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Build it, and maybe they'll come

BSISD eyes home construction as possible teacher recruitment tool

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
Staff Writer

Teacher recruitment was the main focus of the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees meeting Thursday night.

Two teachers were hired at a recent job fair and the board is hoping to sweeten the pot to get even more teachers to move to Big Spring by possibly constructing homes on district property. "The rent and cost of hous-

ing has skyrocketed," Superintendent Chris Wigington said. "I think it will be a great recruiting tool to get good young teachers to move in here." The initial blueprint of the proposed homes is a

900-square-foot floor plan that will feature two bedrooms and one bath. "They will be perfect for young couples," said Wigington, who concedes that the project will be "a chore" but that having homes ready for prospective

teachers will be a crucial incentive to help them decide to move to Big Spring. "It'll be a chore, but we are working with the city, local electricians and the sheriff's See **BSISD**, Page 3



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

From left, Big Spring Independent School District trustees Pat DeAnda and Ken McIntosh and BSISD Business manager Debbie Green look over a report during the trustees' meeting Thursday evening.

County GOP confab on tap

Herald Staff Report

The Howard County Republican Party will hold its convention this Saturday at the Howard County Courthouse. "We encourage everyone to attend. This is an important meeting," said Republican Party county chairman Ron Farquhar. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with the precinct convention. Normally, the party would hold precinct conventions the night of the election but due See **GOP**, Page 3

Rattler Roundup begins

Runs through Sunday at Howard County fair barns

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The 50th annual Rattlesnake Roundup slithered into the Big Spring today. "Everything is going good," said Dennis Burns, organizer. "We also have quite a number of vendors for the arts and craft fair. That building is going to be full." The three day event, which is sponsored by local the American Business Club (AMUCS), began

at 1 p.m. though 5 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barns with weighing-in of snakes gathered up by hunters. But Saturday and Sunday is when the event takes off for the community with demonstrations, races and snake shows featuring professional snake handlers. Also featured is an arts and crafts show and flea market which will be held in the front building of the Fair Barns. A number of vendors will be hawking everything from salsa

to jewelry and of course, snake items. Also making another return appearance is professional snake handler Jackie Bibby, the Texas Snake Man. Bibby is the star of Animal Plant's reality show Rattlesnake Republic. He holds five Guinness World records for snake stunts. He has been handling snakes for more than 40 years. Money from the roundup goes See **RATTLER**, Page 3

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Health care law has uneven impact on companies

By **TOM MURPHY**
AP Business Writer

Sarah Curtis-Fawley will have to offer insurance to her workers at Pacific Pie Co. because of the health care overhaul, and the estimated \$100,000 cost means she may have to raise prices or postpone opening a third restaurant. On the other end of the spectrum, the owner of a 1-800-Got-Junk? franchise near Philadelphia figures he'll save money because his 12 workers now can shop for coverage on public insurance exchanges created by the overhaul. "For an employer at my level, it's a win," said Eric Blum, franchisee of the junk

removal service. The Affordable Care Act, which aims to provide coverage for millions, is playing to decidedly mixed reviews in corporate America. Its impact on companies varies greatly, depending on factors such as a firm's number of employees and whether it already provides health insurance. Some businesses are dealing with administrative hassles or rising costs, while others worry about the law's requirement that mid-sized and big companies offer coverage or face penalties. But the law hasn't meant big changes for every company. And some small businesses now can offer employees a benefit they wouldn't be able to afford without the law.

RISE IN COSTS
Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the largest U.S. private employer, expects \$330 million in additional health care costs this year in part because company leaders think more employees are signing up for its insurance to meet the law's requirement that most Americans have coverage. The retailer covers about 1.1 million employees and dependents, and enrollment in its health plan will climb by about 100,000 this year. Some companies that haven't provided insurance are preparing for the requirement that firms with 50 or more full-time employees offer coverage or face a penalty. Curtis-Fawley said the cost

of providing coverage for her 54 employees could amount to a tenth of the Portland, Ore., wholesale pie company's annual revenue of about \$1 million. She has been talking with consultants to find an approach that would work. "I haven't been able to find a plan that would seem to make sense financially," Curtis-Fawley said. **MAKING CHANGES**
At the start of this year, United Parcel Service Inc. dropped health insurance benefits for working spouses of the parcel delivery company's nonunion employees who could get coverage elsewhere. UPS said the change See **LAW**, Page 3

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Obituaries

Oliver Benjamin Nichols Jr. (Bud)

Oliver Benjamin Nichols Jr. (Bud), 80, of Big Spring, Texas died Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, March 24, 2014, at the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Calvary Callender and the Rev. James Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2014 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Bud was born to Oliver and Myrta Nichols Sr. on Jan. 25, 1934, in Big Spring. He graduated from Knott High School and then attended Howard Junior College. He served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957 and was stationed in Germany during this time.

He had been affiliated with the Elbow community

since 1960. He married Edna Harrell in 1956 and later married Lisa Nichols in 1981. Oliver was a lifetime cotton farmer and owned Nichols Trucking Company. He served on the Howard County Farm Bureau Board and also served on the Forsan ISD Board for eight years, four years as president.

Survivors include five children, Marcia Goza and husband, Micah of Liberty Hill, Texas, CharitiXan Nichols of Big Spring, Melissa Munden and husband, Cody of San Angelo, Texas, Weldon Nichols of Big Spring and Trey Nichols of Austin, Texas; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three brothers; one sister.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Billy Nichols.

The family suggest memorials be made to the ALS Association.

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

Clinton "Doyle" Hobbs



Clinton "Doyle" Hobbs, 75, of Big Spring, Texas, formerly of Roswell, N.M., died peacefully in his home, Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Doyle was born Dec. 10, 1938, in Lake Arthur, N.M. to Clinton and Oleta Hobbs.

He married Caroline Franklin Dec. 30, 1955, in Roswell, N.M..

He is survived by his wife, Caroline and their children. Jerry and Carlon Baker, Tim and Marty Helmstetler, David and Lisa Hobbs; 8 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; siblings Wesley and Jeanette Hobbs, Barbara and Stanley Griffin, Gary and Lunell Gilley, Barbara Crosby and their extended families.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one

son, Clinton Doyle "Dusty" Hobbs, Jr.

Doyle was a hard working family man who always put the needs of his family first.

He loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He had a passion for raising Suffolk sheep, loved to laugh and always had a unique nickname for his grandchildren. He will be dearly missed.

A private family ceremony will be held in Big Spring, Texas.

A special thanks to Betty and Jessica of Home Hospice for taking such wonderful care of our Dad in his time of need.

In lieu of flowers, Dad asked that donations be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com>

Paid Obituary

Bettie Greenwade Bedell



Bettie Greenwade Bedell, 93, of Big Spring, Texas, died Wednesday March 19, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center.

Graveside services were held in the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel at 11 a.m. today with Dr. Doug Shelley of Eastside Baptist Church officiating.

She was born in Rochester, Texas on Oct. 20, 1929, to Louise and Barrett Greenwade. She grew

up in Monahans, Texas, and also attended Texas Christian University. She was a longtime resident of Howard County. She moved to Big Spring

from Lubbock, Texas, in October 1962 and worked at First National Bank of Big Spring for 10 years until December 1972. She worked at several different banks beginning in 1950. On June 15, 1972, she married Clay R. Bedell in Monahans. She was a member of East Fourth Baptist Church.

She is survived by one step-daughter, Marilyn Burgess of Midland, Texas; two sister-in-laws, Betty Bedell of Big Spring and Wanoke Roberts of Nevada, Texas, along with one grandson, Clay McIntire of Stanton, Texas.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband Clay Bedell on Nov. 6, 1994.

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

Paid Obituary

Police blotter

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

- JUSTIN M. RAMIREZ, 46, of 710 Willia, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency and on a charge of evading arrest/detention previously convicted.

- SILVIA ZATARIAN MORALES, 32, of 1603 S. Austin, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for assault: family violence threat or offensive touch.

- NATHANIEL LEE WRICE, 24, of 801 Wyoming, was arrested Thursday on charges of delivery of a controlled substance 1 greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams and possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.

- CHRISTOPHER LABOIS TYLER, 35, of 801 Wyoming, was arrested Thursday on charges of delivery of a controlled substance 1 greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than

- 200 grams, possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces and a warrant from another agency.

