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AARP tax aid volunteer Roger Ridgeway helps Eugene Porras with his taxes Monday morning. Despite a dramatic drop in temperature from Sunday to Monday, tax aid volunteers still had a considerable turnout at the Senior Citizen's Center. The next session will be held Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the senior center which will be closed Monday, Feb. 17 for President's Day.

County to eye private road work

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

At first glance, it seems almost counter-intuitive — who wants more work?
 Howard County Commissioners indicated Monday they are open to the idea of placing more roads under their maintenance umbrella, but there's several steps that have to be taken before that becomes reality.
 County Judge Mark Barr said he and commissioners have been approached recently by residents hoping the county would take over maintenance responsibility for privately owned roads in Sand Springs and south of Big Spring.



Barr said officials are amenable to the idea, but several steps have to be taken first.

"We're at a point where we have to get input from our citizens about this, so we need to have a public hearing about it," Barr said.

"Then, the property owners in those areas have to sign an easement agreement," he added. "Right now, those are private roads and the county can't do anything on them."

Also Monday, commissioners agreed to a solution to the county's communications tower problem.

Late last year, an ice storm felled the county's tower south of Big Spring. Since then, officials have employed a patchwork system of communication relays, but a more permanent solution presented itself Monday.

Barr said another tower, located near the site of the one that toppled last year, will be leased by the other county agencies for \$3,000 a year.

The tower will handle communications for the county volunteer fire department, sheriff's office and road and bridge department.

Conservatives look to push agenda

By **KEN THOMAS**
 and **PHILIP ELLIOTT**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Conservatives teeming with anti-Washington frustration are talking about driving the Republicans' policy agenda and ousting GOP leaders who don't hew to their ideology.

At meetings in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol on Monday,

two of Washington's most aggressive political organizations outlined conservative agendas that, from health care to federal budgets, run counter to a strategy preferred by Republican congressional leaders. Tea party-styled leaders vowed to prevail over moderates in the party and longtime politicians.

"Americans are frustrated because their priorities are

not the priorities of Washington," said Sen. Ted Cruz, a Republican freshman from Texas and a tea party leader, said at Heritage Action for America, a Washington organization that agitated for last year's government shutdown. "This cuts across party lines."

That churning resentment

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Members of the Rhapsody — consisting of Big Spring High School choir students — pose before heading to Midland Friday night to sing with rock legend Foreigner. The students won a area contest to perform on stage with the group. Choir members also came back with 41 Division I solos Saturday after competing in UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest held in San Angelo.

BSHS choir wraps up memorable weekend

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Call it the end of one exceptional weekend for Big Spring High School choir students.

Please excuse them if they are a little weary this week after their Friday night limo ride to Midland before performing on stage in front of thousands with a famous rock band, then heading to south

the next morning to San Angelo for competition.

It's tough to be a rock star even if it's for one night only.

Thirty-six BSHS choir students made the cut for state competition Saturday at University Interscholastic League Solo and Ensemble contests. During the competition, 41 BSHS students earned a Division I rating, capping

an exciting two days for choir director Anna Gann and her students.

"Friday Rhapsody choir got to have an experience of a lifetime — thanks again to the public," said Gann, who brought 25 students by limo to Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center Friday night to appear on stage with Foreigner. The choir earned the op-

portunity to appear with the classic rock band after winning a contest against three other area school choirs. The announcement that the local choir won brought a week of coverage by various media outlets

"We did almost 20 media interviews in the course of

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Obituaries

Meriam F. Sulatan



Meriam F. Sulatan, 80, of Big Spring, Texas, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2014 at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2014 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 4319 Parkway, Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014 at the funeral home.

Meriam was born Nov. 18, 1933 in Laguna, Philippines and married Oseas Sulatan on May 10, 1960. They moved to Big Spring in 1978 when she began working as an RN for the VA Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, Oseas Sulatan of Big Spring; one son, Ronel Sulatan and wife, Shirlene of Big Spring; two daughters, April Levens and husband, Eddie of Big Spring and Mimi Parks of San Antonio, Texas; three brothers, Moises Barberan and wife, Aida and Fred Barberan and wife, Rose all of the Philippines, and Rizal Barberan and wife, Fe of Germany; two sisters, Rebecca Yap and husband, Carlo and Eunice Pardon and husband, Dave all of the Philippines; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fernando and Isabel (Flores) Barberan; and one sister, Elsie Guadiz.

Memorials are suggested to the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Big Spring, 4319 Parkway, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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

Rena 'Bo' McCoy

Rena "Bo" McCoy, 76, of Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, in Brownfield, Texas. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel, with the Rev. Holston Banks officiating.

She was born in Mt. Pleasant, Texas to Corine and Paul Thomas on Oct. 5, 1937. She was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She worked in food service for more than 20 years for the Big Spring Independent School District at Marcy and for a short time at Goliad. She also worked a period of time for the Dallas Independent School District.

She is survived by two sisters, Bertie Hawkins and husband, Freddie, of Big Spring and Shirley Age-mon of Fort Worth; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Corine Thomas; grandparents, Andrew and Millie Thomas; one daughter, Gelinda Valentine; one brother, Paul Lee Thomas Jr. and three sisters, Jurline "Thomas" Lawson, Hurline Bodgane and Pauline Chapman.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Melba L. Soles

Melba L. Soles, 92, of Hot Springs, Ark., formally of Big Spring, Texas, passed away in Hot Springs on Friday, Feb. 7, 2014. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. James Wright, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Ack-erly, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born Melba Bridwell in Coleman, Texas, in 1921. She lived in Big Spring for more than 50 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Soles was very active in the Big Spring's social and business

community from 1945 until recently.

She is survived by her children, Sharon and Scott Carr, Col (R) Larry and Dr. Sharon Growney-Seals, Danny and Rachael Soles, and Charlotte Crooks; grandchildren, Chele and Scott Poole, Catie Seals, John Bridwell and Erin Seals, Sarah and Shawn Redford, Cody and Maggie Poole, Brandi Stephens, Christie and Louis Walz, Hayley and Riley Redford and Pandora Poole.

Mrs. Soles was preceded in death by two husbands, Bill Seals and D. H. Soles, both of Big Spring; and one grandson, Michael Stephens.

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

Paid Obituary

Frank Jara

Frank Jara, Jr., 80, of Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, at his residence. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



He was born Dec. 23, 1933 in Big Spring and was a lifelong resident. He worked for Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home for many years and for Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home for a number of years. He also worked for Wes-T-Go for a period of time. He enjoyed playing golf and shuffle board.

Survivors include one daughter, Ana Marie Jara Villanueva and husband, Ruben of Dallas; one son, Alberto Jara and wife, Dana of Beaumont; eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Estella Jara of Big Spring and Lenor Reyes of Dallas; two brothers, Manuel Jara of Midland and Fred Jara of Houston.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Jara Sr. and Eugenia Jara; two brothers, Severo Jara and Pablo Jara; and one sister, Jesusita Torres.

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

Healthy Woman Coordinators Amanda Duforat at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will host its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the Howard College Student Union Building cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 apiece and can be purchased at the door or from any club member. For more information, call 432-270-2218.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "The winds of change are blowing. Whether you are a Native American or are interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary Big Spring Powwow, please accept our invitation to attend a meeting," Bodin said. For more information, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 2/12	Thu 2/13	Fri 2/14	Sat 2/15	Sun 2/16
42/26 Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. High 42F.	58/34 Abundant sunshine. High in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	73/45 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	72/44 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	81/46 A few clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 6:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 6:30 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 6:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 6:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 6:32 PM

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Police/Sheriff

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

• JAMES MICHAEL INGRAM, 18, of 1106 W. 3rd St. 3, was arrested on a warrant for terrorist threat, place person in fear.

• APRIL DAWN WILLIAMS, 25, of 1304 Lamar Avenue, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• TERYN ANTHONY GONZALEZ, 28, of 712 Colgate Avenue, was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana, equal to or less than two ounces in a drug free zone.

• MANUEL HERNANDEZ, 21, of 1704 North Oklahoma, Odessa, Texas, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 300 block of Owens.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was report in the 100 S. Main St. and in the 900 block of East 4th St.

• THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg St. and in the 1900 block of North Highway 87.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Wood St.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

• TERYN ANTHONY GONZALEZ, 28, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant of motion to revoke probation, possession of marijuana, less than or equal to two ounces.

• MANUEL HERNANDEZ, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

• JAMES MICHAEL INGRAM, 58, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for terroristic threat.

• APRIL DAWN WILLIAMS, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.

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• A certified food handler course will be offered at Dora Roberts Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Cost is \$200 per person. For more information, call 264-2303.

• Healthy Woman is "Celebrating 5 Flamboyant Years" on Feb. 27. The anniversary event will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center. A free Health Expo will take place from 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. and the dinner and speaker will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for the dinner go on sale Feb. 3. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact

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News in brief

Plea deal dropped for Texan in death of husband

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A judge has revoked a North Texas woman's plea deal over the 2011 shooting death of her husband after she later claimed to be innocent.

Judge Scott Wisch of Fort Worth on Monday rejected the agreement for Michele Williams of Keller and ordered a trial. He also recused himself and dismissed her lawyers, at their request.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports Williams testified Monday that she's not guilty, plus maintained her innocence during a jailhouse interview. Williams was being held without bond Tuesday on murder and evidence tampering charges.

She faced up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty last October to deadly conduct and tampering with evidence in the death of Gregory Williams. Investigators say the wife blamed an intruder, but later said her husband committed suicide.

Some Texas highways icy, travel challenging

DALLAS (AP) — Some schools in Texas have delayed opening amid wintry conditions that slowed travel and left an emergency responder dead.

