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Landfill payout cause of contention



HERALD photo
Commissioner Jimmie Long, above, and Mayor Tommy Duncan exchanged words Tuesday over the landfill project.

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By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Tempers flared Tuesday night as Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan and Howard County Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long went toe-to-toe during the city council meeting over an alleged ultimatum delivered by the city regarding future use of a new municipal landfill.

The city and county have been locked in negotiations regarding how the county should help pay for the purchase of property and operation of a new landfill planned for the municipality in the next few years.

The council approved first reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager or his designee to enter into an inter-local agreement with Howard County to provide for sharing of the costs of land acquisition, permitting,

"We've done everything we can to open the door and my intent was to say, 'We are a team, let's work together. My house is your house, come help me pay the rent and we'll all live together.'"

—Mayor Tommy Duncan



sent at the time.

According to Duncan, the resolution was brought to the council in hopes of moving forward with the funding and eventual construction of the new landfill facility, as the time to open such a facility before the existing one is full dwindles away.

"At some point, Mr. Long, you come to a point where you go to buy a car from your neighbor, and you love your neighbor and you're trying to work out a deal," Duncan said. "At some point it comes down to, if you want to buy this car you have to pay this much money. In my opinion, we're very, very close to that point and I saw no movement on negotiations for the past several months. When we started the landfill committee, we included County Judge (Mark) Barr to make sure there was county input. We've done everything we can to open the door and my

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Vietnam vets welcome home event Thursday

Herald Staff Report

The West Texas VA Health Care System will host a 2013 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Program at 6 p.m. Thursday at Big Spring Country Club.

On March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. On March 8, 2011, the Senate declared March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

Thursday's program is free for Vietnam veterans and a

guest. The general public is invited, though there is a \$20 charge for the meal.

In addition to the meal and program, there will be a special presentation in honor of Air Force Capt. George R. Andrews, a Webb Air Force Base graduate who was killed in action.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the Office of Community Relations at the West Texas VA Health Care System at 432-264-4824.

Big Spring Country Club is located at 2401 Driver Road.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Independent School District trustees approved the donation of the Bauer campus, which has been vacant since last May, to Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin, which oversees Head Start operations in Big Spring.

Meet and greet will introduce new docs

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center will be hosting a meet and greet Thursday at the Hotel Settles.

From 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m., community members are invited to the Cosden Room to meet four new providers: Dr. Eric Koch, general surgeon; Dr. Krishn Mohan, internal medicine; and Family Nurse Practitioners Jody Roberts and Sheri Nichols.

"This is an opportunity for the community to put a

face with these new providers and find out a little about them," said Amanda Duforat, SMMC marketing coordinator.

During the meet and greet, community members will have an opportunity to speak with each of these providers and ask any questions they may have. There will also be information on each in case further questions should arise after the event.

"We understand the needs of our community are growing, especially with this oil boom, and we want to make sure we are continuing to provide the best possible care for those in the community. One of the ways we do that is to continuously bring in new providers who can

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Head Start to get 'new' home

BSISD donates Bauer Elementary to Greater Opportunities

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

After a year of silence, the grounds at Bauer Elementary will soon echo again with the sound of children.

The Bauer campus, which has stood vacant since last May, is expected to be back in the business of educating young people, this time as the location for the local Head Start program.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees approved donating the campus to Greater Opportunities of



Ferrell

the Permian Basin, which oversees Head Start operations in Big Spring, during their monthly board meeting.

Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families. For the past several years, it has been located at the former Lakeview campus in northwest Big Spring.

Bauer, formerly known as North Ward Elementary, first opened in the 1930s and remained in use as a BSISD campus until May. With the impending opening of four new elementary campuses, however, district officials decided to close the school,

which has been vacant for the past 10 months.

GOPB officials approached the Big Spring ISD officials late in 2012, inquiring about the possibility of acquiring Bauer for its Head Start operations. After months of inspections and negotiations, the project was officially green-lighted by trustees.

BSISD Assistant Superintendent Danny Ferrell said the donation will benefit both the district and Head Start.

"With those four new elementary campuses ... we didn't have any plans for the building's use, and, as you

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Obituaries

Erin Christopher Gregg



Erin Christopher Gregg, 33, of Kerrville passed away March 24, 2013, in Kerrville, Texas. He was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, to James Richard Gregg and Barbara Smith Fields on July 20, 1979. Erin had four wonderful children, Kaylee Gregg of Kerrville, Blake Anderson of Saint Jo, Paxton Gregg of Stephenville and Hannah Gregg of Saint Jo.

Erin worked for Kerrville State Hospital and had many hobbies. He enjoyed driving his remote control cars and occupying his time fixing and cleaning them after a day of play. Erin was also an excellent artist and loved drawing. He also had an eye for photography. He and his daughter, Kaylee, were zombie enthusiasts and enjoyed countless hours watching horror movies together.

Erin is preceded in death by his grandmother, Joan Smith.

Erin is survived by his children, Kaylee, 15, Blake, 12, Paxton, 12, and Hannah, 7; his sister, Kerry Ferguson and husband Brett Ferguson; two stepbrothers, John Fields and Brian Fields; his parents, James Richard Gregg and Barbara Smith Fields and stepdad, Jack Fields; several aunts and uncles, including Vickie and David Wise of Bowie, Linda and Morris Watson Jr. of Jacksboro and Don and Jamie Gregg of Seymour; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2013, at Grimes Funeral Chapels in Kerrville, Texas. Burial will be next to his grandmother at Oakwood Cemetery in Jacksboro, Texas.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Paid obituary

Adelynn Mae Isham

Adelynn Mae Isham died shortly after birth on Thursday, March 21, 2013, in an Odessa, Texas, hospital.

She is survived by her parents, Wade and Christa Isham of Forsan, Texas; great-grandparents, Don and Sue Baker of Zephyr, Texas, and Johnnie Mae Stone of Wichita Falls, Texas; grandparents, Lynn and Sharon Isham of Kerrville, Texas, and Keith and Debbie Stone of Round Rock, Texas; aunts and uncles, Jessica and Rusty Baker of Forsan, Texas, Ashley and Zach Earl of Kerrville, Texas, Stephanie and Chad Grounds of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Keegan Stone of Round Rock, Texas; and cousins, McKade Earl, Reese, Noah and Abby Grounds and Isabella Baker.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 30, 2013, at Zephyr Cemetery, officiated by Pastor Brian Loveless of Calvary Baptist Church of Grand Prairie, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sufficient Grace Ministries, P.O. Box 243, 300 Chestnut Dr., Suite A, Deshler, Ohio 43516; or to Sustaining Grace, U.S. Bank, 121 E. Main St., Anoka, Minnesota, 55303.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

• TERRY MARQUEZ, 28, of 1412 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

• GARY LYNN HILDEBRAND, 40, of Robert Lee, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies.

• BILLIE RAY BROWN, 54, of Midland, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

• MICHAEL RENE ROBLES, 40, of 2509 Fairchild, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault – family violence.

• JIM LLOYD POLLARD, 55, of 1313 Mulberry Apt. B, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

• STUART RYAN SHADE, 23, of 1605 State St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

• RYAN ANTHONY MOSTY, 22, of 1412 Tucson, was arrested Tuesday on three warrants from other agencies.

