone.

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# Take Note

The Lone Star District will be holding its Spring School Night for Scouting signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Gymnasium.

An account has been opened at the Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union for Orlando and Jessica Olague who lost their home last Tuesday in the tornado that hit Arlington, Texas. They have two small children, Bella and Eli. They were born and raised in Big Spring where their parents and family still reside. The account is under the name of Jessica Sanchez Olague and any help is appreciated. God bless.

An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney transplant in San Antonio on June 14. Brittney is a graduate of BSHS and is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips. All donations and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

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.

An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

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. A training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To

find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett 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 foreclosure help, call the hotline.

The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

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, contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org).

# Support Groups

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

**TUESDAY**  
Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or [midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com](mailto:midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com) or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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

Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) meets at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. For more information, call us at 263-2501.

**FRIDAY**  
AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org)

Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Have information for Support Groups?  
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# CITY

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to get creative." The proposal also contains an agreement City Attorney Linda Sjogren said she hopes will quell the idea within the community the city council will begin using the Big Spring EDC — and, more importantly, its

tax funding — as a revenue source, an idea at the heart of many arguments currently surrounding the proposed 4B project.

"We also added a provision to bely any concerns the city council was going to keep coming back to the well and pushing the EDC in this direction," Sjogren said. "In the future, if

the city council proposes a 4B project and it is approved by the voters, the amount of the (new) project would reduce this project. This was just to show the spirit of the agreement."

The city of Big Spring has struggled with its water and wastewater systems, most recently being cited by the Texas Commission on

Environmental Quality numerous times due to high levels of turbidity in municipal waters.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the city council is expected to discuss ongoing negotiations between the municipality and Alon USA to amend the raw water agreement, an issue that has already been tabled twice.

According to Walker, negotiations between the oil giant and the city are once again expected to go down to the last minute, but she fully expects the council to vote on an agreement during the meeting.

Tuesday's meeting is to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers, at 307 E. Fourth St. For more information,

call 264-2401. A copy of the agenda can be found online at [www.mybigspring.com](http://www.mybigspring.com)

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# DRRC

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many years, will take place.

"In the past year we received a very generous grant from Mr. James Weaver in honor of his late mother and longtime supporter Mrs. Jan Weaver Morgan and we have been working hard renovating and installing new equipment which the community will be able to take a tour of and see first hand during our open house," Phillips said. Mayor Tommy Duncan

will read a proclamation recognizing April 26 as Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center Day in Big Spring.

Also, those attending can tour the newly renovated facility while receiving an explanation of the new equipment and services provided by DRCC.

"The Center's services and facilities continue to evolve to meet the needs of the community. Currently providing physical therapy, occupational therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, audiology and wellness programs, the center

remains the source for quality rehabilitation and wellness in Howard County," Phillips said.

Kathleen Morton, PT, will also be recognized and celebrate her retirement. She has served DRRC in physical therapy for 40 years. The new physical therapist, Cassie Kuykendall, will be in attendance. Kuykendall received her master's degree in physical therapy in 2003 from Angelo State University.

"The Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center wishes to thank the community of Big Spring and Howard County for all the wonderful support over so many years. We hope to continue its mission for many years to come," Phillips said. Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center is located at 306 W. Third Street. For more information, call 267-3806.

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## World Briefs

### Neighborhood watch shooter George Zimmerman released from jail on bond in Trayvon Martin case

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — In a low-key event, George Zimmerman was released from a Florida jail on \$150,000 bail as he awaits his second-degree murder trial in the fatal shooting of unarmed teen Trayvon Martin.

The neighborhood watch volunteer was wearing a brown jacket and blue jeans and carrying a paper bag as he walked out of the jail around midnight Sunday. He was following another man and didn't look over at photographers gathered outside. The two then got into a white BMW car and drove away.

No questions were shouted at Zimmerman from members of the news media at the scene, and he gave no statement.

His ultimate destination is being kept secret for his safety and it could be outside Florida.

As with the July 2011 release of Casey Anthony, the Florida woman acquitted of murder in the death of her young daughter, Zimmerman was released around midnight. But the similarities end there. Anthony was quickly whisked away by deputy sheriffs armed with rifles as angry protesters jeered her. While news helicopters briefly tracked her SUV through Orlando before she slipped from public view, there was no pursuit of Zimmerman, who will have to return for trial.

### Social Security, Medicare strained by slow economic recovery, aging workforce

WASHINGTON (AP) — An aging population and an economy that has been slow to rebound are straining the long-term finances of Social Security and Medicare, the government's two largest benefit programs.

Those problems are getting new attention Monday as the trustees who oversee the massive pro-

grams release their annual financial reports.

Medicare is in worse shape than Social Security because of rising health care costs. But both programs are on a path to become insolvent in the coming decades, unless Congress acts, according to the trustees.

Last year, the trustees projected the Medicare hospital insurance fund for seniors would run out of money in 2024. Social Security's retirement fund was projected to run dry in 2038, while the disability fund was projected to be drained by 2018.

New projections in March gave a more dire assessment of the disability program, which has seen a spike in applications as more disabled workers lose jobs and apply for benefits.

### Auditors call on Obama administration to cancel Medicare bonuses GOP sees as political

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rebuke to the Obama administration, government auditors are calling for the cancellation of an \$8 billion Medicare program that congressional Republicans have criticized as a political ploy.