Officials say 40-year-old Dallas firefighter William Scott Tanksley died Monday night after falling from an icy highway overpass while responding to a traffic accident.

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport reported about 150 departing flights canceled Monday.

The University of Texas at Austin and Texas State University in San Marcos pushed back the start of classes until 10 a.m. CST.

Dallas-based electric utility Oncor reported about 900 outages in North Texas, mainly near Watauga.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather advisory for parts of North and West Texas until 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Dallas firefighter dies in fall from icy overpass

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas firefighter has died af-

ter falling from an icy highway overpass as crews responded to numerous accidents reported across the region, officials said early Tuesday.

Firefighters were responding to a major accident along Highway Spur 408 on Monday night when firefighter William Scott Tanksley fell from the bridge onto the road below, Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans said. Fellow firefighters rushed to help, but Tanksley was pronounced dead at Methodist Central Hospital, Evans said.

The accident occurred on an overpass above Interstate 20 in southwest Dallas as light snow, fog and freezing rain were reported across the region.

Evans said it was too early in the investigation to know whether Tanksley slipped or if a subsequent crash caused him to fall.

"That road out there was horrible," Evans told The Dallas Morning News. "There were so many accidents on that bridge you didn't know if that was what they were responding to or if there were other accidents that occurred since then."

The 40-year-old Tanksley was a 14-year veteran of the department and leaves behind a wife and three children between the ages of 4 and 12, Evans said. In an email, Evans said "hearts are heavy throughout the department."

2 Texas brothers convicted of weapons smuggling

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — Two brothers from South Texas have been convicted in a weapons smuggling ring involving more than 15,000 rounds of ammo and assault rifle magazines.

Federal prosecutors in Del Rio say 23-year-old Jesus Cardenas and 34-year-old Luis Cardenas remain in custody pending sentencing this summer.

A jury in Del Rio convicted the New Braunfels siblings on two counts of smuggling ammunition meant for Mexico. Jurors also convicted Jesus Cardenas of two counts of smuggling ammo and magazines.

Federal agents in December 2011 seized part of the ammunition along with 23 assault rifles within yards of the Rio Grande outside Del Rio. More ammo and magazines were confiscated in early

2012.

The brothers, who were convicted Friday night, face prison terms of up to 10 years and maximum \$250,000 fines.

2 accused in weekend slaying of Houston girl, 15

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police have found evidence of occult activity as two teens face capital murder charges in the weekend slaying of a 15-year-old girl.

Harris County jail records show 17-year-old Jose E. Reyes was being held without bond Tuesday. Online jail records do not list an attorney for Reyes, who was booked Monday.

Houston police say a 16-year-old boy was arrested Monday and remains in custody facing a capital murder count in juvenile court.

The body was discovered early Saturday in an unoccupied apartment when another resident noticed the door to the vacant unit was open. Investigators say the partly clothed girl suffered head trauma and allegedly was sexually assaulted.

A police statement says evidence indicating occult activity was found in the apartment and on the girl's body. Details weren't released.

Report: More Texas high schoolers passing AP exams

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The number of Texas high school graduates passing advanced placement exams has improved to just below the national average.

Some 18.5 percent of the class of 2013 earned a 3 or above, considered passing, on at least one AP exam.

A report released Tuesday by The College Board, which administers AP tests, shows that's 19th best nationwide. The national average is 20.1 percent.

In all, 35.9 percent of high school graduates took an AP exam — up from 34.4 percent the previous year and above 2013's national average of 33.2 percent.

About half of all Texas AP exam-takers were from low-income families.

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one week," Gann said. "Now I know how coaches feel. The whirlwind has been amazing and the students had the complete rock star treatment. Thank you

again everyone especially teachers at the high school that helped, Coach John Wright, Mrs. Tabatha Wright, Mrs. Judy Ayer and Mr. Ritchey for all of your support."

Even with a fun-filled Friday night, students were up early again to make the 87-mile drive

to attend the UIL competition held at Angelo State University.

Individual students who earned a Division I rating are: Ryan Armstrong, Jackie Castillo, Megan Graves, Cory Hilario, David Juarez, Samantha Madry, Michael Mathews, Rikki Salgado, Toby Shubert,

Dakota Jones, Brycen Kiker, Sarah Marshall, Diamonique Mayes, Cassidy Redlin, Des'Ree Richter and Aron Rios.

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Melba Soles, 92, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Anita Bustamante, 72, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rena McCoy, 76, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Deborah Evans, 63, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dolly Shober, 74, died Sunday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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could be a boon for conservative candidates, especially those looking to take on incumbent lawmakers from their own party.

At the same time, conservatives said the party needs to present policy proposals that can help form an alternative to President Barack Obama's second term and win over voters. Panels at a day-long summit at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank linked to Heritage Action, focused on alternatives to Democrats' national health care law and federal social welfare programs.

Conservatives are also facing established GOP leaders like House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, who has said tea party sympathizers have credibility problems stemming from their cut-it-or-shut-it resistance to compromise on weighty national issues.

"The American people want choices," said Rep. Tom Price, R-Georgia.

They'll have that chance for choices in November, when the

full House and a third of the Senate will be up for grabs.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky faces a primary challenge from fellow Republican Matt Bevin, who has drawn tea party support. Other incumbents are facing challenges from upstart Republicans, and Boehner is facing a mutiny from GOP candidates inside and outside the House.

Such frustration with Washington helped fuel the rise of the tea party in 2010 and helped propel Republicans to control of the House. Conservative candidates are betting that the passion survives the intraparty disputes in the 2014 midterms and helps unseat some congressional veterans.

McConnell tops the list of incumbent targets.

Bevin, the conservative who trails McConnell in the polls and fundraising, said the Senate leader has been too cozy to "big business" and "big government" players in the GOP at the expense to taxpayers.

"The people who are paying for this are about fed up with that," Bevin said Monday at an

event with the tea party-aligned FreedomWorks.

Echoed Chris McDaniel, the FreedomWorks-backed Republican challenging Sen. Thad Cochran in Mississippi: "The Washington elite have turned a blind eye to us."

"We do want to be the conscience of our party because our party has not been listening for some time," McDaniel said.

Added Barry Loudermilk, running for an open House seat in Georgia: "Today, Washington has created an environment that's not government of the people, but government over the people."

Taken together, the insurgent candidates are the latest examples of a Republican Party fracturing between its establishment and grassroots wings. Should they win, these upstart candidates

aren't convinced that Boehner should remain top House Republican.

"As Republicans, it's our responsibility, it's our duty to hold Republicans accountable," said Katrina Pierson, a tea party leader who is challenging Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas, a member of his party's leadership.

If elected, she said she would vote against another term for Boehner as speaker.

It's a view shared by Igor Birman, running for the House from California.

"I'm very skeptical of the merits of John Boehner remaining the speaker of the House," he said.

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My family has one member of the Greatest Generation left. Aunt Shirley suffers some frailties of old age, but her mind is totally sharp. Her role of late has been as wise matriarch — to advise the rest of us on our revolving and evolving relationships, messes and issues.

Then Jack turned up, and Aunt Shirley was transformed from observer of others' romances to key player. Now pushing 90, she is living the fantasy of so many — the never-married, divorced, widowed — that they will someday connect with a lost love of long ago. In Jack's case, we're talking 70 years.

We knew about Jack Stettner because he lived forever near the front of Aunt Shirley's photo album. He was that magnificent pilot in Air Force uniform.

One photo showed them grinning in front of the Cyclone roller coaster at Coney Island. In another, they posed with a tiny airplane that Jack trained on. Aunt Shirley said he took her up in it and let her work the controls. She never learned to drive but said she enjoyed "flying" Jack's plane. In her words, "Unlike driving, there was nothing to hit up there."

We had questions: Where did they meet? They met passing

on the boardwalk. Aunt Shirley was with a friend, and Jack with his brother. We knew that Jack called her Paddy, a nickname taken from her last name, Paderofsky. They were obviously smitten.

It was wartime, and Jack wanted to get married. Aunt Shirley said that at 18, she was too young at the time. But they wrote letters back and forth as Jack went off on very dangerous missions flying B-24s on bombing runs over China and navigating over India's treacherous "hump," the sky-piercing Himalayas.

He had named his airplane "Paddy." On one trip, realizing that the crew didn't have enough fuel to make it over looming peaks, they all bailed out.

Jack spent the night in a field sleeping in his parachute before being picked up by friendly Chinese.

He mailed Aunt Shirley his parachute, covered in China's red dust, and the keys to the plane. One crew member was never found.

What happened to Jack? We kept asking. Is he alive, and if so, where is he? Aunt Shirley had no answers until last year, when Jack's children tracked her down online, beginning with her father's address listed in the 1940 census.

Their lives had gone separate ways. Aunt Shirley married another Brooklyn neighbor, a soldier serving in Europe. Jack eventually returned, remaining active in the Air Force.

As the war ended, a plane tak-

ing Air Force personnel back home crashed into Mount Tom, in Massachusetts. Jack married the sister of one of the airmen who had perished. They enjoyed a long relationship, which ended in his wife's death in 2008, the same year Aunt Shirley lost her husband.

Jack's three children knew about his long-ago love and went on an exhaustive search for "Paddy." It turned out she was living in Boynton Beach, Fla., only a few miles from Jack in Delray Beach.

A reunion was arranged. When they met, Jack kissed Aunt Shirley and said he'd always loved her, which he repeats after each meeting. He carried the letters she had written him seven decades ago. Recently turned 90, Jack has lost some hearing, but he's still upright and handsome.

Jack's family is now our family, and we are their family. Both elders need help getting to places, and they have it. Where does this relationship go from here? What does it matter on a circle? As is said, "hearts can be broken, but circles go on forever."