• TORYPETE MARTINEZ, 18, of 2000 S. Monticello, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

• DAVID JOSEPH ROBLES, 19, of 1205 Cypress, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.

• THEFT was reported:
In the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 2500 block of S. Gregg Street.
In the 1600 block of Sycamore.

• ASSAULT was reported:
In the 1200 block of Cypress.

In the 100 block of E. 16th Street.
In the 1600 block of State Street.
• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Owens.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• TERRY MARQUEZ, 28, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

• GARY LYNN HILDEBRAND, 40, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to appear.

• BILLIE RAY BROWN, 54, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• TORY PETE MARTINEZ, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for assault causing bodily injury.

• MICHAEL RENE ROBLES, 40, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.

• WILLIAM MACK RICHARDSON, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for revocation of probation – criminal trespass.

• DAVID JOSEPH ROBLES, 19, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.

• DORA CARRION ALVARADO, 41, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Dawson County Sheriff's Office on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.

• JIM LLOYD POLLARD, 55, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a Taylor County warrant for motion to revoke probation – driving while intoxicated.

• PAULA RENEE SANCHEZ, 39, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a Sutton County warrant for theft.

• STEWART RYAN SHADE, 23, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a Tom Green warrant for revocation of probation – theft.

• MICHAEL DEWAYNE NORRIS, 39, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of N. Highway 350. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Cottonwood. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 3/28	Fri 3/29	Sat 3/30
82/54 Sunshine and clouds mixed. Warm. High 82F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	83/55 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	88/54 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	71	47	cloudy	Kingsville	80	64	cloudy
Austin	74	58	cloudy	Livingston	75	53	pt sunny
Beaumont	73	54	pt sunny	Longview	72	55	pt sunny
Brownsville	77	65	cloudy	Lubbock	78	48	pt sunny
Brownwood	76	57	cloudy	Lufkin	77	53	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	76	65	cloudy	Midland	83	58	pt sunny
Corsicana	71	56	cloudy	Raymondville	79	63	cloudy
Dallas	72	58	cloudy	Rosenberg	76	58	pt sunny
Del Rio	80	63	cloudy	San Antonio	75	59	cloudy
El Paso	81	55	pt sunny	San Marcos	75	58	cloudy
Fort Stockton	84	53	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	71	56	pt sunny
Gainesville	69	53	cloudy	Sweetwater	77	56	pt sunny
Greenville	70	54	pt sunny	Tyler	72	57	pt sunny
Houston	75	59	pt sunny	Weatherford	71	54	cloudy
				Wichita Falls	75	54	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	37	sunny	Minneapolis	45	33	pt sunny
Boston	47	34	mixed	New York	48	37	cloudy
Chicago	47	30	mst sunny	Phoenix	83	59	pt sunny
Dallas	72	58	cloudy	San Francisco	62	51	rain
Denver	60	38	pt sunny	Seattle	62	45	pt sunny
Houston	75	59	pt sunny	St. Louis	55	43	pt sunny
Los Angeles	68	54	cloudy	Washington, DC	54	33	pt sunny
Miami	74	55	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 3/28	Fri 3/29	Sat 3/30
8	8	9
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

Support Groups

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.

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County agrees to purchase software

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners on Monday approved the purchase of a new software system for county offices totaling more than \$600,000, a move officials say will help improve data efficiency and bring the system up-to-date.

Commissioners voted unanimously to purchase the software from Tyler Technologies, the same company which created the system county officials have used since 1992, according to County Judge Mark Barr.

"We shopped around quite a bit before we decided to go with Tyler Technologies," Barr said. "The new software is going to cost \$620,000, which seems really high at first. However, when we went to several other companies, the cost went well above the \$1 million mark. So, we feel like we've gotten a good product for a fair price."

Barr said the software — used by the county clerk's office, district clerk, all three justices of

the peace, district court, county court and county auditor's office, which includes the treasury department — will offer a level of efficiency not attainable with the outdated system in use.

"There is just so much information that ends up having to be cut and pasted from one form to another and from one office to another. It's not very efficient, but there's no other way to do it because the existing software is outdated," Barr said. "The new system will make that sort of work unnecessary. Also, because we're sticking with the same company, we'll be able to export our existing data into the new system. That's not something we would have been able to do, otherwise."

The installation of the new system is being purchased as a turnkey job, according to Barr, which will include the training of employees and officials in its use.

"That price covers it all," he

said. "They did a demonstration Monday and all of the county employees really liked it. We didn't hear a single complaint. The system is cloud-based, so we won't have to have servers on the premises. All of the movement of data will take place through the internet, which is a big plus for us. Everyone is really excited about it."

Also Monday, commissioners met with representatives from the local Porsche car club regarding the group's desire to use the old Howard County airport runway for racing activities.

Barr said the proposed use is still very much undecided, however.

"It's really still in limbo," he said. "That property is currently leased to the Big Spring Industrial Foundation, so, in the end, it will come down to what they have to say about it. If they are OK with them using it."

LANDFILL

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intent was to say, 'We are a team, let's work together. My house is your house, come help me pay the rent and we'll all live together.' That's what we're doing with the county."

According to Long, the role of the county in paying for the opening of a new landfill — which city officials are estimating at \$5 million per cell, with three cells planned during a period of more than 20 years — has yet to be established by anyone, legally or historically.

"I don't know if the county ever went in with the city on the existing landfill and did the purchase of that," Long said. "I don't know if Big Spring purchased that by themselves and the county came along and assisted with the operations. I feel like, if that is the case, we would be willing to help with assistance in the operations of the landfill and continue that relationship. I'm just one vote, but I feel like we could negotiate something like that, as long as you (the city) purchase that, we'll assist with the operations. That has worked all these years for county residents outside the

city limits to use that facility, I don't know why that same relationship can't continue."

Duncan said Long's unofficial offer was something he'd readily jump at if he were in the same position, as it heavily favors the county government's coffers.

"So, we will buy the house and you and I will move into it and you'll help me sweep the floor?" Duncan asked. "I would take that deal myself. What I'm saying is, if you're going to move in with me, help me pay for the house and then we'll both sweep the floor."

Duncan's analogy obviously touched a nerve with Long, who likened the construction and operation of a new landfill to the recent construction of the Howard County Detention Center.

"Are you willing to do the same with the (county) jail?" Long asked Duncan.

"Everyone who lives in this city pays taxes toward that jail," Duncan said. "That's a county jail. I'm a county resident and I pay taxes toward that jail."

"And that's a city landfill," Long said firmly.

Long and Duncan also argued over whether or not the Big Spring mayor had meant to issue an ultimatum to the county

as a result of Tuesday night's vote.

"During the last meeting with you, Mr. Cline (Howard County Precinct 4 Commissioner John Cline) asked you, 'Are you saying that if we (the county) do not pay \$1.6 million toward the landfill, then the county residents will not be allowed to dump their trash in the landfill?' You said, 'Absolutely, that's correct.'"

According to Duncan, he was misunderstood.

