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Construction at Taco Villa, located at 1501 S. Gregg St., continues. While construction is ongoing, the previous building will remain in operation and once the new facility is completed operations will be switched to the new building.

Go Red Thursday

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Go Red ... that's what Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Healthy Woman are encouraging Crossroads residents to do.

Go Red for Women event and luncheon — a partnership venture with the American Heart Association — is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday with doctors Chris and Rudy Haddad being featured as guest speakers.

"We invite women and men who love them to join us for the luncheon to learn more about what they can do to lead a heart-healthy lifestyle,"



Kim Howell, marketing director at SMMC, said.

Doctors Chris and Rudy Haddad, both interventional cardiologists, will cover a variety of topics in regards to cardiovascular disease, according

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Texas primaries date still a mystery, but register now

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

While redistricting in the state of Texas has thrown the political party primaries and coming November election into scheduling chaos, one thing is certain: If you don't register to vote in time for the primaries, your won't be able to cast your ballot for any of the candidates involved.

The primaries — which are currently slated for April 3, but, according to state officials, are likely to be postponed as late as May 29 — are quickly approaching, as is the deadline to register to vote or report a change of address, which is currently set



Bloom

as March 5 by the Texas Secretary of State's office.

"As the election dates continue to change and get shuffled around due to the redistricting case currently being heard in court, many voters may find the whole affair confusing," Saundra Bloom, Howard County elections administrator, said. "However, the one thing that doesn't change is the deadline to register to vote, which is always 30 days prior to the election.

"If the April 3 date holds up, area residents will have until March 5 to register to vote in the political party primaries.

There's still quite a bit of uncertainty involved in the scheduling, but that really shouldn't serve as a reason for area voters to wait. It's better to go ahead and check on your voter status now, and, if need be, go ahead and get your registration in as soon as possible."

The redistricting case, which is being held in a federal court in San Antonio, got a bit of good news last week, with the Texas attorney general's office and a coalition of minority groups announcing a deal Wednesday on one of three disputed electoral maps.

While the compromise

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It's no surprise, gasoline on the rise

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 3.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.46/g Sunday.

This compares with the national average that has increased 4.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.51/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 47.1 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 22.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 17.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 35.0 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Gasoline prices have perked up a bit in the last week," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "As we continue to move towards warmer weather, gasoline prices will follow, with prices accelerating higher at a faster pace come late March into April, so if motorists think this is bad, they should really hold on to their chairs," DeHaan said.

No doubts on muni, ISD elections

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

While dates and deadlines for the political party primaries leading up to the November election remain up in the air thanks to ongoing litigation, Howard County elections officials said the delays will have no effect on municipal and school board elections slated for May 12.

Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom said the deadline to register to vote in the municipal and school board races is April 12.

"The deadline to register in any election is always 30 days prior to the election," Bloom said. "The uncertainty surrounding the current primaries has no direct impact on the May 12 elections for cit-

May municipal and school board election dates and deadlines

- To file candidacy — March 5**
- To register to vote — April 12**
- Request mail-in ballot — March 13 - May 4**
- Early voting — April 30 - May 8**
- Election day — May 12**

ies, school boards and college trustee elections."

Bloom urges area residents to go ahead and check their voter readiness now if they plan to take part in any of the upcoming elections.

"When we talk about an April 12 deadline, it sounds like we have plenty of time, so there's no hurry or worry," Bloom said. "However, life can sometimes hand us a

little more than we can handle, and that April deadline can sneak up on you. Regardless of which election — city,

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Obituaries

Juanita Moreno Marquez



Our beloved mother and grandmother answered her final trumpet call on Monday, Feb. 20, 2012, at the age of 86. She has gone home to be with our Heavenly Father, and to rejoice with family who has gone before her. Juanita Moreno Marquez was born in Big Spring, Texas, on May 16, 1925, to Maria and Gregorio Moreno, who preceded her in death. There will be a prayer service to celebrate her life at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21, directed by Pastor Socorro Rios — at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel. Her final services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church of Big Spring, with the Rev. Bill Ivins officiating. She will be buried alongside her husband, Tomas Marquez Jr., at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Tomas and Juanita married in Big Spring on May 1, 1943. They were married 40 years, and Tomas preceded her in death on April 15, 1983.