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Socialism is Obama's prize

Each passing day is more incriminating for President Obama's Obamacare, as the news is like a relentless prosecutor amassing evidence against a serial killer.

Yet the more evidence that rolls in condemning the president's "signature achievement" — wouldn't you love to have that albatross hung around your epiphany? — the more entrenched Obama becomes, making clear that his heart is not with the American people or their needs but stubbornly fixated on self. His singular goal is not to provide "affordable health care" but to slay those who are trying to take his "baby" away from him, with the deranged obsession of Captain Ahab.

The big ruse Obama and his henchmen manufactured to sell this sham in the first place was the myth that 50 million Americans were uninsured. (I won't go into the details again to prove how that was a deliberate fabrication.)

That was deceitful enough, but their real hat trick was to conflate insurance coverage with affordable and quality care, which are not necessarily the same.

Bloomberg View columnist Lanhee Chen homes in on this very point, in opining why the Obamacare alternatives Republicans have offered have been ignored.

Chen writes: "The main reason is that much of the mainstream media, as well as Democrats who support the law, isn't all that concerned about the affordability of health care. Instead, they have bought into a flawed thesis: that the only way to measure the alternatives is by counting the number of people they would insure."

I think she is half-right. They aren't concerned about affordability of health care.

But most haven't bought into the flawed thesis; they are knowingly trying to promote it, in order to distort the important metrics in assessing our health care system: quality of care, access, cost and choice. They know that insurance cov-

erage resonates well with focus groups, so they have foisted it onto the discussion as the primary yardstick.

Obama's real focus with Obamacare, of course, is on none of these things.

Rather, he knows that Obamacare is the best vehicle to drive this nation toward socialized medicine, which is the first destination on the trip to socialism writ large.

If it were otherwise, there is no way Obama would stick by his destructive baby monster as the daily evidence mounts to incriminate every single aspect of it in devastating detail.

He would mercifully destroy it in the crib.

Speaking of which — it's time for another Obamacare disaster update.

This is a representative sampling, in summary form, of the Obamacare news from the past few days:

The Wall Street Journal reports that insurers are facing pressure from regulators and lawmakers about Obamacare plans that offer limited choices of doctors and hospitals.

Many of the top doctors aren't included.

This goes to access, choice and quality of care, and it was wholly foreseeable.

The blog "Legal Insurrection" notes that "the reimbursement rates are so low for hospitals that even major research hospitals ... are refusing to participate in any of the state health exchange plans unless reimbursement rates are renegotiated."

Bloomberg reports that at least six states and counties from Maryland to Oregon are getting inmates coverage under Obamacare and its Medicaid expansion. Swell — more than \$6.5 billion in annual state costs for treating prisoners will be shifted to the federal government.

The Hill reports that a National Small Business Association study found that a doubling of health care costs is preventing many companies from growing.

Columnist John Podhoretz details the "risible" counterattacks that desperate Obamacare supporters are making against those who have cited the Congressional Budget Office's finding that Obamacare will cause the equivalent of more than 2

million people losing their jobs.

Stataline, the daily news service of The Pew Charitable Trusts, alarmingly reports that medical identity theft has risen sharply and that Obamacare and legitimate concerns over its insecure website have "raised the stakes" and made this very serious matter even more of a concern.

The Washington Examiner reports, "There is strong new evidence to suggest the administration's claims (that more than 9 million Americans have signed up for coverage under Obamacare or Medicaid) are grossly exaggerated and deeply misleading."

Great — just another major issue on which the administration is deceiving the American people.

The Los Angeles Times reveals that even after we are beyond some of the Obamacare website glitches and long waits to get signed up, "some patients are now running into frustrating new roadblocks at the doctor's office. ... People are having trouble finding doctors at all, getting faulty information on which ones are covered and receiving little help from insurers swamped by new business."

Though these problems were predicted, their severity is taking patients and doctors by surprise and frustrating all involved.

I found those items in five minutes without looking very hard.

Is there any doubt in your mind that Obama is really after something other than his stated goals for Obamacare? If so, I respectfully suggest that you consider wiping the scales from your eyes.

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DAILY PRAYER

Help us Lord to not let petty differences strain our relationships.

Amen

Support groups

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 Symptomatic 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.

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.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

• 7 p.m. — The Just For Today Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in Room 3 at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane.

• 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.

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.

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.

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

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

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• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Noon — The Just For Today Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in Room 3 at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane.

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

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

News in brief

Shirley Temple, iconic child star and Depression-era box office draw, dies in California at 85

WOODSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Shirley Temple, the dimpled, curly-haired child star who sang, danced, sobbed and grinned her way into the hearts of Depression-era moviegoers, publicist Cheryl Kagan. She was 85.

Temple, known in private life as Shirley Temple Black, died at her home near San Francisco.

A talented and ultra-adorable entertainer, Shirley Temple was America's top box-office draw from 1935 to 1938, a record no other child star has come near. She beat out such grown-ups as Clark Gable, Bing Crosby, Robert Taylor, Gary Cooper and Joan Crawford.

In 1999, the American Film Institute ranking of the top 50 screen legends ranked Temple at No. 18 among the 25 actresses. She appeared in scores of movies and kept children singing "On the Good Ship Lollipop" for generations.

Temple was credited with helping save 20th Century Fox from bankruptcy with films such as "Curly Top" and "The Littlest Rebel." She even had a drink named after her, an appropriately sweet and innocent cocktail of ginger ale and grenadine, topped with a maraschino cherry.

Investors await Fed Chair Yellen's first testimony for signals on interest rates and economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen can expect global financial markets to scrutinize her first public remarks since taking over the Fed's leadership this month.

Investors this week will try to determine whether Yellen will embrace all the policies of her predecessor, Ben Bernanke. They will also look for any clues that she is worried about the economy or the stock market's turbulence.

Yellen will deliver the Fed's twice-annual report to Congress, starting Tuesday before the House Financial Services Committee and then Thursday before the Senate Banking Committee.

Her testimony will likely boil down to a single overarching point: The Fed will keep all its options open depending on how the economy evolves.

Even so, anticipation of Yellen's testimony is running high, given concerns about the economy and the job market, turmoil in global markets and uncertainty about her direction at the Fed.

White House delays health law coverage mandate for some firms in concession to businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — It may take weeks to render a verdict on the Obama administration's latest health care concession to employers.

But that could make a difference for Democrats battling to keep control of the Senate in the fall congressional elections.

All-important details are buried in more than 200 pages of dense Treasury regulations released Monday.

The biggest change is that medium-sized firms got another delay in a heavily criticized requirement that they cover their workers or face fines.

The administration said companies with 50 to 99 employees will have an additional year to comply, until January 1, 2016.

For businesses with 100 or more employees, the so-called employer mandate will still take effect in 2015.

But other newly announced provisions, dealing with technical issues such as the calculation of working hours, may help some of those firms.

Elderly former South Korean sex slaves see time running out on quest for justice from Japan

TOECHON, South Korea (AP) — A single picture captures the regret, shame and rage that Kim Gun-ja has harbored through most of her 89 years. Dressed in a long white wedding gown, she carries a bouquet of red flowers and stares at the camera, her deep wrinkles obscured by makeup and a diaphanous veil.

A local company arranged wedding-style photo shoots as gifts for Kim and other elderly women at the House of Sharing, a museum and nursing home for South Koreans forced into brothels by Japan during World War II. Kim and many of the other women never married, giving the pictures a measure of bitterness.

"That could have been my life: Meet a man, get married, have children, have grandchildren," Kim said in her small, tidy room at the nursing home south of Seoul. "But it never happened. It could never be."

Japanese soldiers stole her youth, she says, and now, "The Japanese are waiting for us to die."

There are only 55 women left who registered with the South Korean government as former sex slaves from the war — down from a peak of more than 230. Their average age is 88.

As FAA develops rules for aerial drones, Conn. investigation highlights issues for journalism

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — As police responded to a deadly car crash, they noticed an increasingly familiar sight: a remote-controlled aircraft, equipped with a video camera, hovering over the wreckage.

The Federal Aviation Administration has opened an investigation of the drone, which was used by an on-call employee for a Connecticut television station. The FAA is developing new rules as the technology makes drones far more versatile, but for now operators can run afoul of regulations by using them for commercial purposes, including journalism.

The case of the Hartford crash, in which the victim's body was left hanging out of a mangled car, highlights some of the safety, privacy and ethical issues that journalists will wrestle with as interest grows in using drones for newsgathering.

"Here was a dead body still on the scene. We had covered it the best we could," said Lt. Brian Foley, a Hartford police spokesman, who said drones have been appearing more frequently at crime scenes. "You don't want the family to see that."

Hartford officers questioned the man operating the drone on Feb. 1, but did not ask him to take it down, Foley said.

The man identified himself as an employee of WFSB-TV but said he was not working for them that day.

At NJ casino's Bacon Week, you can eat it, drink it — and even brush your teeth with it

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Get ready for bacon like you've never eaten, drank or worn it before.

Bacon milkshakes. Chocolate-covered bacon shaped like roses.

Bacon-flavored toothpaste, dental floss and lip balm.

Bacon bourbon, margaritas, beer and vodka. Bacon ice cream sundaes. A BLT sandwich with a full pound of bacon.

They're all on the menu this week as one Atlantic City casino stretches the bounds of good taste and cardiovascular health with Bacon Week. The festival at the Tropicana Casino and Resort gives new meaning to the term "pigging out."

The idea of a bacon festival is not as far-fetched as it might sound. Americans eat about 1.5 billion pounds of bacon a year, according to the National Pork Board. And the website bacontoday.com counted nearly 30 bacon festivals around the country from late April through December 2013, many of whose tickets sold out in minutes.