"Mr. Long, my response to you was that was said and meant the city is going to have a landfill and we would like to give you the opportunity to join us and participate in it," Duncan fired back. "And you said, 'Does that mean we have to pay in order to use the landfill?' and I said 'yes.' That's a little different."

The argument went back and forth countless times, with District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez stepping in to encourage a continuation of recent cooperative efforts between the two government agencies, the same level of cooperation that recently funded a new joint law enforcement center shared by the Big Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

"We feel that the coun-

ty needs us as much as we need the county," Fernandez said. "My question simply is, we're running out of time, so, we can sit in rooms and we all know how politicians are. We can make meetings and sit and talk and talk, but the time is running out ... What we are trying to do is move forward. We're trying to vote in something that we could tell you, 'This is what we have.'"

"If the county sees that as telling you to play with your baseball bat and ball or don't play, then I'm sorry if that is how we are coming. Our intention is we want to work with the county; we feel we are together on everything from fighting fires to crime to ambulance services. I thought we had a great partnership, so I'm kind of surprised of this, that we are giving you and ultimatum, so to speak."

Long again pointed to the comments delivered by Duncan during a recent meeting between government officials.

"I agree with you, we have had great working relationships," Long said. "I want to continue that, as well. However, we've come to a time here where it's either we fund the third or the citizens outside the city limits will not be able to

Other council news...

Herald Staff Report

During Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting, the council voted 5-2 to approve a zone change from Single Family-2 (SF-2) to Neighborhood Service (NS) for the property located north of the Connally and Wasson intersection, described as Tract 6, Kennebeck Heights, Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

According to city officials, the change is necessary to make way for a self-storage business looking to build on the property.

Mayor Tommy Duncan and District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez voted against the measure. Duncan said he voted against the zoning change because he feels zoning from family dwellings and properties in the area should have the right of way because they were there first.

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

Final reading on both measures is expected to be heard by the council in approximately two weeks. The council also approved a bid for 15 golf carts for the Comanche Trail Golf Course to Club Car Golf Cars. The bid includes the trade-in of 15 48V EZ Go electric carts, for a total cost of \$45,325.

use the landfill.

"We do want to work with the city. We want to work and come up with a good solution that is fair for the people within the city limits and outside of the city limits. I do believe we can strategically come up — not with just one option — with a master plan that will benefit both of those (sets of taxpayers) ... Do I have the solution? No. But I do have some ideas, which are more than, 'It's this way or the highway.' I feel like we need to continue those open door discussions, and on more than just the operating side of the landfill."

According to Long, in order for the county to fund \$1.6 million — its estimated third of the cost to purchase the land for the new facility

and open it — the county will have to raise taxes approximately 20 percent, amounting to approximately 8 to 10 cents added to its tax rate.

Duncan offered to meet with county representatives in hopes of being able to do away with the resolution — or amend it — before it goes to the council for a final vote in approximately two weeks.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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meet those specific needs we see arise in Big Spring," Duforat

said. "When you are sick, most people don't want to drive out of town and SMMC and FMC are trying to make sure our residents don't have to go anywhere else."

Refreshments will be available during the come-and-go event and there is no cost.

"We hope that the community comes out and takes advantage

of this opportunity to meet these new providers, who truly do have a heart for their patients," Duforat said.

BSISD

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know, the longer a building sits empty, the faster downhill it goes," Ferrell said. "The biggest advantage to this is that

it gives Head Start a newer, bigger building for its program. We saw it as a great opportunity to help another learning institution in Big Spring."

Ferrell said GOPB officials hope to begin

operations at Bauer at the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

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DAILY PRAYER

Teach us to comfort our brothers and sisters,
dear Lord.

Amen

Tripped up by misplaced words

Oh, humanity, how you entertain me. When our youngest son was in the first grade Leah and I attended his school's open house and met a memorable young woman, his teacher. She enthusiastically declared he was a very bright young man who would probably be valedictorian of his graduating class, or maybe salutadictorian. Then she startled us when she pondered aloud, "I don't know about that. Can boys be salutadictorians? Oh well..." That's not a typo, folks. That's what she said. Salutadictorian. I couldn't make that up. Obviously, we left that meeting concerned about the educational foundation our son would receive from her. That school was nowhere near Big Spring, in case you're wondering.

There are some flat out interesting folks walking amongst us and they sure can make life entertaining. If you've ever watched Jay Leno's segments "Jaywalking," where he poses simple, everybody-should-know-the-answer questions to regular citizens, you realize some folk's well of knowledge is a pretty much a dry hole. Even though some of it is probably theater to a degree, it's nonetheless frightening when college students, and people old enough to be their parents, can't name the vice president of the United States or recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

A man in New Jersey said that while looking at a house, his brother asked the real estate agent which direction was north because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, "Does the sun rise in the north?" When my brother explained that the sun rises in the east, and has for some time now, she shook her head and said, "Oh I don't keep up with that stuff."

A lady in California walked into a major fast food restaurant with a buy-one-get-one-free coupon for a sandwich. The lady handed it to the girl and she

looked over at a little chalkboard that said "buy one-get one free." "They're already buy-one-get-one-free", she said, "So I guess they're both free." The lady tried to explain but ended up with two free sandwiches.

A man tells of arriving at an airport and his account of the event is classic. He said he couldn't find his luggage at the airport baggage area, so he went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that his bags never showed up. She smiled and told him not to worry because she was a trained professional and that he was in good hands. He swears she then said, "Now, has your plane arrived yet?"

But I honestly think my favorites are the headlines in newspapers and the unbelievable quotes that are oftentimes on church signs. Sometimes I don't know whether to laugh or cry when I read them, but they can certainly be amusing. I love the church sign that said "Where is God? We'll show you or pay you \$10." I may be the only one that thinks that is funny, but I do.

Mind if I share a few of my favorite headlines that, in my humble opinion, may have needed to be re-thought before publication? For instance, "Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop; Find Weapons," "Iraqi Head Seeks Arms," "Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant," "Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half", and "March Planned For Next August."

Then there's these astute observations; "Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25," "Homicide victims rarely talk to police," "Most earthquake damage caused by shaking" and "Caskets found as workers demolish mausoleum." The funniest thing about that last one is that one of the workers was interviewed and said, "We had no idea there were dead bodies in there."

And these go in the "You really think so?" file; "Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Reveals," "Heat Wave Linked to Temperatures," "Infertility Unlikely To Be Passed On," "Putting Mattress On Floor Prevents Fall From Bed" (AP), "Sadness Is No. 1 Reason Men And Women

Cry" and "Something Went Wrong in jet crash, expert says."

More? "Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge," "Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim," "Teacher Strikes Idle Kids," "Two Soviet Ships Collide, One Dies" and "Milk Drinkers are Turning to Powder."

But the humor isn't limited to the headlines. It occasionally finds its way to the advertising sections. Sometimes it's a matter of the wording being just slightly off. For instance, "Auto Repair Service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again," "Amana washer \$100. Owned by clean bachelor who seldom washed," "Dog for sale: eats anything and is fond of children," "Get rid of aunts. Zap does the job in 24 hours," "We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand," "We will oil your sewing machine and adjust tension in your home for \$1.00", and "Snow blower for sale ... only used on snowy days."