- FREDWRICK DASHEAN DOTSON, 42, of 801 Wyoming, was arrested Thursday on charges of delivery of a controlled substance 1 greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams, possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces and a warrant from another agency.

- JORGE ALBERTO CARREON-DELEON, 32, of 202 E. Lincoln St., Electra, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.

- LINDSEY KAY LEE, 28, of 4203 Oak St., was arrested Thursday on warrants for no drivers license - when unlicensed, unlawful dog or cat tethering and fail to appear.

- MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ, 26, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Thursday on charges of

possession of a controlled substance 1 greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

- OSCAR CORDOVA JR., transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid - driving while intoxicated related.

- CHARLES EDWARD MORGAN, 57, of 708 Pine, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.

- NAMEN MAXWELL MCCULLOUGH, 17, of 6412 Midway Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of unlawful carrying a weapon in prohibited places.

- ALIX MCKENNA PIERCE, 20, of 1206 E. 15th St., was arrested on a warrant for theft of aluminum, bronze, copper or brass.

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.

- SILVIA ZATARIAN MORALES was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence.

- CHRISTOPHER DESHUN MINTER was booked by DPS on capias warrant for driving while license invalid, display expired registration, driving while license invalid and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

- NATHANIEL JAMAL AUSBIE was booked by HCSO on a charge of delivery of controlled substance 1 less than 1 gram and capias warrant for fail to maintain financial responsibility.

- NAMEN MAXWELL MCCULLOUGH was booked by HCSO on a charge of unlawful carry a weapon in a weapon free zone.

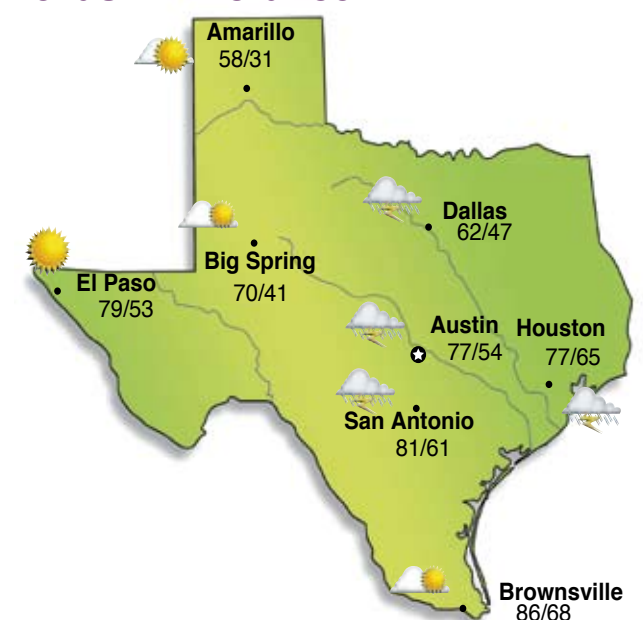
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 3/22	Sun 3/23	Mon 3/24	Tue 3/25	Wed 3/26
70/41 Considerable clouds early. Some decrease in clouds later in the day.	52/40 Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.	69/39 More clouds than sun. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	63/40 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	66/49 A few showers possible, windy.
Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	62	42	cloudy	Kingsville	86	68	cloudy
Amarillo	58	31	mst sunny	Livingston	77	62	t-storm
Austin	77	54	t-storm	Longview	71	49	t-storm
Beaumont	74	65	t-storm	Lubbock	63	34	pt sunny
Brownsville	86	68	pt sunny	Lufkin	78	57	cloudy
Brownwood	69	45	cloudy	Midland	71	42	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	77	66	cloudy	Raymondville	89	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	70	50	t-storm	Rosenberg	79	64	t-storm
Dallas	62	47	t-storm	San Antonio	81	61	t-storm
Del Rio	89	66	cloudy	San Marcos	77	57	t-storm
El Paso	79	53	sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	48	t-storm
Fort Stockton	78	51	pt sunny	Sweetwater	64	40	cloudy
Gainesville	53	43	t-storm	Tyler	72	50	t-storm
Greenville	60	47	t-storm	Weatherford	57	44	t-storm
Houston	77	65	t-storm	Wichita Falls	53	42	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	53	pt sunny	Minneapolis	24	6	pt sunny
Boston	54	31	mixed	New York	61	35	rain
Chicago	43	24	pt sunny	Phoenix	78	53	sunny
Dallas	62	47	t-storm	San Francisco	61	48	pt sunny
Denver	40	25	mixed	Seattle	52	35	pt sunny
Houston	77	65	t-storm	St. Louis	53	30	pt sunny
Los Angeles	65	52	pt sunny	Washington, DC	69	40	cloudy

sion of marijuana.

- FREDWRICK DASHEAN DOTSON was booked by BSPD on a charges of delivery of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

- CHRISTOPHER LABOIS TYLER was booked by BSPD on charges of delivery of controlled substance, possession of marijuana, driving while intoxicated 2nd offense and theft.

- ALIX MCKENNA PIERCE was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of material - aluminum/bronze/copper/brass less than \$20,000.

- JORGE ALBERT CARREON-DELEON was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property.

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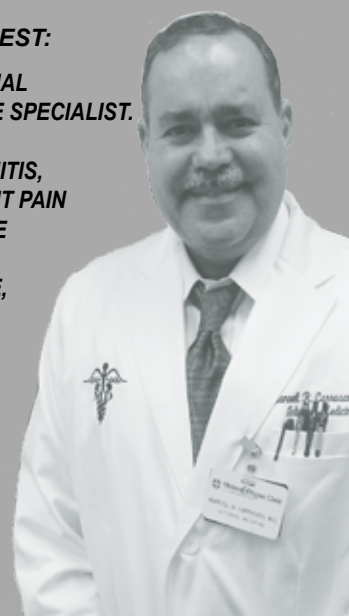
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• Relocation Rescue, a non-profit animal rescue, is holding a "Paint Your Pet" fundraiser event 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at the Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry. We supply all the materials needed for participants to paint a picture of their pets while enjoying a silent auction, wine

and cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and a whole lot of fun. Tickets are \$30 for individuals and \$50 for couples. For more information call the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol, or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person.

LAW

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was due to rising health care costs and the overhaul.

Indiana University has started trimming hours for about 750 employees who aren't considered full-time but averaged more than 30 hours a week so the university can avoid the requirement that it provide those workers coverage. Spokesman Mark Land didn't have an estimate for how much this will save in health care costs. But he noted that the university, which covers about 18,000 full-time employees, spends more than \$213 million per fiscal year on health care, and its budget for that expense climbed more than 7 percent from last year.

"At some point, we had to balance our commitment to employees with the realities of our financial situation and our responsibility to taxpayers and students

who pay much of the bill," he says.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADACHES

Businesses owners say they have to take time away from running their companies to understand the law and explain it to employees. The overhaul also forces some without human resources staff to spend more on consultants to help them translate changes in the law.

About 78 percent of more than 700 employers surveyed recently by the benefits consultant Mercer labeled the increased administrative burden imposed by the law as either a significant or very significant concern.

And that has been intensified by several changes that have been made to the law's requirements. For instance, the deadline for employers with 50 or more full-time workers to begin offering affordable coverage has been pushed back and

tweaked a few times. That buys companies time but also forces some to revisit and adjust their plans.

LOW IMPACT

The overhaul hasn't fazed many companies, especially those in industries that must provide attractive benefits to attract and keep highly skilled workers. Tech giant Google Inc., which ranks among the nation's best places to work, said it hasn't had to make any significant changes to its health benefits to adhere to the law.

The law requires that employer-sponsored plans cover at least a certain percentage of expected health care costs, and more than 80 percent of companies surveyed by Mercer said they already meet that threshold.

HELPED BY THE LAW

Companies with fewer than 50 employees can send their workers to insurance exchanges

to find coverage and, in some cases, receive tax credits for doing so. This can be a recruitment or retention benefit for companies that can't afford to offer coverage.

The 1-800-Got-Junk? franchisee said rates for coverage he was providing were scheduled to jump 65 percent this year. So he sent employees to exchanges to find coverage and offered to continue paying half the premium, or coverage cost. He projects savings of \$3,000 to \$4,000 annually — significant for a company with \$500,000 to \$1 million in annual revenue, he said.