US diplomats, aid in Afghanistan face own drawdown next year after American troops leave

WASHINGTON (AP) — Uncertainty over how many U.S. troops might remain in Afghanistan beyond this year has trickled down to American diplomats and aid workers, whose efforts to develop the still mostly primitive country face a drawdown of their own because of security fears.

In boosting security forces, educating young girls, launching mobile phone technology and providing other aid, the U.S. has allocated nearly \$100 billion since 2002 to build Afghanistan after generations of war and isolation.

But the State Department's ability to continue aid programs, or start new ones, hinges largely on Afghanistan's security — and whether officials can travel to project sites to make sure the money is being spent wisely. A long-delayed decision on whether as many as 10,000 American forces will remain in Afghanistan after the war ends this year will determine whether how deeply the aid will be cut.

It's an all-too-familiar pattern of anxiety for diplomats who saw years of development projects in Iraq wither away after U.S. troops withdrew in 2011 because of reduced resources and increased security threats.

"It was not ... particularly pleasant to have to take a very large program down to a very small program in a very short period of time," said Assistant Secretary of State William Brownfield, who oversaw a gutting of State Department aid to Iraqi police forces two years ago. Violence in Iraq has surged ever since.

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Failure to launch

During breakfast, the phone rang. A woman's voice rapidly related a strange occurrence at her home out in the county. Far removed from traffic and human noises, the quiet of an early February morning had suddenly been interrupted by a commotion near the barn. Coat in hand, she rushed out the door and ran toward a melee of barking dogs, and the startled voices of her cows. Within the bovines' enclosure stood a bird with its back against a watering trough.



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Although the cattle were curious, they offered no immediate danger. Her dogs could see this intruder but were denied access to that area by a sturdy fence. Barely opening the gate, the woman squeezed through before shutting it behind her. The bird didn't move. Her presence in the pen seemed to calm whatever thoughts the large animals might have had. Having given each a meaningful pat on the top of their shoulders, she advanced slowly toward the bird.

Confronted by her approach, the stocky, short-tailed bird took flight. Or so it thought. Flapping its wings, it had only risen about two feet off the ground. After gaining what altitude it could, it coasted to its next stop. Then, looking about, it tried once again to reach the top of the enclosure. Numerous attempts

were unsuccessful. As fatigue and stress set in, the woman threw her coat over the bird. Watching for a sudden movement beneath the fabric, she readily saw where the bird was. After kneeling close to where the last bulge had been, she cupped her hands around the lump. Feeling resistance, she knew she had captured the Western Meadowlark.

Often during the daily routine of ranch life, she had enjoyed the meadowlarks' distinct, individual calls. Sounding first like a whistle and ending in a gurgle, their voices made them one of her favorite birds as they lent their musical renditions to her mornings. Accepting her offer to deliver the bird later in the day, we looked forward to another challenge. Impatient in captivity, the meadowlark would be a bundle of opposition. Carefully opening the woman's cardboard

box, we could see the darkening of its plumage for another breeding season. While a female would be paler in comparison, this male was and would be a handsomely colored lark. By the close of February, or in early March, its bright yellow neck, breast, and belly would be accented with a broad black V. Its upper parts would be a nondescript brown with buff and black markings, while its head would be accented with a black and white striped crown. Insulted by my reaching into the box and catching it, the meadowlark protested. Its kicking wildly, and nipping with its pointed bill at any exposed flesh was typical behavior. Knowing these birds tolerate no one, we knew it was wildness personified. It would be determined to mend on its own. By extending its wings and feeling the



Courtesy photo

Nearly 70 percent of the Western Meadowlark's diet consists of insects. Weed seeds and grains offer sustenance during winter months.

length of the bones came the realization that one wing had an old break. The calcification around the injury had resulted in a small knot. Since it had regained some of its flight ability, and certainly had the evasive wiles of the specie, we knew it should have a chance. Fresh in our memory was a mourning dove's struggle to stay alive. Every morning for three years, it had flown over our back fence to access the seed dish in the back yard. As one wing drug on the ground, it joined others in the daily ritual. Late every afternoon, it flew back over the fence to our back lot and the safety of dense foliage. If the dove had the tenacity to survive, then surely this meadowlark could work its way up to safety in the open fields of the county.

To tempt its appetite, we placed crickets, seeds, and grain inside its long, spacious container. Addition-

ally, raw beef heart would supplement for the flesh of road-killed birds. Quickly, we were informed that it did not accept our offer of help. Early the next morning, the meadowlark was allowed the freedom of our double garage. After several hours, it had reached the same height as a fence post by landing on a stack of carriers. Now we felt the bird could at least reach safety if returned to the wild. After driving to an area near the open grasslands from which the bird had come, we enjoyed leaving the vehicle and hearing the silence of a country day. Not wanting to handle and frustrate the bird any more than necessary, we set the carrier on the ground and gradually opened the gate. All it could see was familiar terrain. Quickly walking away, with its back toward us, it stopped. Beak upward, it listened. Finally, in the distance, was a sound I had hoped to hear. With quick flaps of its wings, the meadowlark rose to land on a fence post. Knowing it was back where it belonged, it continued making its way down the fence line. With a seasonal abundance of grasshoppers and beetles, leftovers from harvested grains and seeds from miles of weeds, the meadowlark had a smorgasbord awaiting him. In addition, the flute-like melody it had heard was an invitation by a future mate to share in his return.

Bebe McCasland is author of *The Scoop from Bird Poop*. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Sudoku Answer on Page 5

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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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A resolution is just a choice we make

It's not only at the start of a new year that we think of some resolutions that we would like to begin. Early in the year seems to be a natural time to start afresh, but we question ourselves, can we really keep our resolutions?

Ever wonder how different your life would be if you had kept resolutions that you have made throughout the course of your life? But apparently our problem is that we begin by making unrealistic resolutions.

Among the many unrealistic resolutions that are made every year, some are made because people are unsatisfied with who they are, how their lives are going, and they want to see a change in their lives. Therefore, millions of people are setting themselves up for failure, but it doesn't have to be this way.

If we would begin making more realistic and achievable resolutions, then we could begin living a more enjoyable life. We should ask ourselves what have we always wanted to learn or do — lose weight, learn how to improve our health, take a dance class, learn a foreign language, learn how to play a new instrument or a number of other interesting things. Courses are offered at our local college in many of the things we would like to learn.

Vague resolutions like "eat better" or "exercise more" are hard to qualify and, therefore, easy to fudge and, eventually, forget.

We'll have a much better chance of succeeding if we develop specific, measurable goals. Grandiose plans to radically overhaul our diet on Jan. 1 are usually doomed to failure before we begin. We'll get better results out of choosing a couple of small but meaningful changes that we can stick to until they've become ingrained habits. The key to realizing all of our goals involves accountability and commitment. Some common tips for success include:

- Make sure that our goal is valuable and something that we are passionate about. This will help us stay on track through hard times.
- Make sure that our plans have specific out-

comes. For example, do not just say "be healthier," instead say something like "lose five pounds" or "lower cholesterol by 15 points." We should also make sure that those around us know our goal. We need to make sure that we have people who are constantly asking us about how we are doing with our goal and keeping us on track.

• Make sure that we have small steps to achieving our goal. If we create a list of steps to follow in order to achieve our goal, then it will be much easier to accomplish. Even if we haven't set any goals, it's never too late!

A resolution is just a choice we make. Every day we have the opportunity to start a new goal. With enough determination and accountability, we can achieve things we never thought possible!

Vince Lombardi, the great football coach, once said, "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will." Our resolutions can be successful if we want them badly enough!

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Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The backbone of good defense is partnership cooperation. The defenders often start the play knowing little about their combined resources, but from then on they exchange as much information as they can in order to get the most out of whatever assets they have.

In the great majority of deals, the defenders' aim is to defeat the contract, and all their plays are geared to that goal. If a defender should find it necessary to make an unusual play,

his partner is expected to grasp its meaning.

Here is a typical case. West leads the king of diamonds against four hearts doubled, and East signals for a continuation by playing the nine. West does not have to obey the signal if he thinks a continuation is not wise, and, in the actual case, West switches to a club. He is hoping to negotiate a club ruff, either immediately or later, and thereby gain a trick for the defense.

Declarer wins the club in dummy and leads a trump to the king. West ducks the king but takes the next trump with the ace as East discards a low diamond.

West now leads a low diamond to East's ace, and East — if he has faith in his partner and realizes why West switched to a club at trick two — returns a club for West to ruff. As a result, South goes down one.

Observe that if West blindly obeys East's diamond signal at trick one and continues the suit, or if East fails to appreciate the import of the club switch at trick two and plays another diamond or tries to cash the ace of spades, South makes four hearts doubled.

Instead, East should follow West's chosen defense by returning a club at trick six.

Tomorrow: The rabbit-in-the-hat trick.

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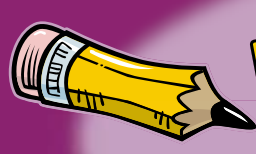
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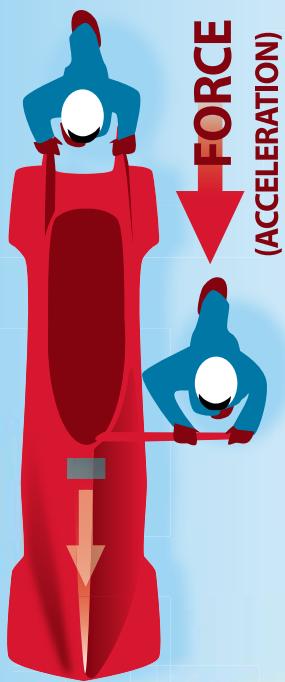


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Quiz a Friend!
Quiz a friend or family member about the Olympics.