The list just wouldn't be complete if it didn't include a few more that made me smile. "For Sale: Braille dictionary. Must see to appreciate! Call Jerry," "The Macon County Humane Society offers a free spay/neutering to senior citizens if they adopt an animal out of the animal shelter," "Must Sell: 3 grave spaces in Laureland, very reasonable. Plus air conditioner," and "Part-time help wanted. Must have creative skills, drivers license and car with outgoing personality".

Now, just for the record I'm not picking on newspapers, (especially my beloved Herald), teachers, or anyone else in particular. Through the years I have just simply found the human race to be the best entertainment on the planet and I love to laugh at our behavior and our humanity. Believe me, some of the funniest mistakes and silliest things have been said and done in church by us preachers, and I may just get around to that topic someday.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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Judges need mechanism for mercy

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., believes that Congress is "about 10 years behind the public." So Paul said on "Fox News Sunday" as he argued against incarcerating marijuana users. Paul sagely suggested the Republican Party should employ such thinking to "appeal across the left-right paradigm."

Paul has put his money where his mouth is. Last week, Paul co-sponsored legislation with Sen. Pat Leahy, D-Vt. Their Justice Safety Valve Act of 2013 would grant judges greater flexibility in the federal mandatory minimum sentencing system.

"I think the American public would be shocked to find out that judges don't have the discretion," opined bill supporter Julie Stewart, president of Families Against Mandatory Minimums. Decades ago, in the name of going after drug kingpins, Congress passed laws with harsh sentencing guidelines that, if unintentionally, ended up condemning nonviolent offenders to obscenely long sentences.

Paul told Fox News' Chris Wallace that it is "a mistake to put people in jail for marijuana use and throw away the key" — which actually doesn't happen in the federal system. To get a sentence of 10 years or longer,

you have to possess 1,000 marijuana plants, not a joint. Nonetheless, that is a long time for a first-time offense, especially if it's thrown at people who run state-sanctioned medical marijuana dispensaries.

On the other hand, the federal system does not simply go after drug kingpins. The old laws perverted the justice system so that career criminals who inform on others win reduced sentences — sometimes sentences shorter than those applied to their underlings — while the underlings serve overly harsh time.

"What passes for a drug kingpin in 99 percent of the cases is nothing more than a young man who can't even afford a lawyer when he's hauled into court," Patrick Murphy, U.S. district judge for the Southern District of Illinois, told "60 Minutes" in 2004.

As Leahy wrote in a press release, inflexible "mandatory minimum penalties can lead to terribly unjust results in individual cases."

Clarence Aaron was no kingpin, yet he is serving a life-without-parole sentence for a nonviolent first-time drug conviction in 1993. The kingpin for Aaron's two large cocaine deals got out of prison in 2000. Another dealer is due for release next year. Yet unless he wins a presidential commutation, Aaron alone will die an old man in prison for a crime he committed as a young man. Sadly, President Barack Obama has used his commutation power only once — and not for Aaron.

In 1994, Congress passed "safety valve" legislation to prevent such excess sentences for low-level drug offenses. The Leahy-Paul bill would expand the 1994 law.

As Washington postures to pass anti-gun legislation, voters might consider how mandatory minimum sentences for ostensible gun crimes have led to other abuses. In 2004, in Salt Lake City, U.S. District Judge Paul Cassell proclaimed that he saw no "rational basis" for the law to require him to sentence a 25-year-old first-time drug offender to 55 years in prison on the same day he meted out a 22-year term to a man who had clubbed an elderly woman to death.

Granted, drug dealer Weldon Angelos owned guns and carried a concealed weapon during a marijuana deal, but he never brandished a gun; he didn't shoot anyone. Still, Cassell was forced to put Angelos away for twice the sentence given to a hands-on killer.

A free country doesn't imprison nonviolent low-level offenders for decades. There has to be a mechanism for mercy.

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Neighborhoods, towns and cities were replaced by dense primeval jungles and modern humanity suddenly found itself sharing the world with fierce dinosaurs. In the end, desperate measures were taken to halt the disruptions and the crisis appeared to be over. Until now. New dinosaurs begin to appear, rampaging through cities. A secret mission to the Moon discovers a living Tyrannosaurus Rex trapped in an alternate timeline. As time begins to unravel once more, Nick Paulson, director of the Office of Security Science, finds a time passage to the Cretaceous period where humans, ripped from the comforts of the 21st century, are barely surviving in the past.

Led by a cult-like religious leader, these survivors are at war with another sentient species descended from dinosaurs. As the asteroid that ends the reign of dinosaurs rushes toward Earth, Nick and his allies must survive a war between species and save the future as we know it. Read this the final volume in James F. David's thrilling trilogy, "Dinosaur

Thunder" (SF DAV J). From New York Times bestselling author Tatjana Soli comes a breathtaking novel of a California ranching family, its complicated matriarch and the enigmatic caretaker who may destroy them. When Claire Nagy marries Forster Baumsarg, the only son of prominent California citrus ranchers, she knows she's consenting to a life of hard work, long days and worry-fraught nights. But her love for Forster is so strong, she turns away from her literary education and embraces the life of the ranch, succumbing to its intoxicating rhythms and bounty until her love of the land becomes a part of her.

Not even the tragic, senseless death of her son Joshua at kidnapers' hands, her alienation from her two daughters or the dissolution of her once-devoted marriage can pull her from the ranch she's devoted her life to preserving. Haunting, tough, triumphant and profound, "The Forgetting Tree" (F SOL T) explores the intimate ties we have to one another, the deepest fears we keep to ourselves and the calling of the land that ties every one of us together.

More new fiction to explore: From the grandson of J.R.R. Tolkien, comes a thriller — "Orders From Berlin" (F TOL S) by Simon Tolkien; remembrances of a father by his son: "Big Ray" (F KIM M) by Michael Kimball; a psychological suspense novel by Ruth Rendell (writing as Barbara Vine) is "The Child's Child" (F REN R); and for a very strange book: it is about a SEAL team combined with supernatural beings. Written by Weston Ochse, the title is "SEAL Team

666" (F OCH W). I guess the symbolism of the 666 should warn you that "devilish" creatures will await your reading pleasure. I remember hearing a news story on this, or it could have been a Dateline episode. "Kids for Cash: Two Judges, Thousands of Children and a \$2.8 Million Kickback Scheme" (365.420 ECE W) by Williams Ecenbarger, is a shocking story of greed and corruption.

When 13-year-old Matthew appeared in front of Judge Mark Ciavarella for throwing a piece of steak at his mother's boyfriend, he was sentenced to seven weeks at PA Child Care, a private, for-profit juvenile detention center in northeastern Pennsylvania. Angelia was 14 when she and a friend scrawled "Vote for Michael Jackson" on five stop signs. Charged with vandalism and defacing public property, Angelia was sent by Ciavarella to PA Child Care without her epilepsy medication and suffered a grand mal seizure her second night. Fifteen-year-old Charlie, arrested for unknowingly purchasing a stolen motorbike, was convicted of a felony and sent to PA Child Care for six weeks.

They are just three children among the thousands who appeared in Ciavarella's

courtroom between 2003 and 2008 and were sent away — often with no attorney present and after only cursory hearings — to a detention facility in which, it later came to light, Ciavarella had a personal financial stake.