Bigger companies also can save by sending employees to exchanges. Western Communications Inc. dropped coverage for its 280 employees this the year after the newspaper publisher had more than \$2 million in health care claims last year. Employees can go to exchanges, where they may be eligible for subsidies to help pay for care.

BSISD

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department and we are getting very, very close," the superintendent explained.

The project, still in its infancy, projects have five or six homes built by next year. The proposed homes would be built by the high school shop students "from scratch" and will be located on property by the Goliad Middle School building currently owned by the school district.

Although the land has yet to be developed, there is existing water and sewer lines nearby. Once the homes are built, the hiring staff which includes the principals from the junior high, high school and elementary schools, will be able to use the new

housing as a recruitment tool.

In other business Thursday:

- The Texas Association of School Boards media honor roll nominations were made by the board, "to honor media personnel who do a great job for us," said Wigington. The nominees for this year include Alex Huddleston of KBST and Lyndel Moody of the Big Spring Herald.
- The discussion turned to temporarily suspending a local policy concerning board approval of personnel hires. This action was unanimously approved by the board in an effort

to make the process of hiring teachers easier. "When we go to a job fair and tell a teacher we'll get back to them, by the time we do they've already taken a position somewhere else," Wigington said.

- Other action items that were approved were instructional materials allotment, TEKS certification for 2014-2015 and the low attendance and missed instructional day waivers.

• However, the consideration and deliberation regarding the appointment, reassignment and employment of multiple campus personnel was tabled for further discussion at the the board's next meeting.

RATTLER

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toward befitting the AMBUCS scholarship program for therapist and purchasing AmTryke bicycles for children with disabilities. The round-up opens at

10 a.m. and runs to 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4 to 11.

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234.

GOP

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to the lateness of receiving results from the March 4 election that night, those conventions were delayed. The county convention will begin at 2 p.m. Each convention is expected to last about an hour.

According to Far-

quhar, 13 delegates will be elected to attend the state convention. Also the party will pass resolutions that will be sent off to the state convention. Those eligible to serve as a delegate must have voted in the March Republican Primary.

The state Republican Party convention will be held from June 5-7 at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

SHERIFF

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- LINDSEY KAY LEE was booked by BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check and capias warrants for no drivers license, violate promise to appear and chained dog.
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- RICKY ARNOLD NELSON was booked by

DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of controlled substance, fail to identify giving false/fictitious information.

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Saturday, March 22
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
◆ Snake Shows, Demonstrations, Races
◆ Arts & Crafts Show - Dora Roberts Bldg.

Sunday, March 23
Noon to 4:00 p.m.
◆ Weigh-in of snakes

Noon to 5:00 p.m.
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GOP to Latinos: We can be worse than Obama

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Just when you think there is nothing more Republicans can do to alienate themselves from Latino voters, when you would think that they would sit back and relish how many Latinos are turning on President Barack Obama for his record-breaking deportations, House Republicans come up with legislation that reclaims the championship of immigrant-bashing.

No, senator! If Obama thinks he can be tough by deporting more immigrants than his predecessors, Republicans are not going to be outdone. In a year of midterm elections, when they need to appeal to their base in conservative-gerrymandered districts, they are not about to let Obama steal the wrath of Latinos.

Not after they have done so much to earn it!

And so, as if to upstage Obama's deportations, the House Republicans passed a bill last week that would kill the only positive progress that has been made on immigration in recent history.

Amazingly, after claiming they would have compassion at least for the young undocumented immigrants who were brought here by their parents, Republicans are going after the Dreamers!

In fact, they are going after Obama's authority to make policy decisions on how the laws are enforced on issues like health care, marriage, drugs, education and immigration.

Using what little wiggle room he has, Obama has tried to circumvent the government paralysis often created by House Republicans with administrative changes that have not required congressional approval — including the policy that has allowed Dreamers to stay here



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legally and could be reversed by this latest GOP draconian legislation.

Passed 233 to 181, including by five Democrats, the “Enforce the Law” Act would allow Congress to sue the president whenever his opponents feel the executive branch is not enforcing the law — clearly making the president's leniency toward Dreamers subject to legal challenge.

Another GOP bill scheduled to go up for a vote this week would require the attorney general to report to Congress whenever the administration changes its enforcement of laws.

It's all part of the GOP's hyperbolic campaign to combat “the imperial presidency.”

“From Obamacare to welfare and education reform, to our nation's drug enforcement and immigration laws, President Obama has been picking and choosing which laws to enforce,” charged House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-Va. “In place of the checks and balances established by the Constitution, President Obama has proclaimed that ‘I refuse to take “no” for an answer’ and that ‘where (Congress) won't act, I will.’”

It's a bogus argument, a sham. The president won't let them paralyze the country, and so now they are trying to paralyze the president by denying him the

authority to exercise prosecutorial discretion.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., already predicted these bills would be declared DOA in the Senate, and the White House has indicated the president would veto them.

So why do they bother with such dead-end legislation if not to feed their conservative base with a lot of hallow rhetoric? Now they can go out on their respective campaign stumps in their respective gerrymandered conservative districts and rail about how they are stopping Obama from abusing his authority to make changes in a variety of issues, including immigration.

While immigrant-rights advocates are calling on Obama to keep sidestepping Congress and extend his “deferred action” policy to stop the deportation of all undocumented immigrants who have no criminal record, Republicans are trying to take away the president's authority to shelter even the Dreamers.

It makes a mockery of the alleged Republican efforts to reach out to Latinos.

We've all heard GOP leaders saying that they need to address immigration, that they recognize they are alienating Latino voters by being so intransigent on this issue, and yet when they finally pass a bill related to immigration, they are still trying to turn the clock back.

Their message to Latino voters: If you think Obama's record-breaking deportations are bad, don't forget Republicans can be much worse.

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DAILY PRAYER

Give us strength, dear Lord, to deal with adversity.

Amen

What's wrong with meritocracy rug?

Nothing, right? For much of my professional life, I yearned for an opportunity to be judged on the basis of my accomplishments, without regard to factors such as race or sex. In my version of the American dream, the country was a meritocracy that allowed you to succeed even if your mother was a secretary and a lot of people seemed to hate Jews.

So how come so many feminists were angry about the “United Meritocracy of GitHub” rug that they ultimately decided to take it down?

According to Julie Ann Horvath, an engineer at the company who founded the all-female lecture series Passion Projects and defended the company at the time, the problem began on some of the feminist tech talk boards, where women pointed out some painfully obvious questions: If it's really a meritocracy, how come so few of the people at the top are women?

Or more broadly, if you believe we've achieved “equality” and that decisions are being made based on merit, how come the industry's leadership — particularly in the tech industry, where the leadership is very young — is so overwhelmingly male?

Some of it, certainly, is the reflection of the stubborn underrepresentation of women in STEM fields, especially computer science, which Harvey Mudd College President Maria Klawe has taken a leadership role in trying to change, as well as the related problem of the tech “culture,” which Horvath herself



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was tackling with her Passion Projects.

In the meantime, GitHub decided to yank the rug. That was in January. Frankly, I missed it — the story, not the rug.

I caught up this week when Horvath rather noisily exited (or was asked to leave) and started firing at the company she previously had defended.

You can find the play-by-play all over the Internet, this being a tech scandal of sorts.

But Horvath claims she was threatened and intimidated by the wife of one of the founders (using a wife as an agent of intimidation, if that is indeed what happened, is not a feminist act), and also that as a woman she never felt accepted at the company.

Horvath also was having a relationship with a fellow employee, and — this will not come as a shock to feminists of a certain age — he still has his job, while she doesn't have hers. (Or as I often pose to my students and former students: One of you is likely to lose your job. Who do you think it will be?)

Meritocracies actually are more complicated than they first

appear.

They require a common appreciation of what counts as “merit” and how it should be measured.

And that appreciation, we learned painfully, can easily be tinged with all kinds of gendered elements without the person who is making the decisions even realizing it.

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And many of the traits we value, and how we value them, also end up being laden with gender overtones.

Too aggressive? When was the last time you heard a young man described that way?

Too timid? Say goodnight, Gracie, that girl doesn't stand a chance.

Men may have sharp elbows, but the word for such women cannot be printed in a family newspaper.