The Science of the Games

A bobsled team starts the race by running and pushing their sled the first 50 meters of the track. By pushing their feet against the track as they run, they create a **force** that moves their sled.

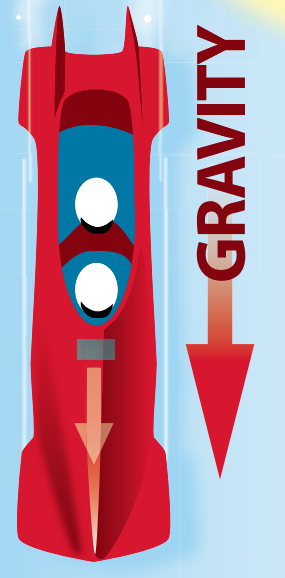


FORCE (ACCELERATION)

The gas pedal in a car is called an **accelerator** because pushing on it makes the car accelerate or go faster.

The racers work to get the most **acceleration** they can before jumping into the sled for the rest of the race.

After the bobsledders jump into their sled, the force of **gravity** takes over, pulling the sled down the track.



GRAVITY

Gravity has the same amount of pull on all of the sleds in a race. That means that the bobsledders must use their knowledge of science to be the fastest.

Bobsled races started in Switzerland in the 1890s. It was called bobsledding because the racers bobbed back and forth to increase their speed.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students understand forces and motion.

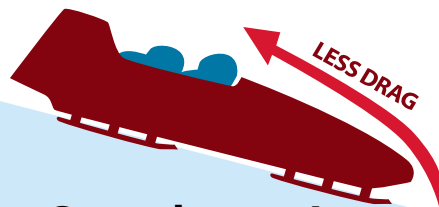
Extra! Extra!

Sports Equipment

Look through the sports section for photos of equipment - helmets, shoes, etc. Cut out one example and write a brief summary about the object's importance to the game.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Summarize using main idea and important details.

A bobsled team uses special sleds, helmets and suits that are engineered to reduce **drag**.



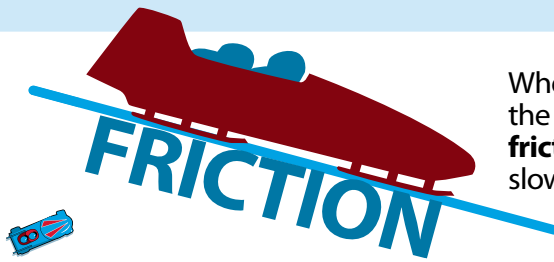
Smooth move!

Drag is an opposite force that slows a moving object. Streamlined and smooth objects have less drag than jagged or flat ones.



What a drag!

A sled with a flat front end would move much slower because there would be more drag.



FRICITION

When the bobsled moves against the ice and through the air, it causes **friction**, which causes drag and slows the moving bobsled.

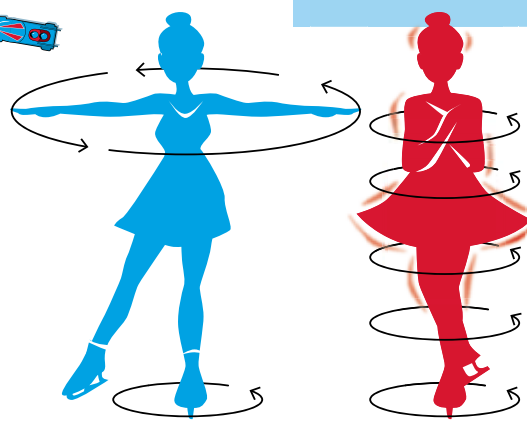
Standards Link: Physical Science: Know the relationship between the strength of a force and its effect on an object.

Put a Spin On It

Every four years, Olympic figure skaters try to jump in the air and get in more spins with their triple axels and quadruple toe loops. They make it look easy, but make no mistake, leaping into the air, twirling and landing gracefully takes hours of practice and a knowledge of science.



In order to twirl well, a skater needs **velocity**, or speed. A skater uses his or her feet to push off the ice to accelerate. Once the right velocity is reached the skater will jump and twirl. The more velocity a skater gets for the jump, the higher he or she will go.



To get more spins, a skater needs to twirl as fast as possible. To increase their twirling speed, a skater starts a twirl with arms out wide. Keeping the body straight and bringing the arms in close to the body causes a skater to twirl faster. This is a scientific principle called the **conservation of angular momentum**.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students understand forces and motion.

Olympic Trivia Challenge

1. What do the five rings of the Olympics mean?

- Five Cities
- Five Countries
- Five Continents

2. What does the Olympic Motto "**Citius, Altius, Fortius**" mean?

- Harder, Stronger, Faster
- Swifter, Higher, Stronger
- Better, Bigger, Bolder

3. According to the Olympic Creed, the most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but ...

- to play fair.
- to win big.
- to take part.

4. Where is the Olympic torch first lit?

- Athens
- Greece
- Olympia

5. Women were first allowed to compete in the Olympics in what year?

- 1800
- 1900
- 2000

ANSWERS:
1. Five Continents
2. Swifter, Higher, Stronger
3. To take part
4. Olympia
5. 1900

What a Character!

Creativity is ...



... looking at everyday things in a new or unusual way.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Curling

Curling was first played by people sliding river rocks on frozen ponds, lochs and marshes in Scotland. In the 1600s, stones with handles were introduced, starting the style used today.

Curling Challenge

Score one point for each difference you find between these two pictures.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Double Double Word Search

- OPPOSITE
- FRICITION
- GRAVITY
- BOBSLED
- SCIENCE
- ANGULAR
- BOBBED
- FORCE
- LOOPS
- TWIRL
- SPEED
- SPINS
- TRACK
- DRAG
- GEAR

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

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:

COMPETE

The verb **compete** means to try and win a game or contest that others are also trying to win.

Athletes around the world compete in the Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Try to use the word **compete** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

STEM Jobs

Science in your future? Look through the newspaper for people whose jobs require a knowledge of science, technology, engineering or math. Count the different careers.

Standards Link: Career Education: Engineering and math.



Why was Cinderella a bad figure skater?

ANSWER:
Because her coach was a pumpkin.

Write On!

Spirit of the Games

Some people talk about the "spirit of the Olympics." What do you think that means?

Big Spring to begin playoff run against Fabens tonight

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Last Friday in front of a handful of fans, the Big Spring Lady Steers completed the first half of their goal this season. They made it to the Class 3A state playoffs. Tonight they will try and add the second half. Big Spring will kick off its quest to notch a postseason victory this evening when they face off with the Fabens Lady Wildcats in the bi-dis-

trict round of the high school girls' basketball playoffs. The two teams are set to tip-off in the Pecos High School gym. "We're looking forward to it," said BSHS coach Mike Warren. "It should be a fun game." Fabens enters the game at 18-12 overall. The Lady Wildcats won the District 3-3A championships this season, going 10-2 in district play.

Fabens will be led into

the showdown by Alyssa Hernandez. She is the team's leading scorer.

Big Spring, which was ranked as high as No. 22 in the state earlier this season, comes into the contest sporting an 18-10 record. The Lady Steers are the fourth-place representative from District 4-3A.

The winner of tonight's game will advance to face Levelland in the second round. Levelland defeated Pampana, 46-24, on Monday.



Big Spring High School girls' basketball coach Mike Warren talks with his team during a break in a recent game in the Steer Gym. The Lady Steers will begin their postseason appearance this evening when they play Fabens in the bi-district round of the Class 3A playoffs. The game will start at 6 p.m. in Pecos.

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Big Spring High School senior Kelsie Guinn signs a letter of intent to play golf next season at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Her parents, Delvin and Carla Guinn, watch on as she becomes the fourth BSHS athlete to sign a college deal this month.

Guinn inks with Hardin-Simmons

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

For the last four seasons, Kelsie Guinn has been the face of the Big Spring High School Lady Steers' golf program. On Monday afternoon, she became the face of another.

Guinn became the latest Big Spring senior to sign to play collegiately next fall on Monday afternoon when she inked a deal to play golf next season at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Guinn signed the scholarship in front of a large gathering of her family, friends and classmates in the BSHS foyer.

"She is definitely one of Big Spring High School's finest athletes," said BSHS Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey. "She's done it all here, from golf to being part of the volleyball team that went to state. We're going to miss her."

For Guinn, the decision to attend Hardin-Simmons was an easy one. The school is close to home and has a solid golf program.

"I always thought I wanted to play golf in college and Hardin-Simmons gave me the opportunity," said Guinn, the 18-year-old daughter of Delvin and Carla Guinn of Big

Spring. "I like the school and the golf program is really, really nice."

"I fit in there," she added.

Guinn more than earned her place on the HSU golf team during her tenure at BSHS. She has finished as the second-place medalist in each of the last two years at the District 4-3A golf tournament, and has qualified for the Region I-3A golf tournament in each of her first three varsity seasons.

Guinn said she chose HSU over several other colleges in Texas, including the University of Texas at Dallas and Western Texas.

Hawks soar to easy victory

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks did exactly what everyone felt they would do on Monday evening against the Clarendon College Bulldogs. They won ... by a lot.

The Hawks, backed by a solid performance from David Joseph and Travis Charles, dominated Clarendon from the outset and rolled to an easy 90-78 victory.

The win was huge for the Hawks. Not only did it wash away the sour memories of their recent loss to South Plains, it enabled Howard College to climb to third in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings with an 8-3 record. HC trails second-place.