Ecenbarger's book revealed a multitude of problems within our juvenile justice system, which too often criminalizes standard adolescent behavior, treats adolescents more harshly than if they were adults and denies them their fundamental constitutional rights. Ecenbarger exposed a deeply

corrupt and broken system that ruined the lives of many children and led to the judge's conviction on charges of racketeering, fraud, tax violations, money laundering, extortion and bribery.

More biographies for you: "Napoleon: Life, Legacy, and Image" (B BON N) by Alan Forrest; "The Good Pope: John XXIII & Vatican II" (B JOH P) by Greg Tobin; a bio of Boom Boom Mancini — "The Good Son: The Life of Ray 'Boom Boom' Mancini" (MAN R) by Mark Kriegel; "My Mother was Nuts: A

Memoir" (B MAR P) by Penny Marshall; and from Jan Reid, "Let the People In: The Life and Times of Ann Richards" (B RIC A).

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High court hears case on federal benefits for gays

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the second of back-to-back gay marriage cases, the Supreme Court is turning to a constitutional challenge to the law that prevents legally married gay Americans from collecting federal benefits generally available to straight married couples.

A section of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act says marriage may only be a relationship between a man and a woman for purposes of federal law, regardless of state laws that allow same-sex marriage.

Lower federal courts have struck down the measure, and now the justices, in nearly two hours of scheduled argument Wednesday, will consider whether to follow suit.

The DOMA argument follows Tuesday's case over California's ban on same-sex marriage, a case in which the justices indicated they might avoid a major national ruling on whether America's gays and lesbians have a right to marry. Even without a sig-

nificant ruling, the court appeared headed for a resolution that would mean the resumption of gay and lesbian weddings in California.

Marital status is relevant in more than 1,100 federal laws that include estate taxes, Social Security survivor benefits and health benefits for federal employees. Lawsuits around the country have led four federal district courts and two appeals courts to strike down the law's Section 3, which defines marriage. In 2011, the Obama administration abandoned its defense of the law but continues to enforce it. House Republicans are now defending DOMA in the courts.

Same-sex marriage is legal in nine states and the District of Columbia. The states are Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and Washington. It also was legal in California for less than five months in 2008.

The justices chose for their

review the case of Edith Windsor, 83, of New York, who sued to challenge a \$363,000 federal estate tax bill after her partner of 44 years died in 2009.

Windsor, who goes by Edie, married Thea Spyer in 2007 in Canada after doctors told them that Spyer would not live much longer. She suffered from multiple sclerosis for many years. Spyer left everything she had to Windsor.

There is no dispute that if Windsor had been married to a man, her estate tax bill would have been zero.

The U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in New York agreed with a district judge that the provision of DOMA deprived Windsor equal protection of the law.

Like the Proposition 8 case from California, Windsor's lawsuit could falter on a legal technicality.

The House Republicans, the Obama administration and a lawyer appointed by the court especially to argue the issue were to spend the first 50 minutes Wednesday discussing

whether the House Republican leadership can defend the law in court because the administration decided not to, and whether the administration forfeited its right to participate in the case because it changed its position and now argues that the provision is unconstitutional.

If the Supreme Court finds that it does not have the authority to hear the case, Windsor probably would still get her refund because she won in the lower courts.

But there would be no definitive decision about the law from the nation's highest court, and it would remain on the books.

On Tuesday, the justices weighed a fundamental issue: Does the Constitution require that people be allowed to marry whom they choose, regardless of either partner's gender? The fact that the question was in front of the Supreme Court at all was startling, given that no state recognized same-sex unions before 2003 and 40 states still

don't allow them.

But it was clear from the start of the 80-minute argument in a packed courtroom that the justices, including some liberals who seemed open to gay marriage, had doubts about whether they should even be hearing the challenge to California's Proposition 8, the state's voter-approved gay marriage ban.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, the potentially decisive vote on a closely divided court, suggested the justices could dismiss the case with no ruling at all.

Such an outcome would almost certainly allow gay marriages to resume in California but would have no impact elsewhere.

There was no majority apparent for any particular outcome, and many doubts were expressed by justices about the arguments advanced by lawyers for the opponents of gay marriage in California, by the supporters and by the Obama administration,

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lovers' Full Moon

Libra is the sign of partnerships of all kinds, and especially lovers. The full reflection of the Aries sun in this Libra moon will be mirrored in the way we reflect the inner light of those close to us. To be seen — really seen — is a gift that can be counted among life's great treasures. Much will be revealed as partners face each other and communicate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ask for help today whether or not you think you need it. You can avoid stress down the line by setting yourself on an easier path. Those most likely to say yes: Taurus and Virgo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Would you rather have bagfuls of trinkets and heaps of treats, or one big, impor-

tant trophy? How you spend your day today will answer that question truthfully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The full moon in your fellow air sign brings a swirl of social activity. You're outgoing in most situations, though today's fresh set of circumstances could have you momentarily stunned tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your giving, expressive and responsible mood could inspire you to go a bit overboard. Avoid apologizing for something that is really not your fault or assuming ownership of another person's problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As you take in a mighty swirl of full moon energy, you'll be reminded of what people see in you. The knowledge will be reassuring, humbling, gratifying and interesting all at once.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Once you surrender to the chaos of your social scene, you'll rather enjoy being in the presence of uncontrollable people. And you can always leave if things get too crazy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). How could you better work with the people who love you? How could you better love the people who work with you? These questions and more will be answered today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). "Follow your heart" seems like good advice, but it only works if you know what the voice of your heart really sounds like. It's easily confused with the voice of ego.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This is not a good time to launch anything. Rather, it's a good time to stand back and see what has launched itself into your world. The landings might be a bit messy, but they will be equally interesting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is no such thing as lending today, so you'd be wise to give only that which you don't expect to be returned. Karma doesn't like old-school accounting. It always comes back around using a new-school algorithm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Are people who they say they are? That's just one of the questions you'll be answering amid the strange social twists and turns of the day. It wouldn't hurt to do some fact checking.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Congratulations! Your weirdness is perfectly in line with the weirdness of others. You'll all celebrate that under the full moon, and in a strange twist of events, "weird" will turn into "normal."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 27). You may have been "hot and cold" in regards to your work last year, but a new sense of constancy and purpose takes hold, and work will have the feeling of an epic quest. You'll love the people you meet next month, and one takes a special position in your life. Prizes are won in May and July. June brings access to a club. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 11, 13 and 5.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A 5,150-Point Decision

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9
♥ K J 3
♦ A K J 9 6 3 2
♣ 9 8

WEST
♠ A J 8 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ 8 5
♣ Q 6 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 7 4 3
♥ 10 7 6
♦ —
♣ A K J 10 3

SOUTH
♠ K 6 5
♥ A 8 2
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ 7 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 3♦ Dblc
3 NT Dble Redble

Opening lead — two of spades.

Consider this deal played in a national championship some years ago. The identity of the East-West pair has been omitted, as they probably would not relish the publicity.

North opened the bidding third-hand with three diamonds, and East doubled for takeout. South decided to muddy the waters by bidding three notrump, which West doubled to indicate his scattered values. North redoubled to show that his preemptive three-diamond bid was exceptionally strong, and, surpris-

ingly, everyone passed.