Mrs. Juanita Marquez lived a full life. She worked alongside her husband at Marquez and Sons TV Shop, where she kept books, inventoried, restocked parts and greeted and served many customers in Howard and surrounding counties. She was a very active member in the Northside United Methodist Church, singing in the choir, as an Adult Sunday School Class teacher, United Methodist Women's Group secretary, vice president and finally president, prior to the church closing in December of 2002. At that time, Mrs. Marquez became a member of the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. She was an active member of the Adult Sunday School Class, and enjoyed her new friends in this class until she was forced to stay home due to illness. We thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for making Mama feel so welcome!

Juanita lived a long, full life and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was known as "Mama" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and even to her one great-great-grandchild. She is survived by all her sons, Robert (Bobby) and Dianne Marquez, Manuel and Adelinda Marquez, Raul and Mary Ann Marquez, Jesse and Rosalinda Marquez, Tony and Lena Marquez, and Larry and Linda Marquez. They are all of the Big Spring community. She has four surviving sisters, Lucy Garcia of Waukegan Ill., and Rosa (Benito) Marquez, Margaret (Lita) Ortega and Anita (Jesus) Bustamante — all of Big Spring. The Lord blessed her with 22 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. She is also loved by multiple nieces and nephews. She was a very proud and doting grandmother, and these children will all miss her very much.

In addition to her beloved husband and parents, Juanita was preceded in death by two infant daughters, Tomasita and Joanna; one adopted brother, Frank Dutchover; one brother, Jose Moreno; two sisters, Maria Renteria and Eustolia Haro; and two grandsons, Terry Bailey and Robert Marquez Jr.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons, Larry Marquez Jr., Manuel Marquez Jr., Michael Marquez, Jesse Marquez Jr., Tony Marquez Jr. and Raul Marquez Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be her other grandsons, Terry Marquez, Tomas (T.J.) Marquez, Timothy Marquez, Jacob Marquez and Kenny Guzman Jr.

As we say farewell, not goodbye, to our mother and grandmother, we can only wish to remember all the good days of her life and how she touched each and every one of us — every day!

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

Paid obituary

Emma Dean Baggett

Emma Dean Baggett, 101, formerly of Big Spring and mother of James Michael Baggett and Janice B. Deats, died Feb. 15, 2012, at the Pine Harbour Assisted Living Facility in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex Baggett.

Born April 1, 1910, in Decatur, Texas, Emma taught kindergarten and trained kindergarten teachers for 30 years at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. She also served as secretary to Dr. Anthony Hunt, former president of Howard College.

For 30 years she had been a member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. At the age of 94, she moved from a retirement home in Fort Worth, Texas, to spend her final years in New York near her two children.

She is survived by her children and their families; and her sister, Jackie Browning of Worthington, Ohio. She will be buried beside Rex at the family cemetery in Decatur, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960. You can reach the Fellowship of Reconciliation at communications@forusa.org

Police blotter

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

- GILBERT RECIO, 38, of 1007 Wood, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while intoxicated — second offense, open container in a motor vehicle — driver and driving while license invalid.

- GABRIEL JESSIE HERNANDEZ, 25, of 1102 Lloyd, was arrested Monday on warrants for child passenger without safety seat system and driving while license invalid.

- DEVIN ALLEN BUCK, 18, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 28, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.

- FLAVIO SERRANO GARCIA, 26, of 3609 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication, open container in motor vehicle — driver and assault causing bodily injury — family violence.

- MOLLY ELIZABETH TURNER, 37, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 57, was arrested Monday on warrants for theft by check and issuance of a bad check.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the area of Echols.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- ROXANNA COX, 36, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- ROBERT ALLEN THORP, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate for indecency with a child — sexual contact (two counts).

- MARTIN GARCIA LEIJA, 46, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of violation of a promise to appear and no valid inspection certificate.

- CURTIS NATHANIEL JONES, 38, was booked into the county jail Friday on Nueces County warrants for failure to appear — assault causing bodily injury (family violence) and assault causing bodily injury — family violence.

- STORMIE RHEANNE NOGGLER, 19, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 65, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a parole violation.

- JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR., 28, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for running a red light, violation of a promise to appear, no driver's license and failure to appear.

- BETSY MENDOZA TARIN, 27, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 47, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- SAUL EMMANUEL CANTU JR., 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

- BEVERLY DENISE WARD, 38, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a municipal warrant for weedy lot.

- DENISE NANETTE EASLEY, 48, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- RICHARD DARRELL HUNT, 41, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- SHAWN JERMAIN CALDWELL, 50, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of discharge of a firearm within the city limits.