The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office says in a report to be released Monday that the \$8.3 billion the administration has earmarked for quality bonuses to Medicare Advantage insurance plans would postpone the pain of cuts to the plans under the new health care law. Most of the money would go to plans rated merely average.

The administration is defending the program, saying that without the bonuses many plans wouldn't have an incentive to improve quality.

But Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, says the GAO report suggests that the administration abused its authority, pumping money to the plans to avoid more criticism over unpopular cuts.

Medicare Advantage is a popular private insur-

ance alternative to the traditional health care program for seniors.

More than 3,000 private plans serve nearly 12 million beneficiaries, about one-fourth of Medicare recipients.

### Hollande, Sarkozy heading to French presidential election runoff; surprise from far right

PARIS (AP) — Francois Hollande, a mild-mannered French Socialist, is heading into a presidential runoff election with the upper hand over incumbent Nicolas Sarkozy after winning the most votes in the first round of voting.

However, the nearly one in five voters who chose far right candidate Marine Le Pen may hold the key to victory in the decisive vote on May 6.

Hollande remains favorite to win the runoff after besting Sarkozy in the first round.

If Hollande wins the second round, he would become the first socialist president since 1995. His election could also alter Europe's political and economic landscape.

### Report: Media treated Romney as inevitable nominee following his narrow victory in Michigan

NEW YORK (AP) — The media decided that Mitt Romney would be the inevitable Republican presidential nominee weeks before voters did, according to a report that analyzes race coverage.

The study being released Monday by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center Project for Excellence in Journalism found that while Romney didn't have a clear path until chief rival Rick Santorum suspended his campaign April 10, the media concluded the race was over Feb. 28, when Romney narrowly won the Michigan primary.

## Texas Briefs

### Dallas police halt routine dash cam video reviews

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police have suspended a special unit's routine review of patrol car video after some officers complained of being targeted for minor infractions.

Chief David Brown says discipline was not the intent. Brown started the reviews last spring to make sure routine incidents, not just high profile cases, were being monitored.

The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday that Brown has ordered the department to consider what can be done to ensure the reviews are fair and reasonable.

About 150 incidents were reviewed. Some officers were commended.

Suspected criminal acts were referred to the public integrity unit. Minor police violations were forwarded to supervisors.

The Latino Peace Officers Association objected to officers disciplined for driving over the speed limit while responding to calls for help from other officers.

### Striking Lockheed Martin workers picket in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Striking Lockheed Martin workers are picketing outside of a North Texas plant where the aerospace company makes F-35 fighter jets.

The strike by Machinists Local 776 in Fort Worth began Monday after union members voted overwhelmingly Sunday to reject the company's latest contract offer. The union represents about a quarter of Lockheed Martin's 14,000 workers at the plant.

Lockheed Martin spokesman Joe Stout says the plant remains open and no problems have been reported. He says some employees have been assigned alternate job duties to take over for the striking workers.

Union leaders say the company's proposed changes to the pension plan, health costs and new hires policy were unacceptable.

The company says it believes the offer is fair.

### Small plane crashes near Pearland, pilot survives

PEARLAND, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a

plane crash near an airport in the Houston area has left a pilot hurt and the small aircraft badly damaged.

Investigators are trying to determine if the plane had engine trouble following takeoff Sunday afternoon from Pearland Regional Airport. The single-engine plane clipped some trees and went down near a creek.

Authorities say the 55-year-old pilot was alone on board and he was conscious following the crash.

He's been transported to a hospital. His name has not been released. Further details on his condition were not immediately available Monday.

### Woman in scrubs sought in Houston-area thefts

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators in the Houston area say a woman who wore scrubs and falsely posed as a nurse has been accused of stealing from dozens of medical workers.

Harris County Sheriff's Office investigators have filed felony credit card charges against Robin Carmouche, who remains at large.

Lt. Jeff Stauber says the thefts are like a job for the woman, who will go out and "cruise" hospitals and clinics.

KPRC-TV reported Sunday that the woman has been identified in dozens of cases. Video surveillance has been used in the investigation.

Records show Carmouche has a criminal record for credit card abuse, theft, evading detention, trespassing, failure to identify herself to an officer and fraudulent ID use.

### Remains found in Texas creek still unidentified

DALLAS (AP) — Police searching for the body of a missing 11-year-old boy say it will take several weeks before skeletal remains found in a rural creek south of Dallas are identified.

Dallas police Sgt. Brenda Nichols in the child abuse unit said Sunday that authorities are awaiting DNA test results from the Dallas County Medical Examiner that have not yet begun.

Police have said the remains discovered Saturday appear to be those of a child or small adult.

Nichols said she could not comment on whether authorities believe the bones are those of Johnathan Ramsey.

Johnathan's father and stepmother are accused of starving the Dallas boy to death. Aaron and Elizabeth Ramsey remain jailed on felony injury to a child charges, according to electronic jail records.

## 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.

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			4			1	9	
	6	9						3

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 8 7 5  
♥ 10 7 6  
♦ K J 10 2  
♣ K Q

**EAST**  
♠ K Q 6 4 2  
♥ 3  
♦ 7 3  
♣ J 10 7 5 2

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9  
♥ A K J 4 2  
♦ 9 8 5 4  
♣ 6 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 3  
♥ Q 9 8 5  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ A 9 8 4

The bidding:  
South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — ten of spades.