The Howard College women weren't as fortunate. The Lady Hawks struggled to find the basket against the Lady Bulldogs and dropped a 65-52 decision.

As a team, the HC women managed to sink just 16 of their 69 attempts from the field against Clarendon, which improved to 2-8 in WJ-CAC play and 10-13 overall.

"This was a big game for us," said Lady Hawks' head coach Earl Diddle. "I thought we would have come out with a little more tenacity. It's really disappointing."

Pappajohn, Roberson shine in golf opener

Mikey Pappajohn and the Big Spring High Steers boys' golf team battled their way to a fourth-place finish at the 2014 Big Spring Golf Tournament, which was held Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The Steers finished with a total of 330 strokes. San Angelo Central won the boys' team title with a final mark of 308, edging out Pappajohn by nine shots. Pappajohn and Sam Harris highlighted the Steers' outing. Pappajohn finished the meet with a score of 78.

Harris finished second on the squad, firing a round of 81.

BSHS teammates Dennis Roberson and Tyler Bryan also did well on the course, shooting scores of 83 and 88, re-

BIG SPRING GOLF INVITATIONAL BOYS	
Team Standings	
1. SA Central	308
2. Seminole	317
3. Wylie	327
4. Big Spring A	330
4. Andrews	330
6. Monahans	346
7. Pecos	348
8. Snyder	354
9. Sweetwater	361
10. Lamesa	372
11. Ft. Stockton	430
12. Big Spring B	483

spectively.

Ryan Dimidjian rounded out the Steers' "A" team scoring with a score of 93.

The BSHS "B" team - Toby Cotton, Zack Bennett, Justin Ryder and Patrick Rodriguez - finished 12th at 483.

Cotton led the team with a mark of 108. Bennett fired a 120, while Ryder and Rodriguez carded scores of 126 and 129.



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Game time ...

Big Spring's Charles Green drives to the hoop for a layup during the Steers' match-up with Sweetwater on Friday. The Steers will close out their regular season tonight at home against Snyder.

Guinn nets 2nd at Big Spring Invite

Big Spring's Kelsie Guinn finished second in the individual medalist standings on Saturday at the Big Spring Invitational Golf Meet.

The BSHS senior fired a 78 over the 18-hole course, and finished one stroke behind Greenwood's Ryan Pate.

Brianna Cobos also played well for BSHS.

Girls softball registration scheduled to begin Feb. 15

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be having sign-ups for the 2014 season beginning on Feb. 15. The registration period will continue through March 8.

Sign-up for the league will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall nears Sears.

BIG SPRING GOLF INVITATIONAL GIRLS	
Team Standings	
1. Seminole	364
2. Andrews	369
3. Lamesa	376
4. Greenwood	384
5. Ft. Stockton	409
6. Wylie	424

She fired a round of 97.

Seminole won the girls' team championship, combining for a score of 364.

The league is open to players ranging in age from 4-14 (as of Jan. 1, 2014)

The cost for participating is \$90, with discounts for additional siblings in same family.

For more information contact Ron Shafer at 213-3747.

Bulldogs close out season with loss to Lamesa

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

Coahoma High School head coach Kim Nichols has been coaching basketball long enough he knows when a team quits on itself. Don't count this season's team in that group.

Nichols, despite a long season with more losses than Coa-

homa has been accustomed to over the years, praised his team's effort in their final game of the season, a 61-49 loss on Monday to the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes.

"We played very well in the last game of the season," said Nichols. "I'm very proud of how we played with nothing on the line, especially from

our four seniors."

The Bulldogs came out strong in the contest, which was played a day earlier than normally planned due to the Lamesa girls' playoff game set for Tuesday. Coahoma outscored Lamesa by a 14-11 clip in the first eight minutes of the contest.

Lamesa battled its way back

in the second. The Tors used an 18-11 run in the period to take a 29-18 lead into the half.

Coahoma, which had three players reach double digits in scoring, refused to go down quietly. The Bulldogs cut Lamesa's lead to 40-31 in the third with a 13-11 spree.

Lamesa sealed the win in the final frame with a 21-point

outburst.

Kyler Franks and Shanen Warneke paced the Bulldogs' scoring efforts against Lamesa. Both pumped in a team-high 13 points in the game. Braxton Iden also hit double figures with 12.

Coahoma finished its 2013-14 season with a 6-18 record, and a 1-9 mark in District 3-4A.

BSHS tennis team takes 2nd in Andrews

Big Spring varsity tennis players kicked off the spring season with a strong showing at the Novice Kniffen Invitational held in Andrews over the weekend. Big Spring took second out of eight teams, and finished just behind Andrews.

In boys' singles action, The Steers were led by Bryan Blount's second-place finish. Bryan lost a close match to Andrew's Rodolfo Mendieta, 6-0, 6-4.

Garret Miller finished fifth by defeating Leveland's Takoda Gonzales, 6-1, 6-3, while teammate Kieran Atherton finished strong by winning his last two matches against Wesley Madrid of Andrews, 6-2, 6-2, and Tanner Graham of Greenwood, 6-1, 6-2.

In girls' singles, Morgan Parnell finished fourth, losing a nail-biter to Monahan's Genevieve Zavala, 7-5, 7-6 (4). Selena Castillo won

the consolation final by defeating Maribel Martinez of Pecos, 6-2, 6-2.

Taylor Olivo finished 13th by defeating Monahan's Niya Venegas 6-3, 6-2.

The BSHS boy's doubles team of Tyler Avant and Alex Hughes finished in third, defeating Blake Chisum and Lane Terry of Pampa, 4-6, 6-1, 10-4.

Tristian Turner and William Grigg won the boy's doubles' consolation final by defeating Greenwood's Landon Day and William Chapell 6-2, 6-3.

In girls' doubles, Britany Bakley and Katie Newton finished sixth, losing to a team from Andrews, 6-4, 6-4.

Braylee Cantu and Kyra Cox finished 13th.

The BSHS mixed doubles team of Molly Walker and Josh Baker finished in third by defeating Seminole, 6-1, 6-2.

Big Spring Little League sign-ups are set for Feb. 15

Big Spring Little League will have sign ups on Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spring City Plaza, formerly the Big Spring Mall. Registration will also be held on Feb. 17-21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

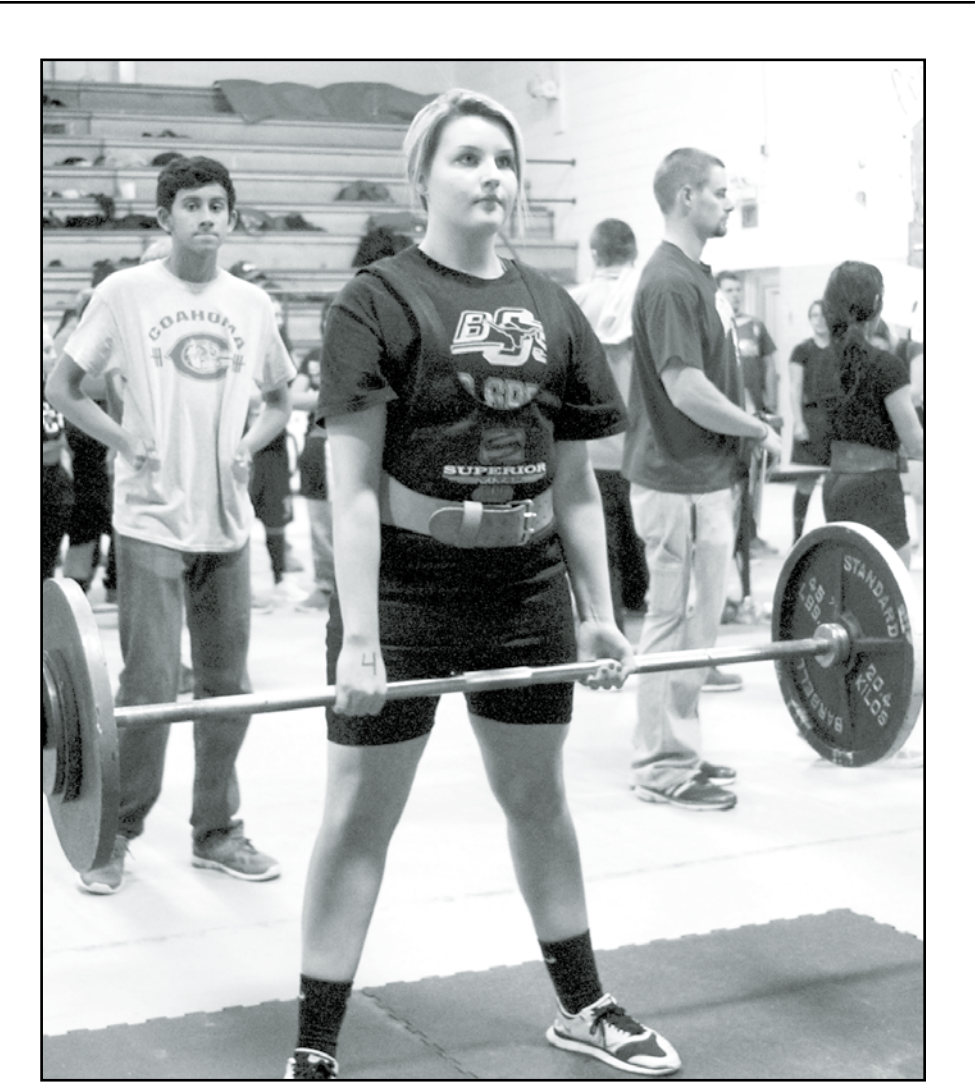
Registration is open to youths, ages 4-16.

The registration fee is \$85 per child and will provide a full uniform. Parents must provide a valid birth certificate at registration.