Getting crosswise with your boss's wife is a career ender that disproportionately ensnares women.

Sexist? Absolutely.

At first, I couldn't understand why the tech feminists were so worked up about the rug. The answer, as always, is that it's never just the rug.

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Church news

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our website is www.aicbig-spring.org. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@ccom.net.

Sunday Service will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Bible Study and Sunday School to follow at 10:15 a.m.

Jill Alsobrooks will present the readings this week.

Our Wednesday night bible study is titled "I AM SECOND" by e3 Partners. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Mid-Week classes are in session for the youth. A light meal is served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

We are having Lenten Services at 6 p.m. that began March 9, and every Sunday evening for the next three weeks. This Sunday evening the topic is "The King Condemned." Easter Sunday we will have an Easter Sunrise service at 8 a.m. followed by a "Free-Will" Pancake Breakfast and then the Easter Celebration service at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We will be having a Children's Easter Egg-stravaganza Saturday, April 19, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Lots of fun, games and an Easter Egg Hunt (primary school ages). Everyone is invited to attend.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts".

First Baptist Church

Do you ever feel abandoned? Jesus knows exactly how you feel. Sunday morning's message is titled "Forsaken" drawn from Matthew 27:46 which is the account of Jesus expressing His feelings of abandonment as He hung on the cross. Join us at 10:50 for the worship service, and Pastor Mark Lindsey will explore this powerful passage as he delivers the sermon. Bring your smart phone, iPad, or kindle fire and interact with the sermon through You Version.

Sunday School groups meet at 9:30, with children's classes on the first floor and youth and adults on the second floor. Greeters at each door are happy to help you find your class.

The evening worship service starts at 6, and the message is drawn from Exodus 20:7, titled "Honoring God with Your Lips and Your Lives." In today's world, taking the Lord's name in vain is commonplace and Scripture tells us that this does not please or honor God and no one should ever do it.

It's Ninja night at AWANA, so come dressed like a Ninja for a fun time of games and learning the Bible. AWANA begins at 5:30 and all students K-6 are welcome.

Youth will gather in the second floor youth department at 6 p.m. for worship and fellowship. Also, the special 9:30 a.m. Sunday School class for graduating seniors titled "Sticky Faith" continues this week. The series focuses on establishing deep spiritual roots so that your relationship with Christ will continue to grow after graduation. The corresponding class for parents of graduates will begin April 6.

Women's Bible study groups meet Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room. We are participating in the study "Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask" by Angela Thomas. It's not too late to join, so bring a friend. Call 267-8223 for child care.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served from 5-6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Activities for all age groups begin at 6, which include Adult Choir practice, children's mission groups, Adult Bible Study and prayer gathering, and Saturate Youth Group.

Go to fcbigspring.org for more information. Come enjoy parmesan chicken March 26.

If you struggle with feelings of abandonment or loneliness, please call (432)267-8223 or stop by the church and someone will be glad to listen, pray with you, and talk with you about Jesus Christ, who longs to comfort you and be your friend.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

Lenten Schedule

Romans 5:3-4

"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

Quote of Reflection

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." — Helen Keller

The Pain of Glory

It is very misleading to see the end result of greatness on display if you have no prior knowledge of the process that leads to the outcome you're witnessing. For anyone who has never had to find it within themselves to use the experience of pain as an ingredient in the recipe to produce glory, the scripture focus from Romans chapter five would seem unrealistic, out of reach and mystical.

However, for anyone who can recall blood, sweat and tears leading to cheers, applause and victory, this passage sums up the meaning of "The Pain of Glory".

The media is good at displaying mediocre people who find a way to achieve extraordinary results. When actually, there is nothing mediocre about a person desiring to do the extraordinary. This level of results come from grasping that everybody has visions of being more than mediocre, but only an extreme willingness to submit to the visions will produce extraordinary results.

Visualize the athlete who aspires to break a world record in the Olympics. An athlete is forced to find a way through training to make their bodies submit and even suffer in order to separate themselves from everyone else who wishes to obtain the same medal. When all of the athletes in a race cross the finish line and the winner become conscious that they have won, we see them begin to cry tears of joy and think that it's the result of apprehending a crowning achievement but those waterworks are a reflection of the voyage it

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How many boulders are in your cart?

If a picture is worth a thousand words, a good story must be almost as valuable. Perhaps that is why Jesus used so many parables in the New Testament. The human mind seems to need a verbal picture now and then to lubricate the hinges on the brain's trap doors. Without those images, many of us let words just flow from ear to ear with little retention. But a good story strengthens the memory and makes us feel good all over.

At a conference that I attended recently, a speaker retold a story that he had read about a man and a cartload of boulders. It seems that God had asked the man to move a large boulder from one point to another.

In obedience, the man found a sturdy cart, loaded the boulder, and started the task of moving the boulder to its new destination. He hadn't gone very far, however, when he encountered another man trying to carry a large rock.

"Since you have such a strong cart, could you carry my rock, too?" the second man asked. "I'd be glad to help," the first man replied with a big smile on his

face. "Just put your boulder in the cart with mine, and I'll move it for you."

But as the first man pushed his load of rocks, he met another man struggling to move a heavy stone. "Just put your rock into the cart with the others," he said to his new friend.

As the load of rocks on the man's cart became harder and harder to push, more and more people asked him to push their loads as well. Finally, the load was just too heavy for him to push any farther.

As the man dropped to the ground in exhaustion, he heard God speak, "I only asked you to move one boulder."

Sometimes we are all guilty of piling too many rocks in our carts.

However, we might also do well to remember the advice of a believer named James. He wrote, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5 NASB).

Maybe our daily prayer should be, "Lord, how many boulders do you want me to move today, and which one should I load into the cart first?"

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Reflections: Believe it or not

“Believe.” It is an interesting word. Sometimes we use it to indicate doubt. If we are not entirely certain of something, we will say, “I believe so.” For instance, if someone asks, “Are your friends joining us for dinner?” We will say, “I believe so.” Meaning, I think they are but I am not quite sure. If we were certain they were coming to dinner, we would simply say, “Yes.” Sometimes we use “believe” to indicate our agreement with someone else’s



BILL TINSLEY

statement. When I say, “I believe you,” I am indicating that I “believe” something is true. If you point to an airplane and ask, “Do you believe this is an airplane?” I might say, “Yes, I believe that is an airplane.” At other times we use the word “believe” to indicate our confidence in someone. We may use the term for a political candidate or a doctor indicating confidence in that person. In this case, they would get our vote or our business. We could also use this term with respect to the pilot of the airplane. We could believe in him, meaning we have confidence he can fly the airplane. The word translated “believe” in the Bible is “pisteuo.” “Faith” is closer to the meaning of “pisteuo.” But,

we don’t have a verb form of “faith” in our language. We cannot say, “I faith you.” We are left with our word “believe.” In this case, if we believe in the airplane and the pilot, we must climb aboard the airplane, take our seat and actually fly in it. We follow instructions and trust both the airplane and the pilot to take us aloft thousands of feet in the air. The “faith” meaning of the word changes how we understand key passages in the Bible. For instance, when Jesus says, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me shall never die,” he is actually saying, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who puts his trust and absolute faith in me shall never die.” Here is the difference in

religion and relationship. There are many who occasionally attend church who “believe” in Christ and “believe” they are Christians. They use the term like the first example. They are not quite sure, but they think it might be true, or hope it is. Then there are others who attend church who “believe” according to the second definition. They give mental assent believing that Jesus is the Son of God, but it doesn’t make much difference in their lives. Still others fall into the third category. They believe in Jesus in the sense that they have confidence in who he claims to be. They think he is a good person, that he spoke the truth, that he would get their vote among the other religious leaders in the history.

But moving into a faith relationship with Jesus Christ requires the New Testament kind of “believing.” We must trust Him with our lives. In this case we don’t have to understand or know everything, just like we don’t have to understand or know everything about flight and airplanes in order to fly. When the Bible says, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved,” it means more than wishful thinking. It means we must place our complete faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Like flying, we must follow His instructions and trust Him. If we do this, He will save us.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com Email bill@tinsleycenter.com

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took to get to the finish line. The extreme emotions aren’t just about winning, but instead a moment of reflection about the investment that paid off.