This deal was played many years ago in a tournament in Vienna. It features an exceptional defensive play by West, who laid a clever trap for declarer and then had the satisfaction of watching him fall right into it.

After bidding all four suits at the one-level, North-South arrived at three notrump. West decided that the best hope to defeat the contract was to find his partner with strength behind dummy's spades. So he led

the spade ten, which declarer ducked to East's queen. East then shifted to a low club, taken by dummy's queen.

South had eight tricks — a spade, four diamonds and three clubs — and concluded that the best chance for a ninth lay in developing a heart trick. So at trick three, he led the ten of hearts from dummy, on which East played the three and South the five. But instead of taking the trick with the jack, West followed smoothly with the deuce!

This apparent stroke of good fortune had the desired effect on South. Convinced that East must have the jack of hearts, declarer led another heart toward his Q-9-8 in an attempt to score an overtrick.

The second heart lead met with a cordial reception from West, who proceeded to cash four heart tricks for down one. His brilliant duck of the first heart trick had lured a greedy South down the road to disaster.

Of course, declarer could have ruffed home with nine tricks after the ten of hearts held. But how many players would be able to resist the temptation to try for an extra trick once the heart jack was "proven" to be with East?

As for West, had he taken the first heart trick, South could not have been stopped from making the contract.

Tomorrow: The inevitable conclusion.

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

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## Forsan downs Coahoma, loses to Colorado City

*Lady Buffs earn second seed, Bulldogettes finish third in District 3-2A playoff series*

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogettes, the Forsan Lady Buffaloes and the Colorado City Lady Wolves have been battling all season. Saturday, the three teams met for a tournament to settle District 3-2A's softball playoff seeding once and for all.

A coin toss decided the matchups, and Forsan — who had lost to Coahoma throughout district play — drew its nemesis to kick off the tourney, and this time came out on top as they recorded a hard-fought 10-8 victory.

A mere 30 minutes later, the Lady Buffs took the field against Colorado City. Forsan lost to the Lady Wolves 5-2 in Round Two, eliminating the need for a third game. Colorado City earned the top seed and will receive a first round bye. Forsan is the two seed and will likely play Crane. Coahoma rounds out the playoff teams with third, and could draw Kermit to kick off its playoff run.

Ashley Buzbee once again was a force to be reckoned with, as she kept the Lady Buffs alive against Coahoma despite an early deficit.

Forsan trailed Coahoma by five runs in the middle of the fourth inning and it looked like the Lady Buffs would finish 0-3 on the season against the scrappy Bulldogettes.

Until Buzbee, the double threat launched a solo shot out of the park, making it a 6-2 game and sparking the offense that had largely been shut down by Coahoma's ace Kyla Clanton up to that point.

Stevie Wilson followed with a liner, Gabby Womack hit a pop up that dropped into no man's land and Brittney Cline belted a liner to right to score Wilson.

Loading the bases for Forsan was Maria Ortiz, who sent one into shallow

right field for a RBI single that scored Womack.

The rally was still alive when with no outs Jahnia Willard lined into left field to drive Womack home.

Ali Knight stepped up to the plate and singled. Shelby Roemer dropped one into shallow left, sending two more baserunners home, and giving the Lady Buffs a 7-6 lead and a renewed hope that they could beat rival Coahoma.

The first out of the inning was recorded when Kayla Tilley popped up in the infield.

Forsan's order had cycled through and with one out, Buzbee — who started the rally with a homer — made her second plate appearance of the inning, this time smacking a double which increased the Lady Buffs' lead to 8-6.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Bulldogettes bit back when Emilea Brumley hit a two-run, in the park home run that tied the game at 8-8.

Knight led off the bottom of the sixth inning for Forsan with a single. Roemer and Tilley recorded two straight outs, but Buzbee then struck again, this time with a two-run shot out of the park, scoring Knight and giving the Lady Buffs a 10-8 lead.

Forsan would hold on for the win, guaranteeing they would enter the playoffs with at least the second seed designation.

The Lady Wolves, who received the tourney's first-round bye with a lucky coin toss, took the field well-rested against the somewhat fatigued Lady Buffs.

It was all Colorado City for most of the outing.

Trailing 5-0 in the top of the seventh, Forsan had one more inning to pull off a comeback and take the first seed.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**Ashley Buzbee catches a pop fly in the circle as Gabby Womack looks on from first base during Round Two's matchup between Forsan and Colorado City Saturday. Forsan is now the second seed having lost to C. City 5-2.**

## Hawks come from behind to sweep New Mexico Military Institute

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

The Hawks keep flying by their opponents as the regular season draws to a close. The latest victim was New Mexico Military Institute's Broncos, who Howard College swept in a four-game series, winning Game Three 9-8 and Game Four 14-0 Saturday at Jack Barber Field.

It wasn't a cakewalk for HC — at least not in Game Three — as the Hawks found themselves trailing by four headed into the final inning of play.

Dexter Kjerstad was awarded first base after being hit by a pitch to lead off the bottom of the seventh. Todd Ritchie pulled a base hit and a wild pitch advanced the runners to second and third during Paul Hendrix's final at-bat. Hendrix drew a walk to load the bases with Hawks.