- HAROLD RAY GREEN, 57, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- MARCUS ERVIN CANADY, 23, was booked into the county jail Saturday by DPS on a Glasscock County warrant for driving while intoxicated.

- SALENA MARIE TAYLOR, 32, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- GAYLON RAY LEMINGS, 29, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- NATHAN HENRY BAKER, 57, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a Howard County warrant for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- JOHNNY LEE RHODES, 25, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- TRENTON PATRICK MULLIN, 24, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- PATRICK ALEXANDER LEAHY, 22, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- JASON EDWARD FRENCH, 30, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- FLAVIO SERRANO GARCIA, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for assault causing bodily injury — family violence, public intoxication and open container in a motor vehicle — driver.

- GILBERT SANCHEZ, 38, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated — second offense and municipal capias warrants for driving while license invalid and open container.

- GABRIEL JESSIE HERNANDEZ, 25, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for passenger not secured by safety belt and driving while license invalid.

- MOLLY E. TURNER, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of theft by check and issuance of a bad check.

- DEVIN ALLEN BUCK, 18, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of N. Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Canterbury North. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 9800 block of Kay. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Craigmont. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Lancaster. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Bryant. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of Navajo. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

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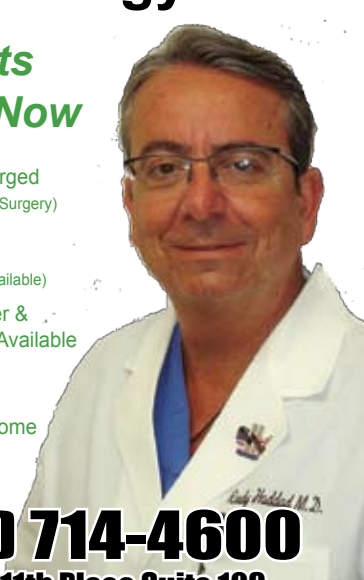
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Emergency services responded to this accident in the 1600 block of Sycamore early Saturday morning after witnesses say a woman drove this Ford Crown Victoria into a nearby home. According to EMS reports, the driver of the vehicle was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with unknown injuries.

GO RED

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to Howell. They will cover not only treatments, but prevention as well.

Previous years have had an attendance level of more than 150 guests. In order to accommodate those attending, doors

will open at 11:30 a.m. and the first 25 minutes will be designated at ensuring attendees are able to get through the serving line and seated before the presentation begins at noon.

The event will include a heart-healthy meal, according to Howell. The lunch will be provided complimentary

for those attending, but reservations are needed in order to make sure enough food is prepared.

The main focus of the event is to promote awareness of the toll heart disease has on women. According to statistics, one out of three women still dying from heart disease.

“We choose to fight this No. 1 killer by helping women turn simple choices into life-saving actions. Whether it’s eating healthier, exercising more, reducing their cholesterol or quitting smoking,” Howell said. “Go Red helps empower women with the knowledge they need to make these choices for

themselves and each other.

“Go Red is an opportunity to remind the women in our lives they only get one heart and there’s no time like right now to start treating it better.” According to Howell, word has been received that U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer will be in attendance.

For more information or to reserve your spot for the Go Red event and luncheon, call Howell at 268-4842.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

MYSTERY

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represents a step forward in the ongoing redistricting battle, the Texas House and congressional districts remain in dispute for the 2012 elections.

And while the Texas Secretary of State’s office continues to embrace the April 3 date for the primaries, U.S. Appeals Court Judge Jerry Smith said last week Texans should plan for the primaries to be held in late May.

Smith hasn’t yet set May 29 as the primary date, but he told party leaders last week to instruct candidates and their campaigns to plan as if that is when Texas

voters will finally be able to cast their ballots in the party primaries.

The possibility of a late-May political party primary has many Republican officials expressing their disappointment, as Texas is currently slated to be part of the April 3 Super Tuesday. A May 29 primary could seriously diminish the Lone Star State’s influence in the Republican presidential race, according to GOP officials.

A May 29 primary would also bump the deadline to register to vote up considerably, possibly as late as April 30, according to state officials. However, until a new date beside the April 3 scheduling is issued, nothing is written in stone, state officials

said Monday.

While the federal case regarding redistricting has thrown much of the election’s schedule into chaos, Bloom said it is also preventing her office from mailing out voter registration cards.