West had no clear-cut opening lead. He was in the unfortunate position where any lead he made — whether a spade, a heart or a club — might easily turn out to be very right or very wrong. After great thought, West elected to lead a spade, and this proved to be disastrous.

Declarer took the spade with the king, cashed seven diamond tricks, led a heart to the ace and then — with nine tricks already in the till — led another heart and finessed the jack. As a result, he made three notrump redoubled with two overtricks for a score of 1,750 points!

If West, by chance, had happened to select a club as his opening lead, the outcome would have been altogether different. Assuming best defense thereafter, East-West could have collected five spade tricks and five club tricks, and declarer would have finished with only three tricks instead of 11!

Pointwise, East-West would have been plus 3,400 instead of minus 1,750, or 5,150 points better off — all as the result of one play! It's certainly not often that one play costs a side that many points. Perhaps the lone saving grace is that East-West were playing only for glory and master points, and not for dollars and cents.

Tomorrow: A guide to good bidding.
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Sudoku Answers on Page 3

sudoku

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

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Steers send Greenwood home early with 10-0 win



By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

After Friday's 12-0 loss to Sweetwater, Big Spring Head Baseball Coach Bert Otto said he hoped his team could put the bad outing behind them and get a win over visiting Greenwood on Tuesday.

The Steers did just that with a 10-0 rout of the Rangers to end the game via run rule in the bottom of the fifth at Steer Park.

"You got to have a short memory," Otto said. "What happened against Sweetwater was unfortunate for us, but you just move on. We got some good at-bats and kept pressure on them. (Franco) pitched well for us and got another shutout."

Junior hurler Adam Franco struck out six in his second shutout victory since district play began. Franco blanked Snyder 2-0 in a complete game in the 4-3A opener.

The offense was effective as well. After Franco retired the first three-of-four Greenwood batters by strikeout in the top half of the first, Karsten Knudson singled in the first Steer at-bat. A trio of blunders by the Rangers — two throwing errors and a passed ball — allowed Knudson and Haegan Rodriguez to cross home plate, giving the Steers a 2-0 lead.

Gunnar Kennedy flew out, but cleanup hitter Max Pappajohn belted a solo home run — his first dinger against a district opponent and seventh on the season — to extend the lead to three. Joseph

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Big Spring's Gunnar Kennedy hits a walk-off single to cap the game for the Steers as they defeated Greenwood 10-0 Tuesday. The Steers are 2-1 in District 4-3A action and will travel to Monahans on Friday.

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Dimidjian's clutch hit powers BSHS past Greenwood

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

Taking another step toward earning a softball playoff spot, Big Spring notched a 3-1 win over Greenwood on Tuesday at Lady Steer Field after Haley Dimidjian broke the game open after it had been knotted up at 1-1.

Logan Yarbar — who had another strong defensive showing from mound — scored the first run of the game when she was driven home after a single by Angelina Castillo.

The Lady Steers only recorded four hits, but that was enough to put the Rangerettes away.

Dimidjian's clutch at-bat in



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Big Spring's Valerie Goodblanket tags a runner out at third base during Tuesday's 3-1 win over Greenwood at Lady Steer Field. BSHS is now 2-2 in district play.

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Sports Calendar

THURSDAY

Softball

- Howard College at Western Texas College, Snyder, doubleheader, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- Hermleigh at Forsan, 5 p.m.

Golf

- Big Spring (boys) at Snyder, district opener (through Friday).

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Pony League sign-ups will be held April 6

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Bufs roughed-up by Blizzards, Bulldogs bounced by Mustangs

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Forsan

FORSAN — More focus at the plate. That's what Forsan's Head Baseball Coach Jason Phillips says his team needs to zero in on if they are going to make a postseason appearance.

"We're just not hitting the ball well right now," Phillips said after a 7-4 loss to district foe Winters on Tuesday. "They are a pretty good team, but we aren't doing a good job of putting the ball in play. We need to improve our hitting, especially on off-speed pitches. We have to be able to adjust better."

Trevor Burchett pitched six innings for the Bufs and Clayton Galloway took the mound for the final inning.

"We pitched well and played good defense," Phillips added. "We just need better at-bats."

The loss drops Forsan to 1-2 in district play.

The Buffaloes will return to action Friday in San Angelo against Texas Leadership Charter Academy — which Forsan defeated 12-2 in their first meeting of the season.

Game time is slated for 7 p.m.

Coahoma

DENVER CITY — Take away the bottom of the

fourth inning and Coahoma would have handily defeated Denver City on Tuesday.

Kaleb McAdams recorded three RBI on three hits including a double, Tanner Ruiz crossed home plate three times and Ryan Reid smacked a solo home run, but a nine-run bombardment courtesy of the Mustangs in the bottom of the fourth proved to be insurmountable for the scrappy Bulldogs (8-10, 1-1), as they lost 12-7 in their second district outing.

"It was just one of those innings we couldn't seem to get out of," said CHS Head Baseball Coach Bryan Jacobs. "A couple of free bases with some hits and errors — it's not a good combination. But they did a good job of recovering from that nine-run inning. They could have hung their heads, but they battled back and had a couple good defensive innings and hit the ball."

Despite the loss, it's been a turnaround season for Coahoma, who went winless last year.

The Bulldogs will try for a win Friday in Brownfield. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

"They're young and fundamentally sound," Jacobs said of Brownfield. "If we take care of our business, I think we can compete with anybody in the district."