Elliot Richoux, who has been clutch for HC at the plate hit a two-RBI single to cut NMMI's lead to two. Jordan Allen took advantage of a pitch that hit the dirt, but was thrown out at first. The blunder allowed another Hawk to score, and all of a sudden, HC was down by only one run with the tying run on base.

Colt Bickerstaff lined one into the outfield wall, scoring Richoux and making it a 8-8 ball game with only one out.

Levi Scott joined in with a single. Hector Lorenzana played the hero with a dramatic, game-winning RBI after being sidelined the previous game with an injury to his throwing arm.

The momentum was too much for NMMI to overcome the second game as Hawks pitchers Dominic Moreno and Reid Scoggins combined for a no-hitter. HC's bats were hot too, as they blanked the Broncos 14-0 and completed the four-game sweep.

HC Head Coach Britt Smith is now looking at a conference showdown with New Mexico Junior College — a tough conference competitor — but is pleased with how his team has been playing as the regular season winds down.

"The comeback was good, it is good to see our guys compete," Smith said of the third game. "We got some quality at bats in the seventh inning and we were fortunate enough to get it done."

The pitching has also been spot-on for the Hawks. "(Scoggins and Moreno) pitched very well," Smith added. "Our focus is to get our guys healthy. We need to do that in order to finish the way we hope to."

The Hawks have been hampered by injuries for the past few weeks.

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**Howard College's Elliot Richoux gets the out at home during Game One against New Mexico Military Institute Saturday at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks were victorious both games and now have just eight games remaining in the regular season.**

### Sports Calendar

TODAY

#### Baseball

- Denver City at Forsan, 5 p.m.
- Coahoma at Post, 7 p.m.

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Gemini moon is a charming chap, striking brilliant conversation and spicing it up with a pinch of wit and a dash of mischief. Caution: There may be an underlying tension between younger and older generations. Be careful not to exacerbate the issue by speaking in a manner that the other party might find irreverent or unrelatable.



HOLIDAY  
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Paradoxically, the people who have hurt you are also the ones who most need your kindness. They need your forgiveness so as not to suffer the tyranny of their own guilt and the continued negativity it promotes.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You are in a funny, playful mood, and wherever you go, you are likely to bring gifts. These gifts may not be tangible. Your smile, your laughter and your flirtatious attention are delightful bonuses to all around.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). To exercise personal restraint requires much

more energy than it does to simply react to every trigger or follow every impulse. Your restraint is an act of love, and it's worth the effort.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). While trying to build someone up, you might stretch the truth with extraordinary compliments that are not exactly well deserved, although there's no harm in making a person feel good.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You work hard, and you play hard. Only others who work hard and play hard will truly understand your lifestyle. You may find yourself trying to explain it, but unless they fall into that category, it's a worthless effort.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You think before you speak, so you rarely commit a faux pas. If you do say something that doesn't land quite right, it's only because you've been misinformed or have made an incorrect assumption. All will be easily remedied.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The excitement builds. You are open, and you are curious. People will connect with you and love you for what you can bring to them. But the best part is that they will love you for who you are.

### "Classic" Ann Landers®: "Inherited" property tax bill headache

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



ANN  
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**Dear Ann Landers:** I just read a story in The Macomb Daily, a paper here in Michigan, about a 72-year-old resident of Pittsburgh. This man owns a salon and barbershop supply business, which he bought in 1983.

He recently received a notice saying he owes a property tax bill of \$1,151 that goes back to 1911, before this man was even born.

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It seems the debt had gone undetected, even though the property had changed hands several times.

When the man expressed his astonishment, he was told that the passage of time and the change in ownership did not make any difference. He still has to pay the back real estate taxes. I find this outrageous. — Mary in Warren, Mich.

**Dear Mary:** It is good of you to take up this man's cause, but I'm afraid he is stuck. According to Dominick Gambino, administrative assistant to the Allegheny County controller, anyone who buys property is responsible for the outstanding tax liens. In this instance, however, the tax lien was so old, it did not show up on a standard title search when the man bought the property back in 1983.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You reach out in one way and then find it difficult to make a difference in other ways. Learning will help you. With a little more knowledge, you'll bridge the gap and become increasingly effective.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Most workers never get thanked for their contributions. You'll turn this around by acknowledging those who help you and standing up for their compensatory rights.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will bump into an old friend or someone you've wanted to know for a while but, for whatever reason, haven't had the occasion to connect with. Your tact will be key.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are so used to seeing a certain person as very powerful that you may find it difficult to see how vulnerable this person also is. Lead with your natural empathy, and

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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 23). You'll apply a perfect blend of logic and intuition to your projects and wind up with inspired solutions for making your life and the lives of others a whole lot better. You'll take on a personal challenge in May. A special relationship grows even tighter through June. You could be moving to be near someone you love in the fall. Aries and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 24, 39 and 17.

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that the beauty supply owner has title insurance that ought to cover it.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Last night, I was driving in the city and hit a cat. "Just some stray animal," most people would say. I stopped my car and checked the poor creature, but it wasn't breathing. There was no identification, but I couldn't get over the guilt of thinking some child might be looking for "Fluffy" or "Tiger."