CGA to hold 4-man scramble

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a 4-man scramble on Feb. 16 as part of its membership drive.

Entry fee into the "build your own team" event is \$35 per player. Mulligans will be sold for \$5 apiece.



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Picking up ...

Big Spring High School's Haleyna Davidson competes in the dead lift competition at the Coahoma Powerlifting Meet. The BSHS powerlifting boys' and girls' teams will be competing in Sweetwater on Thursday.

BS cancels softball, hoop games

Big Spring High School was forced to cancel several games on Monday, including the Lady Steers' softball opener against Midland Christian, and the seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball games.

The junior high basketball games were cancelled at the request of Sweetwater ISD officials.

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Sun and Saturn Square Off

Do you know where your car keys, wallet and phone are?

Establish this firmly, and you could beat the cosmic inclinations of the day. The Aquarius sun forms a tense angle with Saturn, the planet of lessons. Saturn is also the keeper of time, and you may feel a sense of urgency around goals, made even more intense by Mercury's retrograde antics.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not afraid of working hard. You've done it before, and you know that it's worse in your mind than it is in reality. Yes, the idea of hard work is scarier than the work itself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It feels strange to be praised for something you did so long ago that you can hardly identify with it anymore. And yet, you can't expect everyone to be up-to-the-minute with your life, so you'll gladly accept the good will.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The most important task of the day looms large in your mind, and yet there's something you'd rather be doing. Well, who said it was the most important, anyway? If it wasn't you, your resistance may be warranted.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). True, planning will be key to the final execution of your

project. But too much planning is a danger, too, as the plan takes up so much energy that there's little left to take action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Love is distracting, especially if it's new and unexplored. Your heart, body and mind are eager for discovery. How far to take this and when to rein it in will be the main questions of the day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can work solo for hours and hours and never get lonely. In fact, you prefer to work alone now. A deep and abiding respect and love for yourself will carry you through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The role you play in a person's life will be greatly amplified if that person happens to be a child. The young, inexperienced and impressionable need a positive example, and today you're it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The fearlessness you show through your physical body is experienced in your emotional body as excitement and flow. You'll make several decisions very quickly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The job on the table is mysterious; it involves unknown elements and a different skill set from the one you currently possess. Don't let that stop you, and don't wait until you know what it's about to get started.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What's the use of doing good work if nobody sees it? You don't like to promote yourself, but now you'll be doing the world a disservice if you don't show people

what you've been doing. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People only lie when they are afraid. There's someone who isn't being totally truthful with you. Think about what this person is afraid of. If you can address that fear and reduce it, you'll get the truth.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Are the lines in the road rules or guidelines? Your opinion on this matter is reflected in the way you navigate the road of a relationship. Under what circumstances would you dare to cross the lines?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 11). The ground rules you establish with family, which include an environment of mutual respect and support, are upheld beautifully this year. March brings excitement and travel. April advances your role in a project that has the potential to help many in your community. The most romantic times are May and September. Pisces and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 34, 1, 22, 24 and 17.

THE SCHOOL OF MERCURY RETROGRADE: During this Pisces part of the retrograde, it may be difficult to discern between the two kinds of problems there are in this world: My Problems and Your Problems. When you help people, you decide to make some of their problems your own. Before you do this, consider:

--Is the help I could provide going to harm me? If the other person's problem is not a matter of life or death, it is only right to consider the personal cost involved in

your help. The best scenario is one in which you can easily help without any kind of stress, pain or strain.

--Would my help interfere with the work necessary to reach a goal? You wouldn't help a person who is training for a marathon by giving them a ride to their goal destination in your car. The best help is often in the form of a cheerleader or coach and not a free pass.

--Is the help I could provide deserved? Similarly, a person who gets help they haven't earned isn't going to appreciate the help and may actually be put in a worse position by it, not having yet acquired the experience necessary to succeed in a high-stakes situation.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jennifer Aniston's family prospects have been a matter of public interest to rival presidential elections, wartime events and asteroid collisions with Earth. If she were actually pregnant as many times as rumored, she would have more children than the old lady in the shoe. Alas, her astrological chart reveals that there finally may be actual news in this regard for this gorgeous Aquarian in 2014.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: A few years ago, my wife went out of town for a conference. A month after she returned, I was on our computer and noticed that she hadn't logged out of her email. My curiosity got the best of me, and I saw that

she had traded emails with an old boyfriend. I then discovered that the two of them had met while she was at the conference. One of her last emails to him said, "I still have feelings for you."

On the advice of a marriage counselor, I was direct with her about it. She claimed nothing happened and that they only met for dinner and said that they would never contact him again. She also was angry that I had invaded her privacy.

Last year, my wife and I hit a rough patch. I got suspicious of her behavior and checked her cellphone. I saw that she had exchanged multiple texts with this same guy. Again, she claims nothing happened, the texts were innocent and I had no right to snoop.

My wife knows the password to my email, and I never lock my cellphone. All of my communication is an open book. Meanwhile, she now locks her phone and has multiple email accounts.

I understand the need for a little privacy, but I don't believe you should be hiding things in a committed relationship. My wife is angry that I don't trust her, and I'm having trouble dealing with this. Any advice? -- *Broken Up*

Dear Broken: We don't trust your wife, either. She promised not to contact this man again and then did so and hid it from you. She locks her phone and has multiple email accounts to which you apparently do not have the passwords. Worse, to deflect blame, she accuses you of snooping. There may not have been a sexual affair, but it definitely sounds like an emotional attachment. Please go back to your counselor and ask your wife to come with you. The two of you need a refresher course on how to make your marriage work and regain trust.

Dear Annie: I own a small casual restaurant in a small town. People order at the counter and then take their food to a table to eat.

In the past couple of years, I've noticed more people bringing in food from other establishments and eating at our place. I don't understand why people think it's OK to take advantage of an eating establishment like this. Don't they realize that the owner is paying for the incidental items they use, such as napkins? Don't they see that they are taking up space that could be used by people who are actually helping to pay the bills incurred by the restaurant? Am I looking at the situation in the wrong way? -- *No Free Lunch*

Dear No: We suspect most people

have no clue that this is an inconvenience to you. There are some establishments that allow people to sit for extended lengths of time without ordering, but we know of none that encourage you to bring your own food. Most restaurants require a minimum order to justify the use of the space. We suggest you implement this policy with a sign at each table and at the cash register. You may have to approach flouters with a bill, but word will get around.

Dear Annie: This is for "Tired," who does all the cooking for the holiday meals and then gets stuck with the cleanup, too. I have a good friend in the same situation. She is on good terms with all of her family members, but they never helped or knew what to do. So she wrote up duties, put them on little pieces of paper and placed the pieces into a nice dish. When each guest arrived, they picked out a paper and read their duty for that meal. They loved it, and she was not so worn out. -- *DLT*

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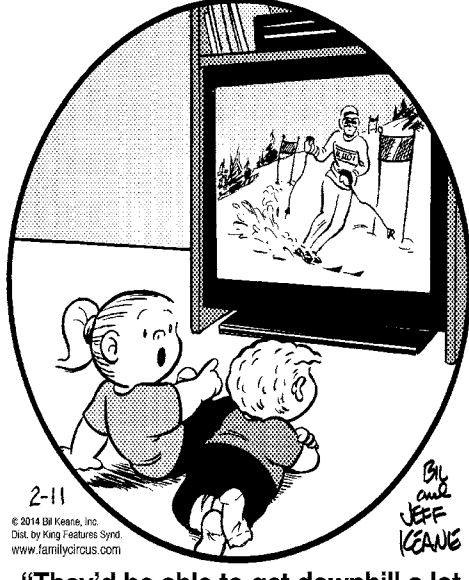
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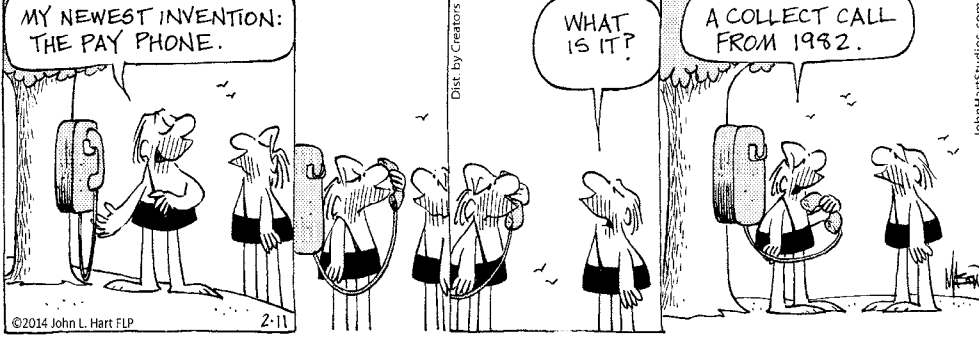
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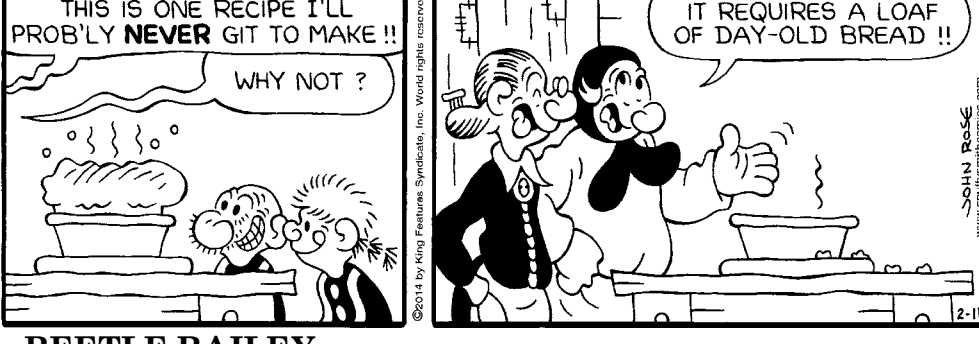
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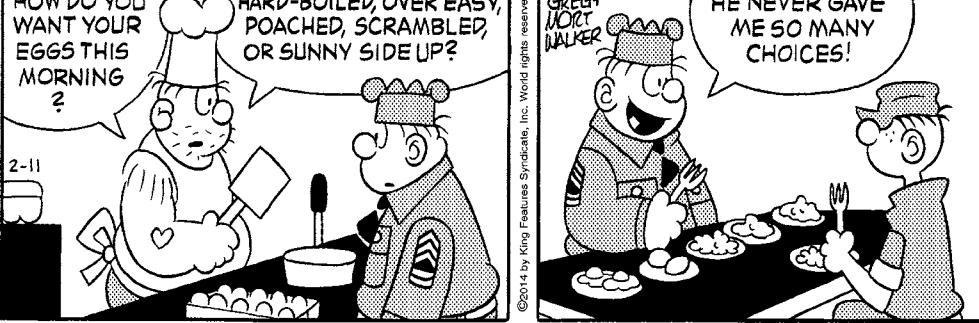
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2014. There are 323 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 11, 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his Democratic-Republican Party, giving rise to the term "gerrymandering." On this date: In 1858, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous (soo-bee-ROO'), reported the first of 18 visions of a lady dressed in white in a grotto near