The training regimens for athletes are a good example of everyday life because good habits produce desired outcomes. Everyday day, people aspire to be healthier but do their habits mirror the aspiration?

Lent Season is a reflective time of year to investigate what you personally want to obtain and ask yourself are you willing to submit to the process it would take to gain it. Are you the best spouse you could be? Could you be better at parenting? Have you neglected your personal health? Are you good at managing your money? All of these things take the same obedience to a vision that an athlete must use to become a champion. The Pain of Glory is available to everyone but not everyone is willing to surrender to sacrifice change.

Transformation is uncomfortable but necessary in order to harvest the best of who you are. Look for the place you need to transform and understand the formula may be painful but the end result is worth your investment.

By the Rev. Lester W. Brown Jr.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will continue with our message series, “The Grand Design.” This week we will be discussing a passage from Exodus 16:14-30 titled, “Nothing Fancy.” On Wednesday evenings we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament. On Sunday evenings we are in a DVD study called, “The Story.” It is comprised of a video segment and study guide, and speaks of how the Bible in all its parts tells God’s story. We also frequently have Bible study groups in individual homes, such as the Daniel Plan, which is currently in session on Monday evenings. We are currently in the planning stages for a revival mutually held with Baker’s Chapel AME Church in Big Spring. Dates and details will follow soon. Our men’s breakfast will be at 9 a.m. at the Four Sands Café on March 22. Youth activities on Wednesday evenings include a meal at 5:30 and classes for all ages beginning at 6. We have Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends, and CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Answers) Youth. Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Spring Creek Fellowship

“Between The Lines” Women’s Ministry will be hosting a Yard Sale from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on April 26. If you have donations for this sale, please contact the church office. Please join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for our fellowship meal. Adult Bible Study, Youth, Boy

Idaho city considers monument

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP) — A conservative advocacy group says it will represent the city of Sandpoint for free in a potential lawsuit over a Ten Commandments monument in a public park. The Bonner County Daily Bee reports that Hiram Sasser of the Plano, Texas-based Liberty Institute made the offer at a public hearing concerning the monument on Wednesday. “We’re pretty much the leading experts in the

country on these types of cases,” said Sasser, managing director of strategic litigation. City officials have said they’re investigating alternative locations for the monument in Farmin Park after receiving a letter in November from the Freedom From Religion Foundation asking the monument be removed. “The best approach is to remedy the liability by moving the monument now,” the group said in the letter.

Scouts and children’s activities start at 6:15. Hope to see you there.

We have started a Prayer Shawl Ministry as a part of our Sewing Seeds of Hope crafting ministry. We meet on Saturday’s at 10 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to make a prayer shawl or want to join us in this ministry, please come meet with us.

We will be hosting a Men’s Conference at Circle 6 Lodge in Stanton the weekend of April 26. For more details, contact Lloyd Wells.

You can now listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 a.m. every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

“Free Indeed” is collecting sleeping bags, socks, toboggans, scarves and gloves for the homeless. You may bring them the church or contact the church office to drop these off.

Our SCF Prayer Team meets every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at Spring Town Plaza (the mall). Everyone is welcome and we invite you to bring your lunch and join us in praying for our community, each other and the businesses in the mall. You may come and go as you need to during this time.

Big Spring Classical Academy classes include Pre-K thru 5th grade for this year. Visit our website at bigspringclassical.org for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

Donate your old cellphones to “Survivors Connect” Phones for Freedom Campaign. Learn more at SurvivorsConnect.org or pick up one of the information booklets by the collection box in our foyer.

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- Sunday-9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups
 - 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- “Holy Grounds Café” is open with snacks and fellowship.
 - 10:45 a.m.-noon-Worship Service-You can now listen to recent sermons on our web page at www.springcreekfellowship.org
 - Monday-7-8 p.m.-“Celebrate Recovery”
 - Tuesday- noon-2-Prayer Team meets at the mall
 - Wednesday-5:30 Fellowship Meal
 - 6:15 p.m.-Bible Study and Youth and Children’s activities
 - 6:15 p.m.-Boy Scouts.
 - Friday-7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous meets at SCF.
 - Saturday-7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men’s Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship
 - 10 a.m.-“Sewing Seeds of Hope” Crafting fellowship
- If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website. Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. (Across from Denny’s). Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

“Every Member a Minister”-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

First Presbyterian Church

The Children’s Choir meets at 4:20p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets in the library at 5:17, and the Chancel Choir meets for practice at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

We were blessed to have the Children’s Choir sing the introit, “For the Things That I Do Wrong” as the prayer of confession and two songs they have learned in Sunday School during last Sunday’s worship service. The Youth Handbell Choir rang “What Wondrous Love Is This” as the offertory.

The Lenten Lunches for this year are scheduled as follows: March 26, First United Methodist Church, the Reverend Lester Brown, Baker’s Chapel African Methodist Episcopal, speaker; April 2, First Baptist Church, the Reverend Cal Calendar, First Church of the Nazarene, speaker; April 9, Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, the Reverend Carroll Kohl, Lutheran pastor, speaker. The Big Spring Ministerial Alliance invites everyone to attend these lunches during the season of Lent.

Liturgist for March is Helen Glass. Ushers are Sarah Salinas, Kim Brown, Janie Conley, and Susan Holstedt. Sarah Salinas is in charge of refreshments for “Take Ten” for Sunday, March 23.

Lectionary for the Third Sunday in Lent is Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95 ; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4:5-42. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will present “On Eagle’s Wings” by Michael Joncas as the offertory anthem.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for the service, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what’s happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpchs.org On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

First Christian Church

This Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Ken McIntosh, will be preaching a sermon titled, “Bargains That Cost Too Much,” based on the scripture Matthew 4:1-11. Liturgist for the Sunday worship is Mary Beth Johnson Our 10:50 a.m. worship on Sunday also includes Children’s Church and Holy Communion. Wanda Brock will be leading children’s church, while Joyce Davis and Shirley Lee will preside at the Lord’s Table.

Looking ahead, Sunday, March 30. will be a special morning as we say goodbye to Sallie Wilson, who has been our church musician for the last 10 years. This Sunday is her last Sunday because she is moving out of Big Spring. Join us as we at 10:50 a.m. as we celebrate the decade of her special ministry with us.

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Texas edges Arizona State on buzzer-beater

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The shot was long, and it smacked hard off the glass in the final seconds. That's when big Cameron Ridley, standing every bit of 6-foot-9 and 285 pounds, reached down, picked up the ball and put it in as time expired.

Hello Texas, and welcome back to March Madness.

The Longhorns made a successful return to the NCAA tournament when Ridley's

layup lifted his team to an 87-85 victory over Arizona State on Thursday night.

"Just a loose ball. Cam does have great hands," Texas coach Rick Barnes said.

Jonathan Holmes missed badly on a long 3-pointer for the Longhorns in the final seconds, but Ridley emerged from the scrum of hands and scored as the buzzer sounded. The call stood after a video replay, handing Texas its first tourney win since 2011.

"I went to the glass as hard

as I could, and I tried to get it as hard as I could and it went in," Ridley said.

Ridley finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds for the seventh-seeded Longhorns (24-10), who led by 14 with 12 minutes left. Freshman reserve Martez Walker had 16 points and Demarcus Holland scored 14 on 6-for-6 shooting from the field.

"That's something you are going to remember for the rest of your life," Holmes said.

Texas will face No. 2 seed

Michigan in the third round Saturday. The Wolverines advanced with a 57-40 victory over Wofford.

Jordan Bachynski had 25 points and seven rebounds for No. 10 seed Arizona State (21-12), which was making its first tournament appearance since 2009. Jahii Carson had 19 points and nine assists, and Jermaine Marshall added 17 points and seven rebounds.

"It's a tough one. It's a tough way to end the game and end my career," Bachynski said.

Several Sun Devils just laid down in front of their bench after Ridley's final shot, and Bachynski slowly walked off the court with his hands on the back of his head.

"They just keep playing. They've been a next-play, next-game team all season," Arizona State coach Herb Sendek said.

Texas went to the NCAA tournament in each of Barnes' first 14 seasons at the school, making it to the 2003 Final Four.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring shortstop Bret Broman fields a grounder at short during the Steers' recent outing against Snyder. Big Spring will face Sweetwater today.