When I was growing up, my two cats were hit by cars. I begged my mother not to let them out, but she insisted that cats needed "prowling" time. That is the most insane thing I have ever heard. A pet is part of your family. Would you let a child out to play alone? Pets don't need to be out running around. Cats can be litter-trained. Dogs should be walked on a leash or kept in a fenced yard.

If one thing comes from this letter, I hope it is that people will take better care of their pets and give them the chance to grow old with the rest of the family.

To the cat I hit last night: I'm sorry we couldn't have met under better circumstances. — E.M. in Lonoke, Ark.

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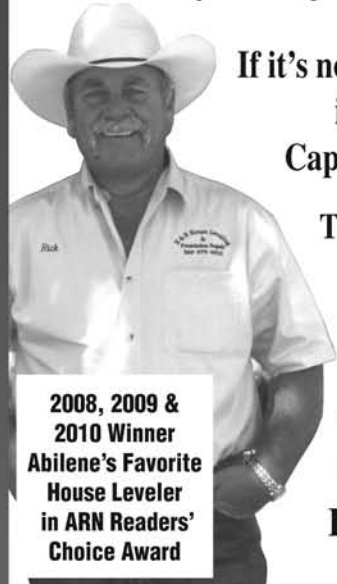
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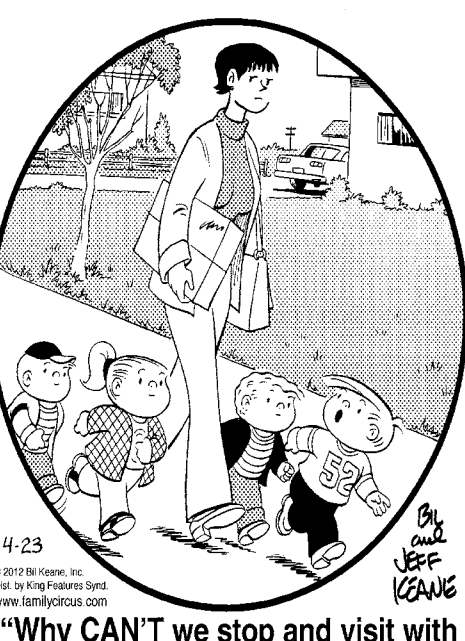
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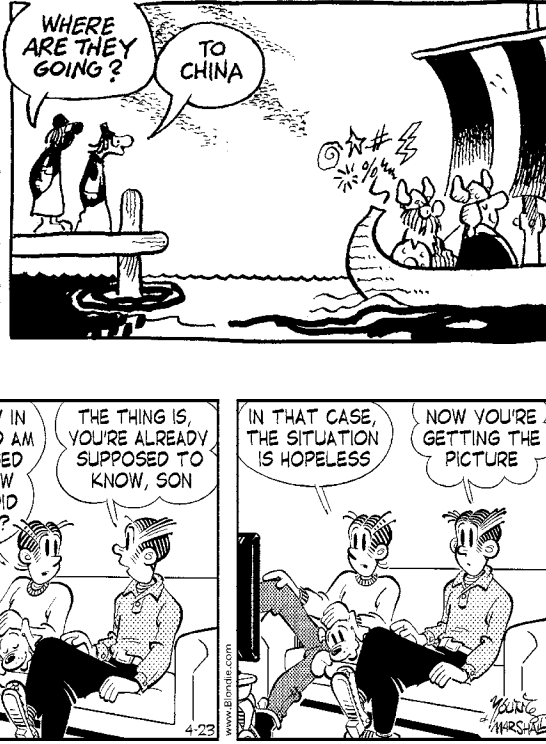