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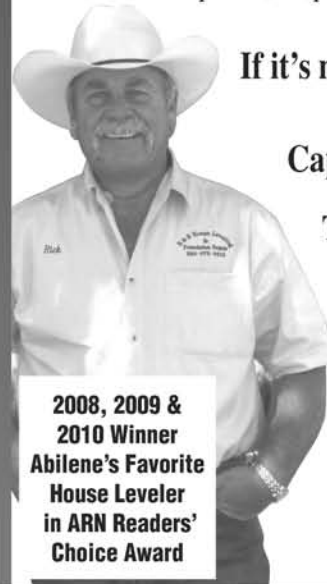
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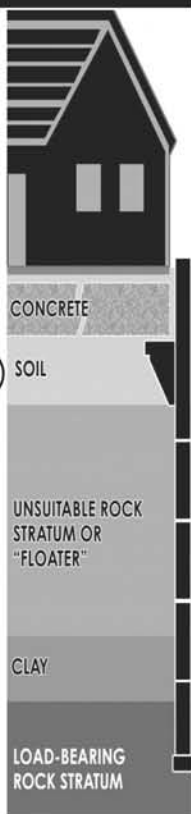
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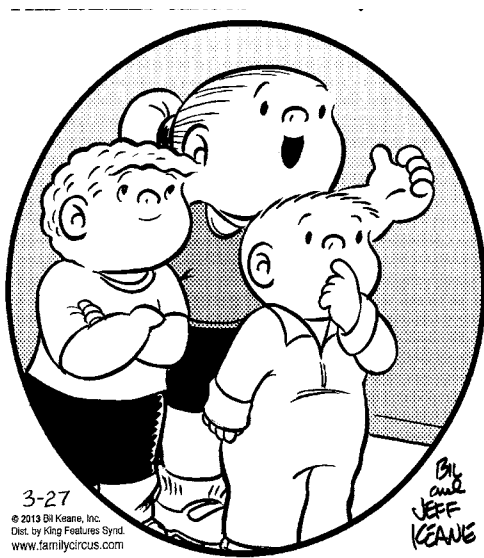
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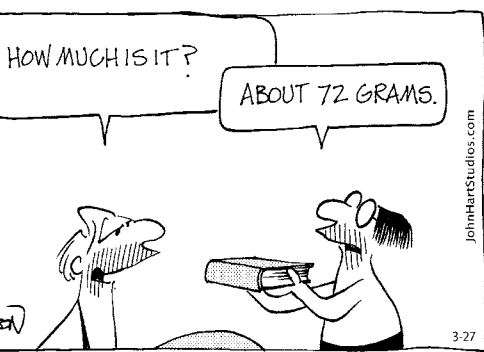
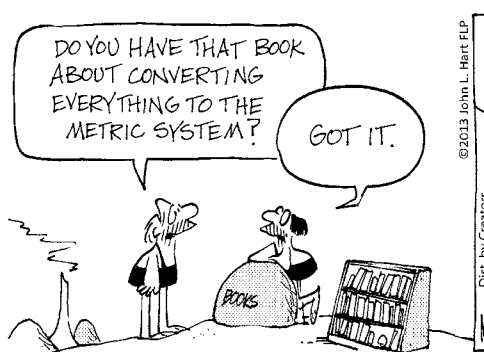
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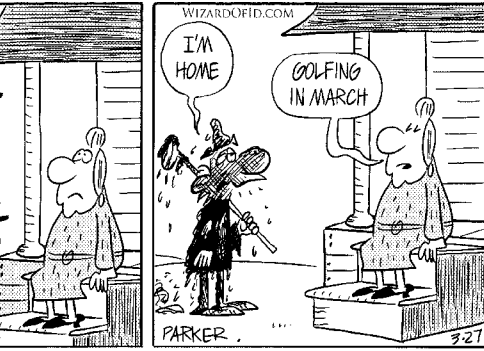
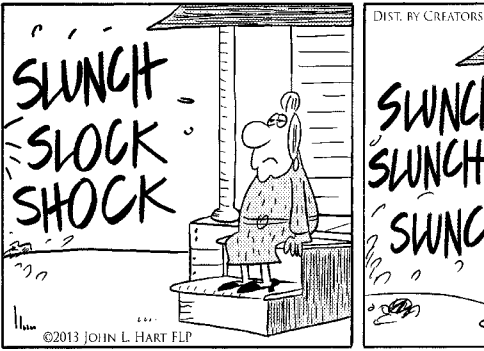
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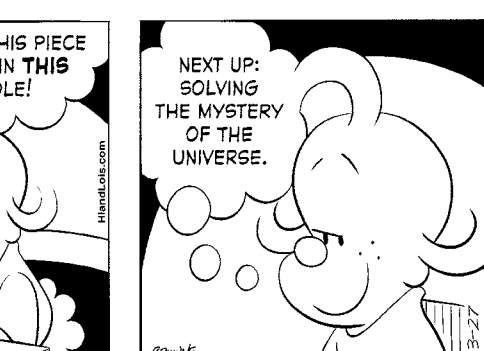
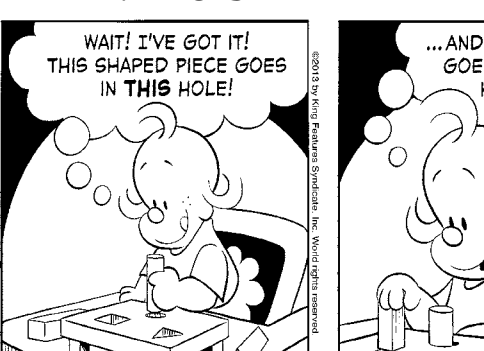
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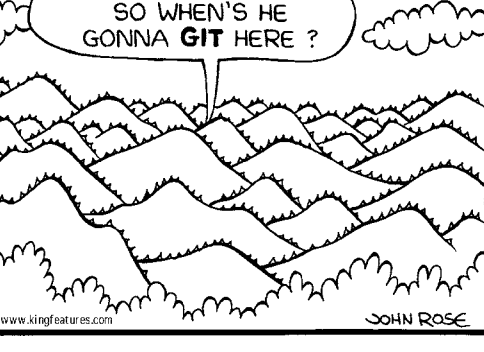
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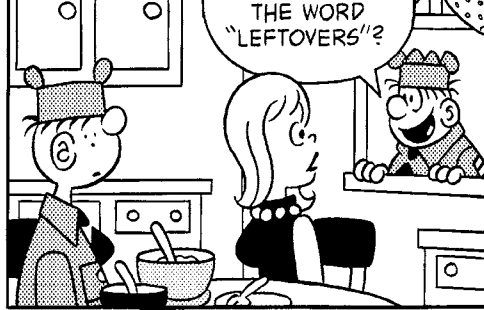
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 27, the 86th day of 2013. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon (hwahn pahns duh LEE'-ohn) sighted present-day Florida.

On this date:

In 1625, Charles I acceded to the English throne upon the death of James I.

In 1794, Congress approved "An Act to provide a Naval Armament" of six armed ships.

In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated in Kirtland, Ohio.

In 1912, first lady Helen Herron Taft and the wife of Japan's ambassador to the United States, Viscountess Chinda, planted the first two of 3,000 cherry trees given as a gift by the mayor of Tokyo.

In 1933, Japan officially withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1942, American servicemen were granted free mailing privileges.

In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1964, Alaska was hit by a powerful earthquake and tsunamis that killed about 130 people.

In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin (gah-GAH'-rihn), the first man to orbit the Earth, died in a plane crash.

In 1973, "The Godfather" won the Academy Award for best picture of 1972, but its star, Marlon Brando, refused to accept his Oscar for best actor.

Liza Minnelli won best actress for "Cabaret."

In 1977, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife (ten-uh-REEF').

In 1980, 123 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the Alexander Kielland, capsized during a storm.

Today's Birthdays: Former newspaper columnist Anthony Lewis is 86. Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 79.