Smith pleased with Steers' effort

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Most probably figured Big Spring High School head coach Bobby Smith would have been disappointed following his team's 9-8 loss to Snyder on Tuesday.

He was ... but only in the fact that the Steers' high-caliber effort didn't result in a win in the team's District 4-3A opener. Everything else suited him perfectly.

"After a bad start, the kids never gave up and battled all the way to the end," said Smith. "We aren't happy with the result, obviously, but we're very happy with the way the team fought until the end."

With the loss, the Steers fell to 9-8 for the season and, more importantly, slipped to 0-1 in district competition.

If not for a slow start, the end result

District 4-3A Standings

District	Season
Wylie.....	1-0
Sweetwater.....	1-0
Snyder.....	1-0
Big Spring.....	0-1
Greenwood.....	0-1
Monahans.....	0-1

Tuesday's Games

Snyder 9, Big Spring 8
Wylie 4, Monahans 0
Sweetwater 7, Greenwood 6

could have been much different. Once the Steers' offense got rolling, Big Spring outscored Snyder by a 4-1 margin in the final three innings of play.

"Early mistakes in the game cost us," he said.

Snyder took full advantage of the Steers' mistakes in the early innings. After scoring three runs in their first at-bat, the Tigers ballooned their lead to 8-0 in the second with a 5-run out-

burst.

Big Spring regrouped from there.

Big Spring starter Adam Franco threw well after the first two innings. After being touched for eight runs in the first two innings, Franco was virtually untouchable in his final five frames. He touched the potent Snyder bats to just one run over the remainder of the contest.

Big Spring's bats came to life in the bottom of the third. The Steers cut Snyder's lead to seven runs by pushing across a run in the frame. They scored three more in the fourth and pulled to within 8-4.

Big Spring added a run in the fifth and sixth, trimming the SHS lead to 9-6 heading into their final at-bat.

The Steers threatened to steal the game in the seventh. Big Spring pulled to within one, at 9-8, by pushing across a pair of runs.

Big Spring netters roll to wins at Tall City tourney

The Big Spring Steers' varsity tennis teams showed great depth in winning the team title at the Midland Tall City Tournament. The Lady Steers edged out a field of 19 very competitive teams to win the tournament by 16 points.

The Steers were led by the mixed doubles team of Molly Walker and Josh Baker, who won their event by defeating a Monahans team in the finals by a 6-2, 6-3 score. BSHS' other mixed double team of Taylor Olivo and Donovan Salinas

also did well. They lost in the second round. They had opened the tournament by defeating a Midland Lee two-some, 8-5.

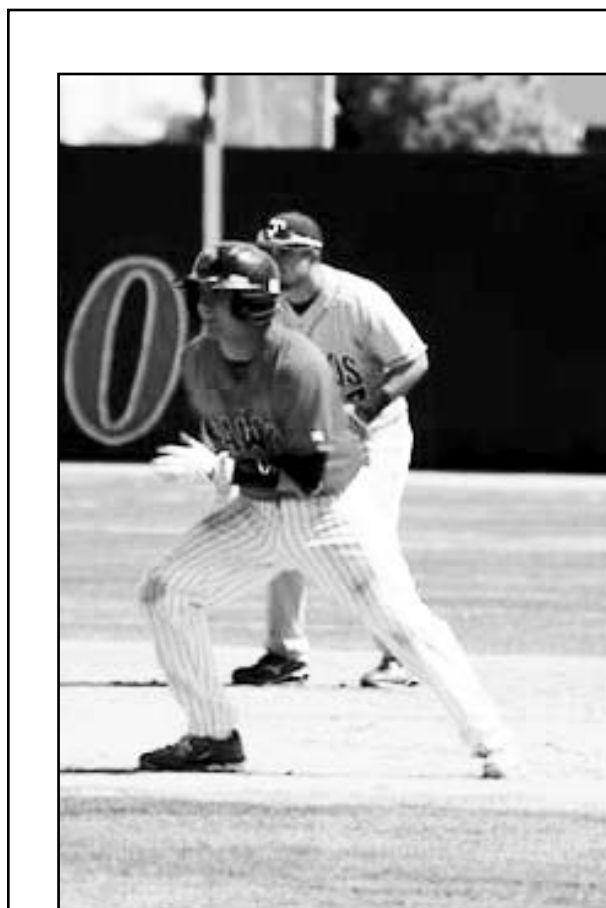
Bryan Blount made the finals of boy's singles by defeating five straight opponents before facing Max Sivalls of Midland Classical and falling 8-2.

In boys doubles, Tyler Avant and Alex Hughes lost to the Andrews team of Trent Ward and Jordan Davis in the quarterfinals by a score of 8-5. Tristian Turner and Noe Arguello dominat-

ed a Midland High pair, 8-1, before falling in the second round by an 8-4 margin to a team from Midland Christian.

In girls singles, Morgan Parnell finished in third place by defeating Permian. Selena Castillo lost to Taylor Coppedge of Permian in the second round.

In girls doubles, the team of Brittany Bakley and Sarah Marshall defeated a Midland Christian duo by an 8-3 score before falling to Andrews, 9-8 (1).



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Sweep ...

The Howard College Hawks swept a doubleheader with Wayland Baptist on Tuesday in Plainview. The Hawks won the opener by a 13-0 score and then came back to take the nightcap, 11-10.

BSHS track teams to run in Andrews

The Big Spring High School boys' and girls' track teams will be competing in the Max Goldsmith Mustang Relays in Andrews on toay.

The meet will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a scratch meeting in the AHS Performance Center. The field events will get underway beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The meet's runners will get started at 4:30 p.m. when the 3,200-meter run is held. The remaining running events are scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m., or 30 minutes after the final field event is completed.

The Big Spring Lady Steers' 4x200- and 4x400-meter relay squads are expected to make strong showings. The teams have won their races in their previous two meets.

Reliant Stadium renamed NRG Stadium

HOUSTON (AP) — Reliant Stadium, the surrounding park and all of the facilities in it are being rebranded.

Governing board of the Harris County Sports and Convention Corp., which owns the com-

plex, voted Wednesday to rename the Reliant complex after the Texas-based electric retailer's parent company, NRG Energy.

Reliant Stadium will become NRG Stadium. The surrounding Reli-

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Public hearing to consider a replat of parts of Lots 1-3, Lots 4-6, Block 34, Lots 1-3, Block 35, part of an abandoned alley and a portion of North Douglas Street, Government Heights to Bauer Addition, being 1.57 acres located west of US Hwy. 87 (Gregg Street) and south of North 10th Street. Zoned: Light Commercial. Applicant: Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. #8240 March 21, 2014

Aries Sun Day Two

How was your first day of the new season? The passage of the sun into Aries represents new birth, so you may feel as though you're going into the future with innocent eyes. The Pisces moon suggests that those eyes will take in what's happening on a spiritual level first, and that information will color all following observations.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you're aligned with your values, why change? Maybe it's the cast of characters or the situation that needs to change and not you. Seek new scenery and people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If the television or radio is on all of the time, it will drown out your thoughts. Right now your thoughts need conscious processing that is best accomplished in quiet and stillness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Put love in its proper place: above everything else. Pettiness needs to be stopped in order to protect love's bond. Let the small stuff go in favor of the big picture as seen by your heart.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You raise the bar repeatedly, and you and your loved ones often jump over it, even when it gets very high. No one can do this every time. Landing in the sand

every once in a while is normal. Go easy on yourself and others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Unfortunately, selfish narcissists usually don't see themselves as people who sorely need to give and empathize. The best you can do is model the behavior you want to see in others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Isolation isn't good for humans. Whether your feelings are positive or negative, share them. When you share, you'll feel supported and loved. Keep it to yourself, and you'll soon believe that no one understands you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In your quest to do the best job you possibly can, you risk overdoing it. Tap into your inner wisdom and ask it to stop you from focusing too narrowly and obsessing over unimportant details.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Time is elastic. When you don't have enough to do, it stretches out in front of you. When you have too much to do, it snaps back to enforce a very real limitation. Fill your schedule, but leave room around each item.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New technology comes into your realm, asking you to quickly decide whether it's something you want or not. You will quickly update your frame of reference to keep your discernment current.