“We haven’t mailed out the new certificates due to the uncertainty of our legislative and congressional districts,” Bloom said. “We’ve been instructed by the secretary of state to wait. We hope to have them mailed out in plenty of time for the May 12 municipal and school board elections. However, should you not receive your certificate in time, you may still vote with proper identification as long as you are a registered voter.”

Seats up for election in the 2012 November election include 118th Judicial District attorney, currently held by Hardy Wilkerson; Howard County sheriff, held by Stan Parker; county attorney, held by Joshua Hamby; tax assessor collector, held by Kathy Sayles; Precinct 3 county commissioner, held by Jimmie Long; and Precinct 1 county commissioner, held by Emma Brown.

Parker has filed to run for re-election on the Republican ticket, as have Long, Green and Wilkerson. Parker has drawn an opponent in local resident M.O. Horton, who will also be running on the GOP ballot.

Brown, who is once again running as a Democratic candidate, has

drawn a trio of challengers, as Howard County Jailer Larry Torres, former Big Spring Council member Oscar Garcia and Ed Ware, who has attempted to unseat the longtime commissioner previously, will face off for the Precinct 1 seat on the court.

Torres will face off against Brown in the Democratic primary, while Garcia and Ware will be running on the Republican ticket. The winners of both races will run against one another in November to claim the seat.

Longtime Tax Collector and Assessor Kathy Sayles announced she will not be running for re-election. Diane Carter, an employee of tax collection office, will be running — currently

unopposed — for the office on the Republican ticket.

Also running unopposed at this time are Long, Green and Wilkerson.

For more information on voter registration and the upcoming elections, contact Bloom at 432-264-2273.

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county, school board, even state offices — you plan to cast your ballot in, now is the time to go ahead and check on your voter status and take care of anything that needs to be handled before the April 12 deadline.”

Bloom said early voting in municipal and school board elections is set to run from April 30 until May 8.

“On May 1 and May 3, we’ll have extended hours at the early voting polls, which will be located at the elections administration office on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse,” Bloom

said. “The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. — the same hours the polls are open on election day — on both dates. As always, our hope is the extended hours will give people who normally work during regular poll hours a chance to cast their ballots early.”

According to the Texas Secretary of State’s website, March 13 is the first day residents can ask for a mail-in ballot, with May 4 the deadline to make the request.

“Voters who are 65 and older, disabled or will be out of the county and unavailable to vote during early voting or election day can apply for a ballot by mail,” Bloom said. “If you want to apply, you need to con-

tact the elections office so we can mail out the form. Voters must request this application, it won’t automatically be sent out.”

Big Spring voters will have plenty to weigh in on in this year’s election, as the District 2, 4 and 6 seats are up for grabs. Also on the ballot will be a proposed 4B project to overhaul the municipality’s water and wastewater facilities, as well as replace a portion of the city’s main water lines.

The proposed project — if approved by voters — would have the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation provide the majority

of the funding, which amounts to \$750,000 a year for the first two years, and then 40 percent of its sales tax revenue, with a floor of \$500,000 and a ceiling of \$750,000, for the following 18 years. Overall, the EDC has agreed to fund a maximum of \$13 million for the project.

The Big Spring EDC is designated a 4A corporation by the state of Texas, making it necessary for the city to get voter approval before diverting its funding — which comes through sales tax revenues — before moving forward with a 4B project.

Election day is set for May 12. For more infor-

mation on voter registration, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Liberal elite to blame this time

The white working class is in big trouble, and the liberal elite is largely to blame. So says Charles Murray in his latest book, "Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010." As a scholar at the right-leaning American Enterprise Institute, and this being an election year, wouldn't he just.

A new report shows that over half of childbirths by women under 30 are out of wedlock, with the white percentage rising fastest. This is a disturbing trend. And in whose gut does Murray jab the finger of fault? Into that of college grads, who overwhelmingly do bear children within the confines of marriage. Murray concentrates his wrath on a fictional professor at Columbia University.

As Murray explains, the prof and his ilk look down on the white folk who patronize McDonald's and watch TV shows not on PBS. Worse of all, they don't loudly condemn them for having children without marriage.

"If you are of a conspiratorial cast of mind," Murray writes (perhaps to distance himself from the ludicrous thought to follow), "nonjudgmentalism looks suspiciously like the new upper class keeping the good stuff to itself." This privileged group, he goes on, "refuses to let anyone else in on the secret" that

marriage is the desirable social state.