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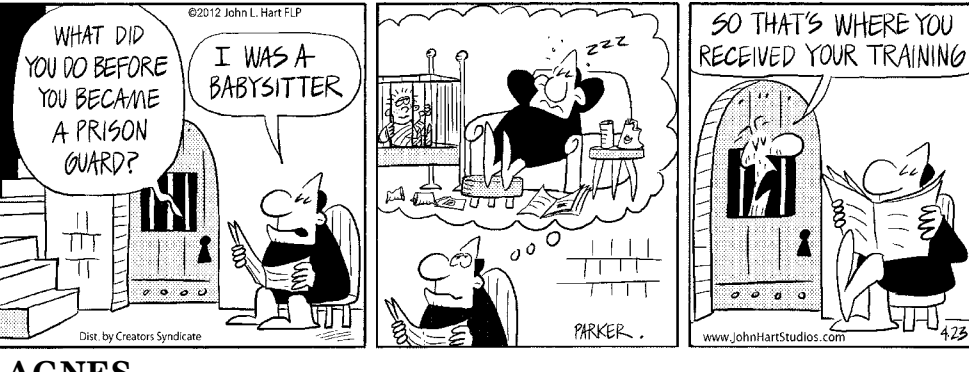
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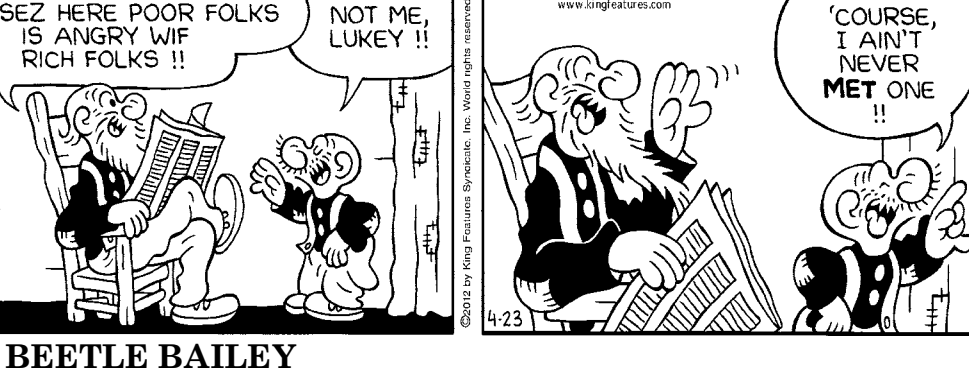
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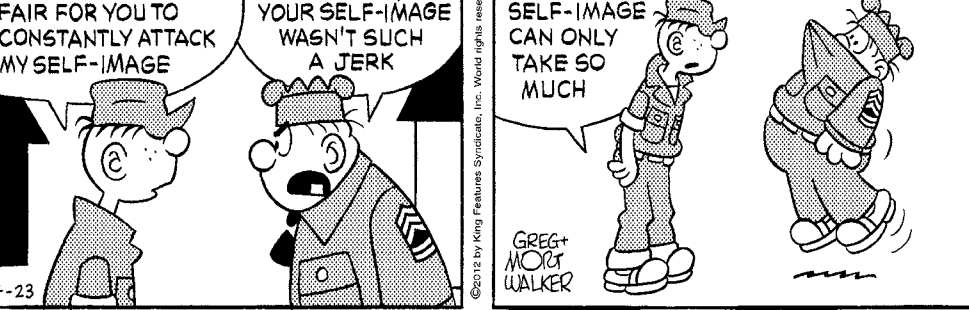
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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 23, the 114th day of 2012. There are 252 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 23, 1789, President-elect George Washington and his wife, Martha, moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

On this date:

In 1616, English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare, 52, died on what has been traditionally regarded as the anniversary of his birth in 1564.

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pa.

In 1910, former President Theodore Roosevelt delivered his famous "Man in the Arena" speech at the Sorbonne in Paris.

In 1940, about 200 people died in the Rhythm Night Club Fire in Natchez, Miss.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the

Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

In 1961, Judy Garland performed her legendary concert at New York's Carnegie Hall.

In 1962, NASA launched Ranger 4 on a mission to the moon. (The spacecraft was supposed to transmit pictures and data just before crashing into the lunar surface three days later; however, due to equipment malfunction, no data was sent.)

In 1968, student protesters began occupying buildings on the campus of Columbia University in New York; police put down the protests a week later.

In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

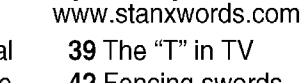
In 1987, 28 construction workers were killed when an apartment complex being built in Bridgeport, Conn., suddenly collapsed.

In 1992, McDonald's opened its first fast-food restaurant in the Chinese capital of Beijing.

In 2005, website YouTube uploaded its first video, titled "Me at the Zoo," consisting of 18 seconds of co-founder Jawed Karim standing in front of an elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo.

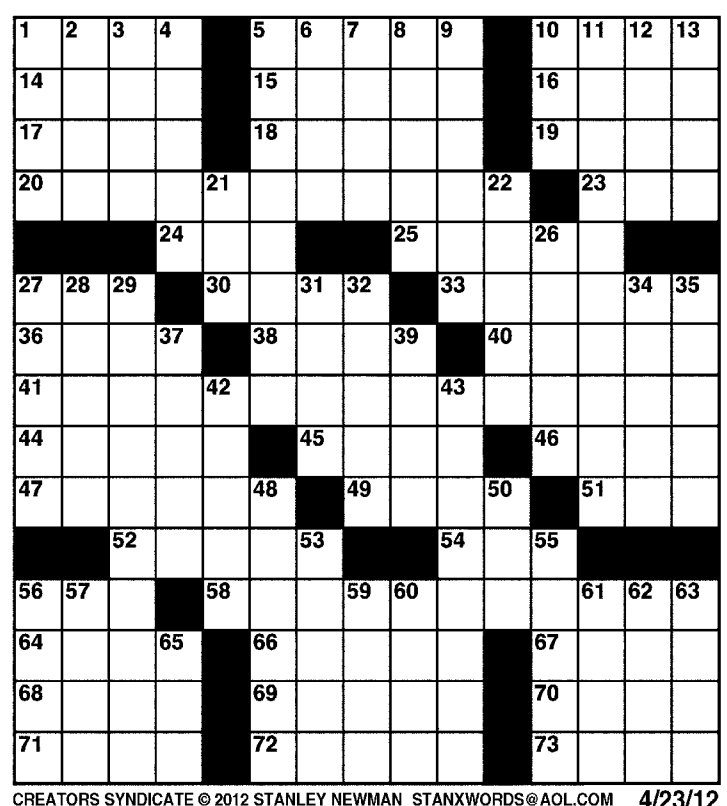
Today's Birthdays: Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 84. Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 82. Actor David Birney is 73. Actor Lee Majors is 73. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 65. Actress Blair Brown is 64. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 63. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 63. Actor James Russo is 59. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 58. Actress Judy Davis is 57. Actress Jan Hooks is 55. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 52.