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performance, you will relate to all with ease and enjoyment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Amidst the hundreds of daily transactions your hands will execute today, one really deserves to be a sacred exchange. What will make it so? The sacred quality of attention you give it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just as there is an adjustment period in which you are getting used to a system update on your computer or phone, there will be an adjustment phase as you warm up to a loved one's self-improvement efforts.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 21). You'll add to your assets in an important way that will help your financial situation for years to come. The healing of a friendship happens in April, and this boost to your heart energy will attract more love to your life, too. You will travel with a sweet companion in June and September. July brings intriguing drama. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 23, 20, 50, 35 and 10.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** A messy house may be a sign that you have better things to do, like spending time making a mess with those you love. **TAURUS:** You'll add a few tools to your relationship success arsenal. **GEMINI:** You're confident and comfortable with yourself, and that makes an impression -- a certain someone can't stop thinking of you. **CANCER:** Someone is sending you the message: "Come and get it if you can." **LEO:** There are many

benefits to keeping your information on a need-to-know basis, including the mystery you cultivate around you. **VIRGO:** Pay attention to the way a potential mate treats his or her parents. **LIBRA:** Avoid the friend-zone at all costs if that's not where you want to be indefinitely. **SCORPIO:** Don't dwell on the tiny details that your potential partner is not even likely to notice. **SAGITTARIUS:** If everyone loved the same way, the world would be a very boring place! **CAPRICORN:** You may feel restless and in need of a solo adventure. Take it, and you'll be quite lucky. **AQUARIUS:** Mementos of old love must go in order to attract new love. Gather up what's no longer meaningful to you and toss it. **PISCES:** You'll have fascinating conversations and possibly fall in love.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: As the Pisces moon reflects the Aries sun and all the promise of a new season, these signs may find themselves making promises to each other, too. Even though they are neighbors on the zodiac wheel, they are quite different from each other. In the short-term, the connection is a source of fascination. As for the long-term, a set of rules on which they can agree will be the foundation of a fruitful relationship.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: I'm 52 years old, and since my wife started menopause, we no longer have sex. It has become physically painful for her, and she has no desire whatsoever. I understand what is happening and am trying to be supportive and roll

with the punches. But it's difficult.

I could get along without intercourse if we just had some kind of sexual intimacy. I know she loves me, and I love her, but the thought that I may never have sex of any kind again is difficult. I have told her that just getting naked and doing some heavy petting like teens would be more than enough. She never initiates anything, and I'm embarrassed to keep asking, because I don't want to put pressure on her and make her feel bad when she says no. I would never cheat on her.

This morning I sat down and cried. It makes me so sad. My wife is not interested in counseling. She has no desire for sex, so why fix it? I take care of my appearance and treat my wife with love and respect. So how can I get off this one-way street? I feel like I should simply man up and come

to terms with it, but I have been unable to do so. Help. -- *Saddened*

Dear Saddened: We wish we could knock some sense into women like your wife. In a healthy, loving marriage, one takes their partner's feelings and needs into consideration. There are medical treatments for painful intercourse and diminished libido, but your wife has to make the effort. And there are other forms of intimacy, as you have so clearly stated. Yes, there are more important things than sex, but a spouse's longing for intimate contact should not be dismissed as inconsequential.

Dear Annie: I'm a 55-year-old home health nurse, one of six who have been caring for a disabled man in his mid-30s who is a quadriplegic. This man's mother is overbearing. We planned

a little party for the nurses and our patient, and his mother showed up uninvited. When I offered the young man some of my soda, she told him not to "take food without permission." I responded that he had my permission. A little while later, Mom picked up her son's spoon and tasted his soup. I teased her about it, and she responded rudely. She told me to stop talking and not to speak to her that way. It was demeaning.

I realize she has had a hard life, but that doesn't mean she can treat me this way. She's self-centered and controlling. She has fired plenty of nurses in the past for "transgressions" that had nothing to do with the care of her son. We've given each other the silent treatment since. But I'm concerned that my patient feels the stress and that it will give his mother an excuse to fire me. Does she owe me an apology, or do I owe her one? -- *California Nurse*

Dear Nurse: You are the employee. If you want to keep your job and create a less stressful environment, please tell the mother that you are sorry you upset her,

because that was not your intent. Ask if you can wipe the slate clean. Be sincere. And then remember in the future that this woman needs to be treated with more formality. Don't try to be friendly. Simply be professional.

Dear Annie: This is another answer to "Losing My Religion," the husband whose wife is always late. My wife was the same way.

It took me 30 years to figure out that the problem wasn't organizational skills, but a power play. Nobody could go anywhere until my wife said so. Now I ask, "Do you want to go or not?" We either arrive on time or I arrive solo. -- *Older but Wiser*

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the four of hearts to South's jack and your king. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠ K Q 7 6	♠ A 4
♥ A K	♥ 7 5
♦ Q J 4	♦ K 9 6 3 2
♣ 10 9 6 3	♣ A Q J 2

If you stake the outcome on a club finesse at trick two, the contract is sure to go down if South has the king. He would return a heart, and you would finish with only eight tricks.

You could also fail by attacking diamonds immediately, even though that is superior to finessing a club. If you led the queen or jack of diamonds at trick two, for example, you would go down if South had something like:

♠ J 9 3 2
♥ J 9 6
♦ A 10 8 7
♣ K 5

The most promising method of

play by far is to lead a spade to the ace at trick two and a low diamond from dummy at trick three. If South has the ace, you are sure to make the contract whether he takes the ace or follows low.

If he goes up with the ace, you have nine tricks — three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and a club — regardless of how the diamonds are divided. If he does not take the ace, you also score nine tricks by trying the club finesse after the diamond queen holds. Even if the finesse fails, you are home, scoring three spades, two hearts, a diamond and three clubs.

The only time the contract can fail by adopting the suggested method of play is when North started with precisely the singleton ace of diamonds and South has the king of clubs, in which event you could make three notrump by leading the four of diamonds from your hand at trick two. As opposed to this one remote possibility — less than a 2 percent chance — it is significantly better to start the diamonds by leading a low one from dummy initially.

Tomorrow: Tender, loving care.

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Answer on Page 14

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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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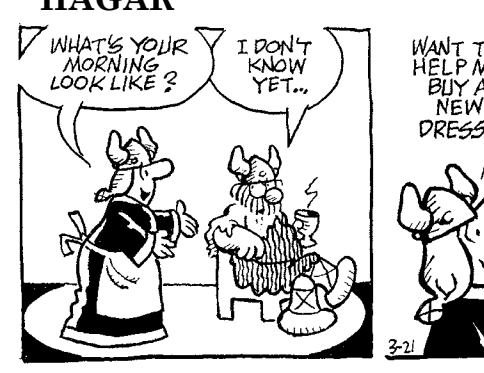
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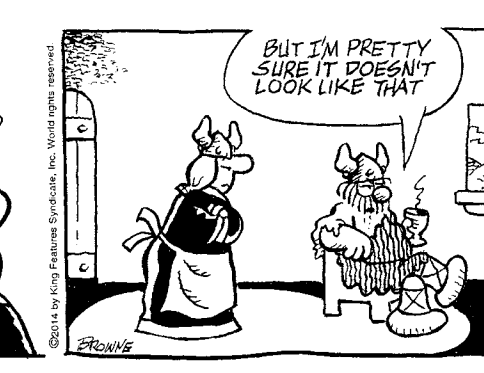