I have an idea. Have the Ivy professors each call 10 blue-collar guys currently cohabiting with their girlfriends and children. The academics can then lecture them on the benefits of marriage and point to the error of their ways. That should go over big.

Murray industriously studies where the rich liberals live, zeroing in on certain affluent corners of Washington, D.C., Manhattan and San Francisco — of course. He maps where graduates of Harvard, Yale and Princeton reside, and does a "secondary database" of schools just below that exalted level.

Wesleyan University, he tells us, is a good school but "not at the summit." (Gosh, can't a girl from NYU play?)

The more densely a zip code is populated by graduates of elite colleges, he writes, "the more densely it is populated by over-educated elitist snobs." Further, these "SuperZips" are surrounded by "elite bubbles" that allegedly buffer the Wine Advocate subscribers from the Pabst Blue Ribbon crowd.

A few problems here. Murray is talking about tiny urban zip codes. The little island of Manhattan has 41 zip codes. (By contrast, one zip in Nevada, 89049, is bigger than Connecticut.) Uptown millionaires sit next to janitors on the subway ride to Wall Street. There's no faster way, short of strapping on a rocket backpack and lighting the fuse.

Let's consider the possibil-

ity that the decline of marriage among the working class is at least partly tied to collapsing incomes that make the fellows less desirable as permanent mates. Conservatives will further argue that government programs may discourage marriage. And true, cohabiting parents often say that marriage would raise the official household income to the point that they'd lose food stamps and subsidized child care.

But if subsidized day care is all that keeps working couples from the altar, why not extend this benefit to them? Rather than fight the irreversible forces of globalization, some economists suggest, let's ask its economic winners to ease the working class's lot. Government guaranteed health coverage, for example, ensures that the agony of a layoff doesn't snowball into loss of medical insurance, as well. Bah, just what the Columbia professor might say.

Murray holds that \$28,000 a year is better than nothing. The stiff should suck it in, and those who don't are morally weak. You can hear his bankrollers at the American Enterprise Institute — the financiers and CEOs buying for lower taxes — applauding warmly.

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FROMA HARROP

Conservatives remain united

A strong move is on to demonize and marginalize social conservatives, a move that originates from the political left but is being aided by some on the right, a move that is based on assumptions that better describe the leftist accusers than they do their targets.

Obama, by re-writing the Bush rules to protect health care providers who objected on moral grounds to abortion, has breached his repeated promise to preserve them and has dealt a significant blow to religious liberties, yet he is painting people of faith as the extremists.

In his University of Notre Dame speech, he said, "Let's honor the conscience of those who disagree with abortion and draft a sensible conscience clause and make sure that all our health care policies are grounded not only in sound science but also in clear ethics, as well as respect for the equality of women."

In his propaganda speeches for Obamacare, he said, "One more misunderstanding I want to clear up: Under our plan ... federal conscience laws will remain in place."

But what about his actions? Well, a few months before his Notre Dame speech, the administration disclosed that it had begun the process of overturning the Bush protections.

Also, when he signed Obamacare into law on March 22, 2010, the bill contained no conscience protections, and the administration was still working feverishly to overturn the Bush rules. This was made clear when the administration filed papers in a lawsuit brought to challenge the protections, in which it revealed that it was seeking to rescind the rules.

Recently, the administration formally repealed the rules and adopted new regulations that allowed the protections to remain in force on abortion and sterilization but eliminated protection for contraceptives and so-called

abortion drugs.

Though the administration maintained it was protecting conscience rights, it was obvious — to people of conscience, anyway — that it had flagrantly breached its promise, just as it had with its pledge not to increase taxes of any kind on families making less than \$250,000. Indeed, in testimony before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in November to determine whether the Obama-care mandates threaten conscience rights, many panelists affirmed they do.

When the faith community strongly objected to this betrayal, the administration at first defiantly refused to budge. Then it ordered a take-it-or-leave-it "compromise" that shifted the requirement to arrange and pay for contraceptives and abortifacients to insurance companies.

Most understand this was a sham compromise that did little to protect conscience concerns. When people objected to his "compromise" edict, Obama responded with a dictatorial wave of the hand, signaling that he was through "compromising" and that there wouldn't be any further discussion.

But something potentially more disturbing is unfolding than Obama's duplicity and his attacks on religious liberty. The left has become so ruthlessly adept at deceptively framing arguments that it has succeeded, to some degree, in painting religious people as the aggressors in this dispute instead of the administration and the left, which started it and finished it. It simply recycled the same template developed by the militant homosexual lobby to depict those who object to the formal sanctification of same-sex marriage as bigoted against the homosexual community rather than as trying to preserve the traditional institution of marriage.