## Answer to previous puzzle



## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Alphabetize
  - 5 What it costs
  - 10 Unwanted email
  - 14 "... happily \_\_\_ after"
  - 15 Put in new cartons
  - 16 Bread with a pocket
  - 17 Tra \_\_\_ (song syllables)
  - 18 Plain to see
  - 19 Molecule part
  - 20 Great beginning
  - 23 Tax pro: Abbr.
  - 24 Paving goo
  - 25 Giggle or chuckle
  - 27 Nashville sch.
  - 30 Hay bundle
  - 33 Handbag holders
  - 36 Helpful clue
  - 38 "After dinner" candy
  - 40 Add up to
  - 41 Package shipping option
  - 44 Remove, as paint
  - 45 Flooring square
  - 46 Ltr. insert
  - 47 Shoelace hole
  - 49 Sports squad
  - 51 "Love \_\_\_ neighbor"
  - 52 Appeal earnestly
  - 54 Writing tablet
  - 56 "Now I get it!"
  - 58 Defendant's Constitutional guarantee
  - 64 Military outpost
  - 66 Song from long ago
  - 67 Border
  - 68 All over again
  - 69 New York city
  - 70 Witnessed
  - 71 Make over
  - 72 Spud
  - 73 Fresh talk
  - 8 Reef material
  - 9 Crowd-scene actors
  - 10 Healthful resort
  - 11 Set up camp
  - 12 At the peak
  - 13 Papa's partner
  - 21 Arrest
  - 22 \_\_\_-frutti
  - 26 Small orchard
  - 27 The ones here
  - 28 Threescore
  - 29 Not ready (for)
  - 31 Shopper's reminder
  - 32 Call off a project
  - 34 Make very thirsty
  - 35 In a crafty way
  - 37 Songbird's sound
  - 39 The "T" in TV
  - 42 Fencing swords
  - 43 2008 or 2012
  - 48 Send, as a telegraph message
  - 50 Wrestling surface
  - 53 River mouth feature
  - 55 Put clothes on distance
  - 56 At a good distance
  - 57 Sharpen
  - 59 Make revisions to
  - 60 Casino cubes
  - 61 Creative thought
  - 62 Matures
  - 63 Telescope part
  - 65 A pair of



# Rangers keep on rolling, edge Detroit 3-2

NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT — Alberto Gonzalez squared to bunt, hoping to drive in the go-ahead run on a squeeze play. The ball hit his bat and glanced off his right leg before bouncing off the ground and out toward the pitcher.

Then the Texas Rangers caught a break.

Instead of being called a foul ball, Gonzalez's bunt proved for an RBI infield single in the 11th inning, lifting the Rangers to a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Gonzalez admitted after the game the ball hit him around the knee — and a replay confirmed that — but the play stood.

"As soon as he hit the ball and saw the ball was fair, he didn't stop himself," Gonzalez's translator said. "He was trying to go to first base. He knew the job was done."

The bases were loaded with nobody out when Gonzalez bunted. Right-hander Thad Weber (0-1), who was making his major league debut, had no play at the plate on runner Nelson Cruz. Weber froze with the ball, and first baseman Miguel Cabrera struggled to get back to the bag in time. Everybody was safe, and Texas took the lead.

Detroit manager Jim Leyland came out to argue, but to no avail.

"I saw just what it did: The ball came down and hit him on the back knee. Clearly. Clearly. That's not

even a question," Leyland said. "The ball clearly hit him, and four guys happened to miss it. That's part of the game.

Plate umpire Tim Welke had a chance to watch the replay afterward and said the ball did in fact hit Gonzalez, but his crew hadn't seen that initially.

"We did not see the ball hit anybody on the field," Welke said. "We called what we saw."

Gonzalez appeared to be in the batter's box still when the ball hit him, meaning it would have almost certainly been ruled a foul ball if an umpire had seen the contact.

Robbie Ross (3-0) pitched a scoreless 10th for Texas, and Joe Nathan finished for his fourth save.

Josh Hamilton homered for the Rangers.

The Tigers led 2-1 in the eighth — with rookie starter Drew Smyly in line for his first career win. But Texas tied it when Elvis Andrus drew a walk, went to second on a wild pitch and took third when catcher Alex Avila's throw to second went into the outfield for an error.

Hamilton hit a sacrifice fly to even the score.

Weber, who was called up from the minors in between games of Saturday's doubleheader, made his major league debut in the 11th. He walked Cruz and allowed singles to Mike Napoli and Yorvit Torrealba, setting up Gonzalez's at-bat with the bases loaded.

"Bases loaded, nobody out and the right person in the batter's box. The guy who was in the batter's

box is one of the guys I do my fundamental stuff with," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I had warned him that if this situation came up, look for the squeeze on the first pitch."

Weber then got out of the inning without any further damage by getting pinch-hitter Mitch Moreland to hit into a double play and Ian Kinsler to ground out.

Smyly pitched six innings, allowing a run and five hits with two walks and seven strikeouts, but he had to settle for his third straight no-decision. He's allowed only two earned runs in 16 innings on the season.