Lourdes. (The Catholic Church later accepted that the visions were of the Virgin Mary.) In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson began in Tennessee. (Union forces led by Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant captured the fort five days later.) In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City. In 1937, a six-week-old sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union. In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt,

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II. In 1963, American author and poet Sylvia Plath was found dead in her London flat, a suicide; she was 30. In 1964, The Beatles performed their first American concert at the Washington Coliseum in Washington, D.C.

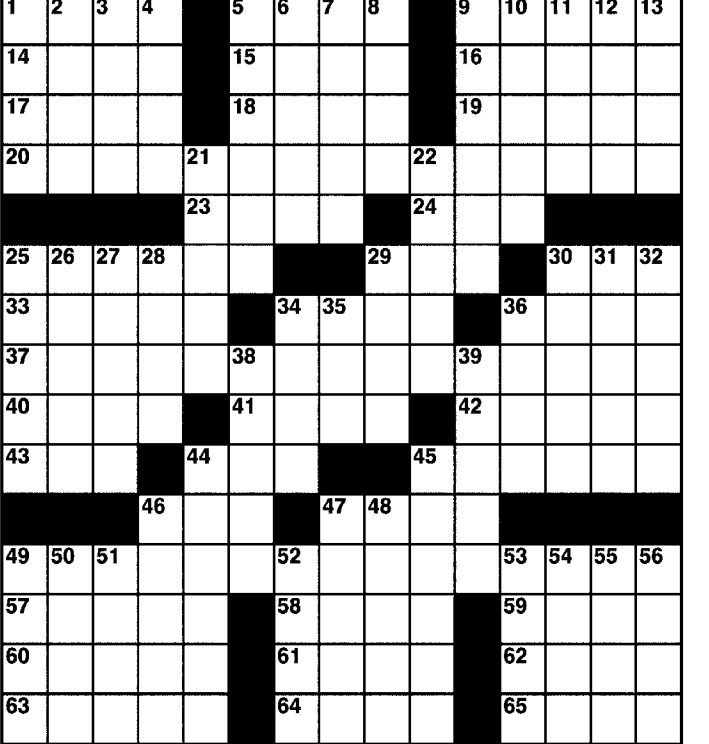
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| 14 Birch or beech | | 21 Legendary pioneer Daniel | 46 French pancake |
| 15 Soothing plant | | 22 Pay tribute to | 47 Away from port |
| 16 Lexus competitor | | 25 Soak in the tub | 48 Spots for castaways |
| 17 Land measure | | 26 Less cooked | 49 Community center org. |
| 18 Dog-biscuit shape | | 27 France | 50 Rowboat implements |
| 19 Bangkok residents | | 28 Solemn promises | 51 Hawaiian instruments |
| 20 Glancing quickly at, as a book | | 29 Helpful hint | 52 "How clumsy of me!" |
| 23 Small bills | | 30 Luxurious | 53 Honolulu's locale |
| 24 Tic-tac-toe winner | | 31 Untrustworthy person | 54 Computer owner |
| 25 Opera-house cheers | | 32 "On the ___ hand..." | 55 Fish's breathing organ |
| 29 Wolf Blitzler's channel | | 34 Satirical sketch | 56 Sandwich meats |
| 30 Money player | | 35 Taking a personal day | |
| 33 Brother of Moses | | 36 Swindles | |
| 34 With no help | | | |
| 36 Solidify | | | |
| 37 Soldier's extended vacation | | | |
| 40 Clothing borders | | | |
| 41 ___ story (biography) | | | |
| 42 Happen next | | | |
| 43 Historical period | | | |
| 44 Toward the back of a ship | | | |
| 45 Person in a hurry | | | |
| 46 151, in Roman numerals | | | |
| 47 Ventilates | | | |
| 49 Challenge to a bully | | | |
| 57 Manufacturer | | | |
| 58 Capital of Norway | | | |
| 59 Largest continent | | | |
| 60 Crawled slowly | | | |
| 61 Baby bird's sound | | | |



CROSSROADS AREA SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL BOYS
Lamesa 61, Coahoma 49
Lamesa..... 11 18 11 21 - 61
Coahoma..... 14 4 11 21 - 49
COAHOMA (6-18) — Tyler Franks 13; Shanon Warneke 13; Braxton Iden 12.

GOLF
Big Spring Invitational
Boys
Team Results
Lakeview
Tyler Coplen.....75
Zac Zuniga.....85
David Castro.....74
Trey Anderson.....115
Total.....349

Lamesa
Kris Hernandez.....99
Tucker Norris.....91
River Stevens.....89
Joseph Rodriguez.....93
Cameron Emfuinger.....101
Total.....372

Monahans
Blane Hefflin.....83
Cameron Eddings.....87
Tyler Smith.....88
Logan Smith.....88
Total.....346

Pecos
Dalton Gilstrap.....76
Kalen Valenzuela.....92
Chris Lease.....85
Efran Valeriano.....95
Phillip Workman.....102
Total.....348

Seminole
Aaron Robledo.....78
Keith Chevront.....76
Brett Klassen.....79
Alec Winfrey.....84
D.J. Chevront.....100
Total.....317

Snyder
Clayton Galyean.....86
Elijah Lay.....98
Ethan Hernandez.....86
Kyle Shrum.....84
Alex Lucke.....98
Total.....354

Andrews
Landon Mack.....82
Logan Upton.....83
Ausden Vasquez.....83
Ivan Armendariz.....82
Hayden Rochell.....95
Total.....330

Big Spring A
Devin Roberson.....83
Tyler Bryan.....88
Mikeu Pappajohn.....78
Sam Harris.....81
Ryan Dimidjian.....93
Total.....330

Big Spring B
Toby Cotton.....108
Zack Bennett.....120
Justin Ryder.....126
Patrick Rodriguez.....129
Total.....483

Sweetwater
Mason Andrews.....82
Michael Hunt.....76
Mark Lawrence.....103
Jeremy Witt.....100
Total.....361

Wylie
Zach Carlton.....87
Curry Jones.....79

Tyler Bilbo.....84
Zeth Zientek.....79
Eddie Reyna.....85
Total.....327

SA Central
Jeff Maciejewski.....82
Tanner Montgomery.....77
David Reyes.....73
Kody Carter.....76
Trey Corder.....91
Total.....308

Fort Stockton
Raul Rodriguez.....95
Aaron Rodriguez.....118
Christopher Barriga.....98
Kolton Yates.....125
Nick Lopez.....119
Total.....430

Girls Team Results Greenwood
Ryan Pate.....77
Haley Wood.....97
Marina Candalaria.....104

Hope Brookshire.....106
Jordan Shoults.....138
Total.....384

Andrews
Kristina Hernandez.....87
Kristini McDonald.....98
Adrienne Peralta.....92
Savannah Pinson.....101
Amber Nanez.....92
Total.....369

Fort Stockton
Lexie Lara.....92
LeeAnn Lasoya.....99
Christina Pevey.....96
Nia Lopez.....122
Kendall Lopez.....125
Total.....409

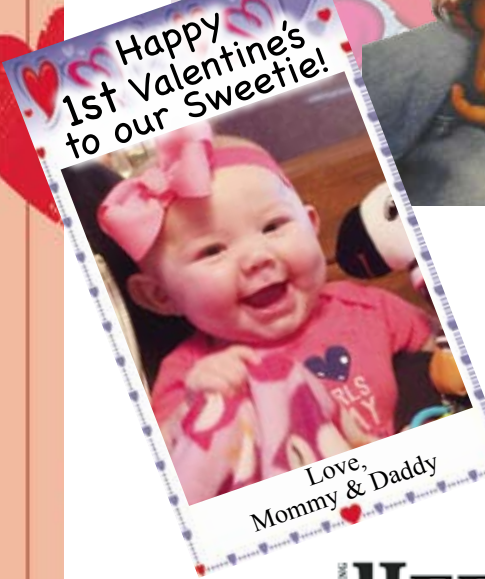
Seminole
Alyssa Nunez.....94
Chelsey Frobe.....85
Janet Frobe.....97
Ellen Wiebe.....88
Lauren Franco.....100
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