Conservatives — if we'll wake up and fight back instead of underestimating the importance of holding this turf or, even worse, allowing ourselves to be divided and conquered on social issues — can win these arguments.

Republicans can reasonably disagree about who is the best

presidential candidate. Unfortunately, however, there's a lot of acrimonious infighting on the right, much of which is centered on the hysterical charge that Rick Santorum is some kind of theocrat who wants to outlaw contraception and surveil our bedrooms. It's a spurious claim and one that Santorum has specifically denied, saying he would not attempt to impose his personal views on contraception through policy. He would appoint strict constructionist judges, just as the other Republican nominees say they would, and his worldview would doubtlessly inform his policies — a universal, inescapable phenomenon.

Just because we must focus our attention on reversing our national financial free fall doesn't mean we have to abandon our traditional commitment to social conservatism, long reflected in the Republican platform. It doesn't mean we have to fecklessly surrender to the noxious notion that authentic, outspoken Christians are now a threat to religious liberty when in fact no other group is more committed to preserving it. It doesn't mean we have to roll over to this progressive trend to coarsen our culture and denigrate traditional values.

The Republican tent is plenty big enough for conservatives of all stripes — and Libertarians — but Reagan's three-legged stool of economic, national defense and social conservatism will topple if any of its legs is severed.

Leftists have succeeded in redefining many issues. Will we allow them to redefine us, as well?

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by K. Rae Anderson

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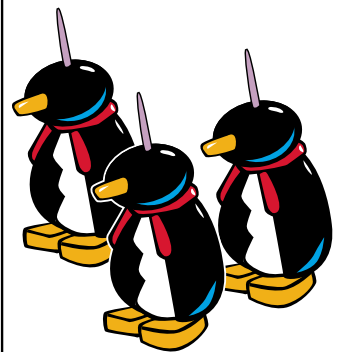
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Kid Scoop Together: Olive Penguins

Work with a parent to make these fun, tasty treats for your next party!



STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 18 jumbo black olives, pitted
- 8 oz. package of cream cheese
- 18 small black olives, pitted
- 1 carrot
- 1 tomato
- 18 toothpicks

Olive Trees

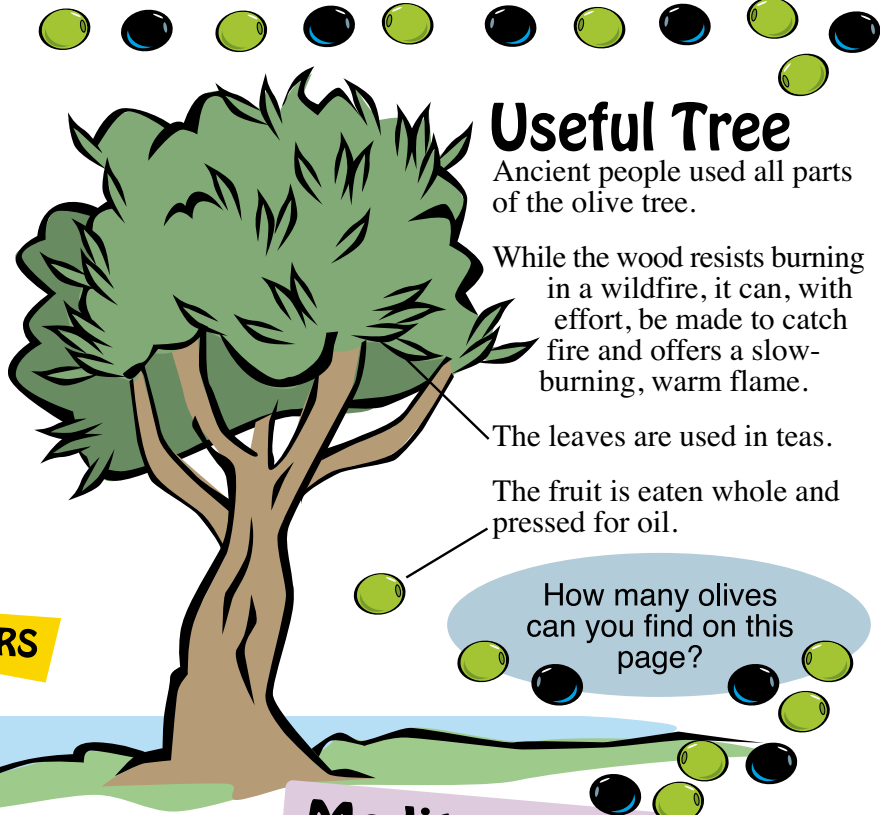
Olive trees were first found growing in the _____ around the Mediterranean Sea.