Texas starter Colby Lewis allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings.

Hamilton gave Texas a 1-0 lead in the first with his seventh homer of the year, and Michael Young followed with a single to extend his hitting streak to 10 games. But Smyly settled in nicely after that.

Detroit tied it in the third when Ramon Santiago hit a leadoff triple and eventually scored on a two-out wild pitch.

In the sixth, Hamilton hit a single and went to second on a groundout. He then took third when — after one of Smyly's pitches — catcher Alex Avila's throw went over the southpaw for an error.

Smyly recovered, striking out Cruz and retiring Napoli on a flyball to end the threat.

Brennan Boesch hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the sixth, but Detroit couldn't hold on.

## Hamlin holds off Truex to win at Kansas Speedway

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — It seemed as if Denny Hamlin was out for a Sunday afternoon drive at Kansas Speedway, hanging around the leaders most of the day but never really giving anybody too much reason to worry.

Turned out that Hamlin was playing possum, just as he did at Phoenix earlier this year.

His team kept making slight adjustments on every stop and had his Toyota dialed in late in the race when Hamlin charged past Martin Truex Jr. for the lead. He then held off Truex's last-ditch move with two laps remaining to win for the second time this season.

"It felt a lot like Phoenix in the sense of we kind of hung around the

top five all day," said Hamlin, whose best finish at Kansas had been third last year.

"At the end we just kind of make our charge, make our run, and there were some things that had to happen the last run really for us to work out, and those things happened."

The victory gave his Joe Gibbs Racing team some momentum heading to Richmond, where the Virginia driver has won twice before — and where he certainly won't sneak up on anybody.

"We've had good cars, we got the win at Phoenix, and we've had consistent good performances," crew chief Darian Grubb said.

"All these details are starting to add up."

Jimmie Johnson was third for Hendrick Motorsports, which has failed in 14 tries to win the team's milestone 200th race. Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kasey Kahne also finished in the top 10.

"I was just watching from the third spot, hoping those guys would give me an opportunity," Johnson said. "I just wish I was closer to those guys to race for it."

## Astros avoid sweep with 12-0 win over Dodgers

HOUSTON (AP) — Wandy Rodriguez has had a great start for the Houston Astros.

Unfortunately, errors and a lack of run support kept the left-hander winless through his first three starts.

On Sunday it all came together for Rodriguez.

Jordan Schafer hit his first career grand slam on a shot that bounced off the glove of Dodgers right fielder Andre Ethier, and the left-hander pitched three-hit ball through seven innings as the Astros romped past Los Angeles 12-0.

The Astros avoided a sweep and handed the Dodgers their most-lopsided shutout loss since a 13-0 defeat by the Angels in June 2004.

It's the largest shutout win for Houston since beating Colorado by the same score in July 2007, a game where Rodriguez also allowed three hits in seven innings.

Rodriguez (1-2) struck out six and walked three to lower his ERA to 1.42. Fernando Rodriguez and Brandon Lyon pitched an inning each to complete the shutout, which was the first of the year for Los Angeles.

The Astros committed four errors in each of Rodriguez's first two starts and were shut out in his last outing, a 1-0 loss to Washington.

"I feel good because last time I threw a good game but I didn't win," Rodriguez said. "Today I threw a good game and I won, so I feel very good."

Carlos Lee got things going for the Astros with two-run homer in the first inning. Schafer's slam came an inning later and was just the second career grand slam Chad Billingsley (2-1) has allowed in his seven-year career and the first since 2008.

"Wandy threw a great game today," Lee said.

"We probably only needed one (run). He continues to pitch great and keep us in the games."

Rodriguez said the early lead made things much easier for him.

"I felt very comfortable when I saw the score at 6-0," he said. "I tried to make all my pitches, tried to throw on the corner and throw everything."

Billingsley, who entered the game 4-0 with a 1.78 and ERA in four career starts at Minute Maid Park, allowed four hits and nine runs — five earned — in 3 1-3 innings.

He has been dealing with a groin problem, but said that had nothing to do with his performance.

Johnson and Altuve each had RBI singles in the eighth.

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Cline started another rally for the Lady Buffs with a single. A bad throw helped turn it into a triple, with no outs, Forsan had a runner in scoring position. Ortiz struck out. Willard hit a RBI single, sending Cline home to finally put a run on the board. Knight struck out, putting the Lady Buffs' backs against the wall. With two outs and two strikes, Roemer connected with a RBI double,

cutting Coahoma's lead to three. Tilley connected but popped it up in the infield to end the game.

Forsan Coach Shanna Taylor was disappointed her team didn't attain the top seed, but was happy to finally defeat the Bulldogettes and take the second playoff spot.

"Mentally and physically, we were tired the second game," Taylor said. "We planned on taking it one game at a time. We were focused and I was impressed at how we came back in the first game."

Taylor said it would have been nice to receive a first round playoff bye, but is confident her team has what it takes to make a run.

"We aren't in the worst bracket," Taylor added. "We will approach it like any other game and focus on our next opponent."

Matchups, dates and times haven't been finalized as of yet, but according to Taylor, Forsan will probably meet Crane. A coin flip will likely decide between one game or a best of three series.

Coahoma could draw Kermit, but no confirmation was available at press time.

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