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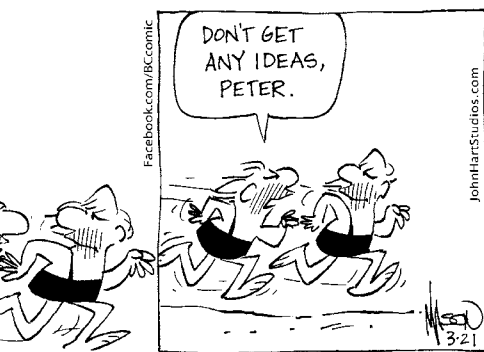
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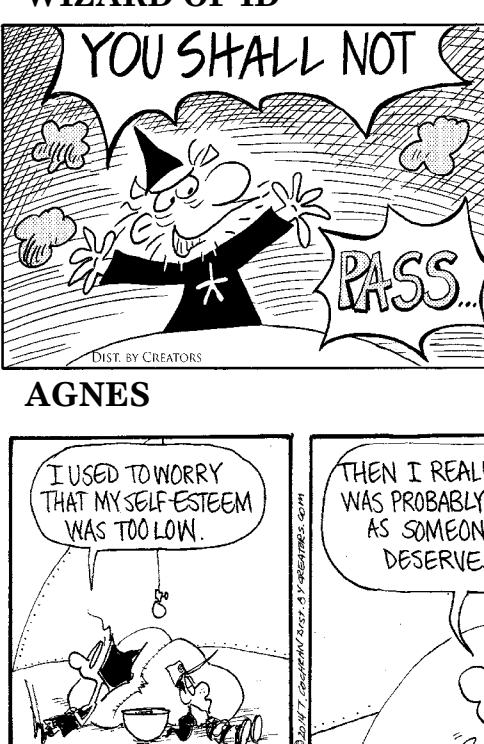
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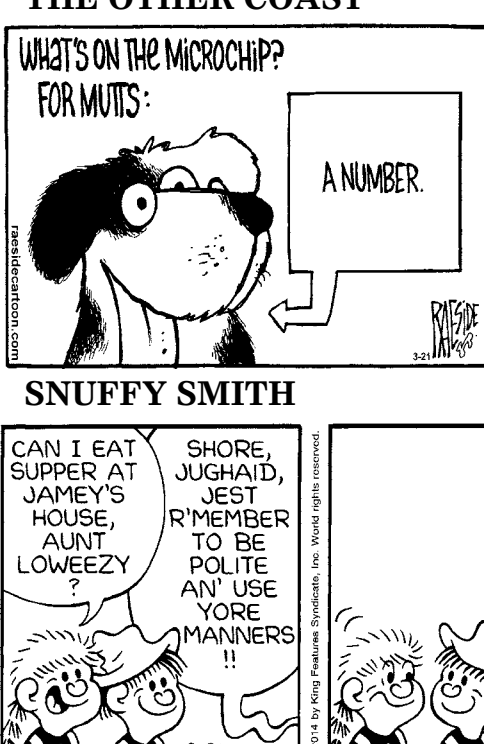
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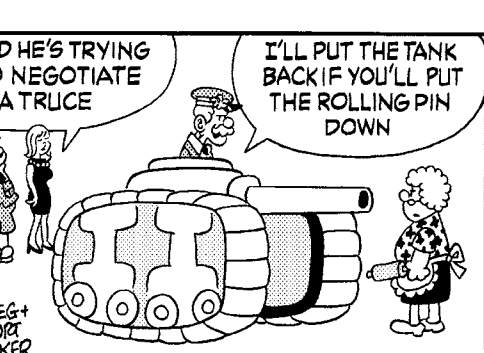
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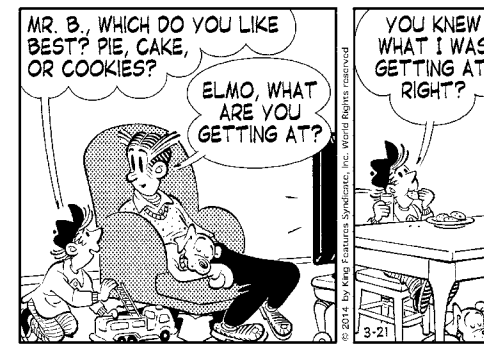
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CAN JAMEY EAT SUPPER AT OUR HOUSE, AUNT LOWEEZY?



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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 21, the 80th day of 2014. There are 285 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 21, 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany. On this date: In 1556, Thomas Cranmer, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was burned at the stake for heresy. In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted. In 1871, journalist Henry M. Stanley be-

gan his famous expedition in Africa to locate the missing Scottish missionary David Livingstone. In 1907, U.S. Marines arrived in Honduras to protect American lives and interests in the wake of political violence. In 1944, Charles Chaplin went on trial in Los Angeles, accused of transporting former protegee Joan Barry across state lines for immoral purposes. (Chaplin was acquitted, but later lost a paternity suit despite tests showing he wasn't the father of Barry's child.) In 1960, about 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on black protesters.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates and closed at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. One year ago: On his second day in the Middle East, President Barack Obama insisted "peace is possible" as he prodded both Israelis and Palestinians to return to long-stalled negotiations with few, if any, pre-conditions.

Answer to previous puzzle

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	HIDDEN	VALLEY
GUMBO	IDOL	ABBA
ORION	NERO	ROAR
PLAYS	ONTV	AWED

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Scurry
 - Carell of *The Office*
 - Scouting outing
 - "Understood"
 - Heads for the hangar
 - Tablet reading, maybe
 - Spot for a catnap
 - Be real
 - School-zone sign word
 - Christmas-tree spray, e.g.
 - Neighbor or Homer and Marge
 - Facilitate
 - Rio Grande port
 - Fax button
 - MLB execs
 - Justice since 2006
 - Golf course sight
 - Golf course sight
 - Beta-test follower
 - Star Trek* officer
 - Know innately
 - Parolee, for instance
 - Exaltation in rhyme
 - Bit of progress
 - Plain as day
 - Expected
 - College degs.
 - Good news for commuters
 - Mileage rating category
 - Turned up

- DOWN**
- Prefix for please
 - Beginning on
 - Lower one's APR, perhaps
 - Fabric flaw
 - Two-speaker
 - Put a strain on
 - Script instruction
 - Embassy issuance
 - Alienate
 - Trio times two
 - "Me too!"
 - German philosopher
 - Custard ingredient
 - Give funds for
 - Performed
 - Rodeo gear
 - Vocally
 - Ransack
 - Shakespearean rebuke
 - Dormancy
 - Viscosity
 - Effortless charm
 - Stoneworker
 - Paid out
 - Autonomous
 - College book
 - Ultimately
 - Most trifling
 - Novelist Grafton
 - Ones in the lead
 - Matter-of-factly
 - Took to school, in a way
 - Generic canine
 - Encyclopedic
 - Water east of Toledo
 - Symbol of peace
 - Longing
 - Ricelike pasta
 - Within reach
 - Corporation's computer exec.
 - Important time

RE-PAIR KIT by Fred Piscop

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Big Spring's Jaci Aguilar makes a catch of a fly ball in centerfield during the Lady Steers' game against Snyder.

DEFENSE

Continued from Page 8
Sparks said Big Spring needed to improve its focus on the defensive side of the ball. A move that will help the young Lady Steers' pitching staff.
"We cannot continue to make the type of errors we are making and win ball games. No one can!" he said. "We are a much better defensive team than what we showed."

"Ysabel Soliz threw well, but our defense has to back her up," he said.
Despite the two losses, the Lady Steers are far from being out of the postseason race. Both of Big Spring's losses have come against the district's top two squads. The Lady Steers are currently tied with Monahans and Greenwood for fourth, with two games against both still on the schedule.

Alvarado shines at Region I girls' meet

Karina Alvarado finished in a three-way tie for first place in her weight classification recently and helped the Big Spring Lady Steers finished 13th in the final team standings at the Region I Powerlifting Championships.
Alvarado starred in the meet. She deadlifted 40 pounds more than her personal best to a share of first. She finished in tie for the division's lead with a lifter from Snyder and Seminole. She failed to advance to the state meet, which was held last week in Corpus Christi based on THSWPA tie-breaking rules. According to the THSWPA rule, all ties, when required, are broken based on body weight. Alvarado's body weight was .8 pounds

heavier than the other competitors, dropping her to third - and one place shy of qualifying for state.
"The results are not even close to indicative of what she deserves," said BSHS powerlifting coach John Wright. "Karina is a competitor in every sense of the

word and Big Spring should be proud to call her theirs. Karina did what she had to do to try to win and that in itself is worth gold to me."
The Lady Steers also picked up solid outings from several other lifters, including Haleyna Davidson, Emily Crawford, Mary Gomez, Val-

erie Goodblanket and Bianca Correa.
Davidson finished 13th in the region in her weight class, while Crawford placed 4th in the region. Gomez and Goodblanket finished seventh in their divisions. Correa turned in a personal-best, and finished 12th in her class.

Spring Bash starts today

The Jester's First Annual Spring Bash Rag Ball Tournament is scheduled to get under way today. The tournament runs through Sunday.
Registration for the tournament begins at 6:30 p.m.
For more information call (432) 935-1124.

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ANSWERS

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