Actor Julian Glover is 78. Actor Jerry Lacy is 77. Hall of Fame racer Cale Yarborough is 74. Actor-director Austin Pendleton is 73. Actor Michael York is 71. Rock musician Tony Banks (Genesis) is 63. Rock musician Andrew Farriss (INXS) is 54. Jazz musician Dave Koz (kahz) is 50. Movie director Quentin Tarantino is 50. Rock musician Derrick McKenzie (Jamiroquai) is 49. Rock musician Johnny April (Staind) is 48. Actress Talisa Soto is 46. Actress Pauley Perrette is 44. Singer Mariah Carey is 43. Rock musician Brendan Hill (Blues Traveler) is 43. Actress Elizabeth Mitchell is 43. Actor Nathan Fillion is 42. Hip-hop singer Fergie (Black Eyed Peas) is 38.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 After-school orgs.
 - 5 Alternatively
 - 9 Shoot the breeze
 - 13 Filled with frills
 - 14 Flash of light
 - 15 Went by car
 - 16 Beasts of burden
 - 17 Royal domain
 - 18 Mary Kay competitor
 - 19 Radio station staffer
 - 21 Goose egg
 - 22 Loopholes
 - 23 10th President
 - 24 Purchased
 - 28 Fit together
 - 30 Fiery crime
 - 31 Props up
 - 35 Rod's companion
 - 36 __ donna (diva)
 - 38 Gather, as crops
 - 39 French wine
 - 41 Japanese city
 - 42 Alleviate
 - 43 Brunch serving
 - 44 Spark source
 - 47 Central points
 - 49 Anatomical air bag
 - 50 Feature of most sitcoms
 - 56 Pac-12 sch.
 - 57 Sharp-eyed flier
 - 58 Spiny houseplant
 - 59 Lose sleep (over)
- DOWN**
- 1 Walk heavily
 - 2 Curbside hail
 - 3 Breezes through
 - 4 In __ (together)
 - 5 Vote in
 - 6 Premature disclosures
 - 7 Price reduction
 - 8 Tube trophy
 - 9 Custer opponent
 - 10 Humble abode
 - 11 Be wild about
 - 12 Baritone colleague
 - 14 Tile installer's mortar
 - 20 Gospel writer
 - 23 Recipe amt.
 - 24 Carping remark
 - 25 Sweet sandwich
 - 26 Tech-support caller
 - 27 Strait at San Francisco
 - 28 Saying nothing
 - 29 Clean Air Act enforcer
 - 31 Beer-pack complement
 - 32 Bona fide
 - 33 Capture
 - 34 Minor falling-out
 - 36 Faux __
 - 37 Regret
 - 40 Erode, with "away"
 - 41 Leave out
 - 43 Earthy tone
 - 44 Inconsequential stuff
 - 45 "Filthy" money
 - 46 Small bay
 - 47 Bach genre
 - 48 Made eyes at
 - 50 "Shall we?" response
 - 51 Seniors' grp.
 - 52 Impulsive colleague
 - 53 Baritone
 - 54 Dove sounds
 - 55 Retained

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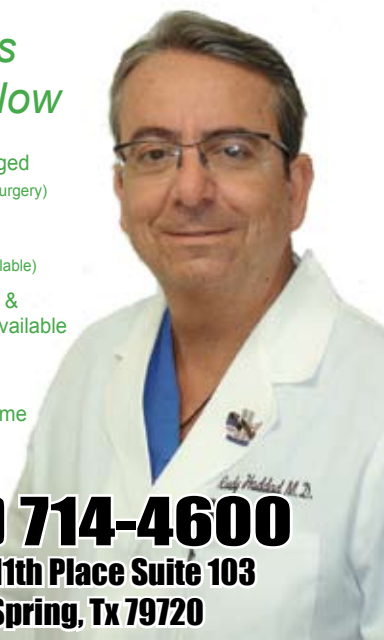
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Griner, Baylor bash Florida State

WACO, Texas (AP) — Brittney Griner certainly knows how to provide a farewell to remember — and an embrace Baylor coach Kim Mulkey will likely never forget.

There were three impressive dunks on a night Griner almost could have had more in her final home game.

"Tonight felt like senior night. Tonight was better," Griner said. "The three dunks. Just going out the way we did. Not everybody's lucky, and we were. We gave the crowd a good game."

Griner had 33 points and a career-high 22 rebounds, becoming the first woman to make three dunks in a game, as the defending national champion Lady Bears rolled past Florida State 85-47 Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

With former President George W. Bush part of the crowd packed into the Ferrell Center for the final home game of Griner's impressive career and four other seniors, the 6-foot-8 two-time All-American delivered in spectacular fashion — with one dunk before halftime and two more in a 79-second span in the closing half.

"It's always exciting to see when Brittney dunks," point guard Odyssey Sims said.

STEERS

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Morelion reached first on a passed ball and Jarred DoPorto got an infield single.

Hunter Hill then popped one up in shallow right field, but Greenwood couldn't

come up with it. Morelion and DoPorto both scored. Big Spring's No. 9 batter, Matthew Yanez, knocked down a double to drive Hill home to give the Steers a 6-0 nothing advantage before the inning came to a close.

A double play dashed Greenwood's chances of

SOFTBALL

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the bottom of the fifth sent Nadya Viasana and Valerie Goodblanket home, giving BSBS a 3-1 one advantage they were able to hold on to.

"They completed a game," BSBS Head Coach John Sparks said. "They stepped it up. I talked to them about believing in themselves and believing in each other and they do. And it's paying off."

The Lady Steers are in second place in district, but three teams — Sweetwater, Snyder and Greenwood — are tied for first.

Big Spring will face Monahans on Thursday.

"They have been hanging in there with everyone, but end up on the

short end of things," Sparks said of the Lady Lobos. "It's not going to be a cake walk. It's anybody's district."

DENVER CITY — The Bulldogettes administered a shellacking Tuesday, routing Denver City 19-1 and improving to 3-1 in district play.

Coley Rinard, Savannah Neff, Emilea Brumley, Tobi Robinson, Kyla Clanton, Ashlii Beserra and Brittne Cortez all recorded multiple RBIs for Coahoma in the rout.

CHS will face Brownfield on the road Friday.

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base hit then stole second, got to third on the fourth Greenwood error in two innings and plated a run when Max Pappajohn hit a grounder — and recorded his second RBI — before being thrown out at first.

The Rangers went three up, three down in the top of the third and made a pitching change before the Steers' next at-bat.

Big Spring couldn't manufacture any runs in its half of the third, but tacked on another in the bottom of the fourth thanks to some errant pitching.

Kennedy, Pappajohn and Morelion each drew a walk to load the bases. DoPorto struck out, but Brett Brorman also walked, scoring Kennedy before an infield fly and a pop out to second base ended the inning with the Steers up 9-0.

Knudson was hit by a pitch to kick off the bottom of the fifth. Rodriguez was also beamed. With runners on the corners, Kennedy hit a walk-off single to end the game.

Big Spring is 2-1 in district and tied for second place with Snyder and Wylie. Sweetwater is in first place.

"I feel pretty good," Otto added. "I think we can compete for a playoff spot or a district championship. I'm proud of all the guys."

Next up for the Steers (2-1), will be a trek to Monahans on Friday. Game time is at 7 p.m.

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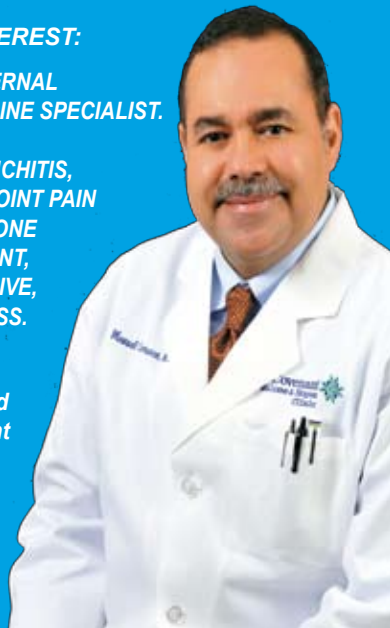
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