Olive trees resist _____ and disease. They can live for more than 1000 _____! Some trees that have been scientifically _____ have been found to be more than 2,000 years old.

The tree's wide and deep _____ system helps it to survive in the dry Mediterranean climate. It can live close to the sea, tolerating salty ground water better than most other plants.

Replace the missing words:

- DATED ROOT BURNING LANDS YEARS



Useful Tree

Ancient people used all parts of the olive tree.

While the wood resists burning in a wildfire, it can, with effort, be made to catch fire and offers a slow-burning, warm flame.

The leaves are used in teas.

The fruit is eaten whole and pressed for oil.

How many olives can you find on this page?

Mediterranean Diet

The ancient Greeks rarely ate meat or cheese. They got most of their fat from olive oil.

Olive oil, being almost pure fat, is healthier than the animal fats found in meat and cheese. It also keeps very well. Unlike stored grains, which can be destroyed by pests or dampness, olive oil can keep for at least a year. The health benefits, the many uses of the oil and its ease of storage all contribute to making the olive one of the Mediterranean region's most dependable food and cash crops since prehistoric times.

Offer an Olive Branch

For the ancient Greeks, olive trees were the symbol of peace. When Greek warriors wanted to make peace they would offer a branch from an olive tree to their enemy, who was duty bound to accept it. This is the origin of the expression "to offer an olive branch."

Olive Oil

Do the math to find the missing words.

Around 7,000 years ago, people discovered that the oily fruit of the olive tree (the olive!) could be pressed to get the oil out. In fact, there was so much oil in olives, people could press the same fruit several times, each time releasing more oil. And each pressing provided something valuable.

The first press provided the clearest, purest oil for

$$9 + 6 + 3 = \underline{\quad}$$

The second press provided a less clear oil that was excellent for dry

$$9 + 9 + 6 = \underline{\quad}$$

The third press provided thicker oil that fueled oil-burning

$$8 + 8 + 3 = \underline{\quad}$$

The last press, which was very thick, provided oil for

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Adjective Search

Look through the newspaper for adjectives starting with each of the letters in the word O-L-I-V-E.

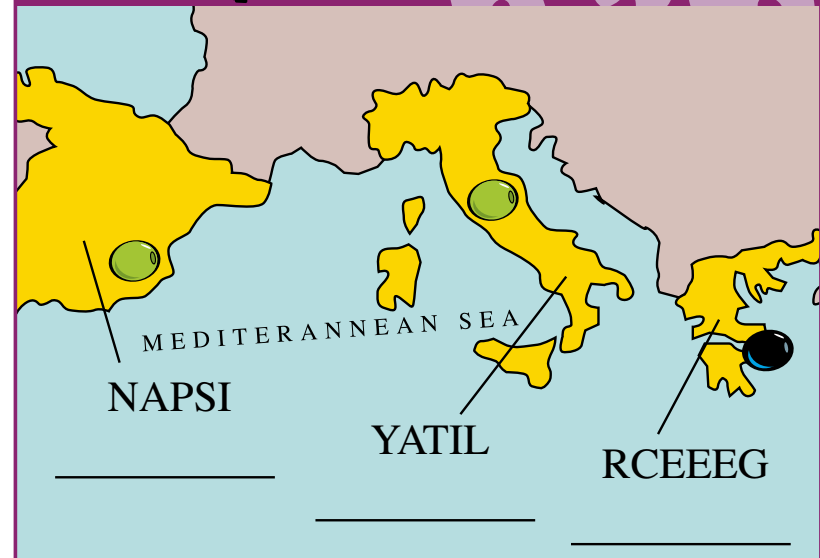
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Can you find each bottle's exact duplicate? Which two are unique?



Kid Scoop Puzzler



75% of the world's olive oil comes from three European countries. Unscramble their names to discover which three.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- MODERATE
- CLIMATE
- ANCIENT
- PUREST
- SYMBOL
- RESIST
- VIRGIN
- OLIVE
- FLAME
- PEACE
- ENEMY
- PRESS
- SALTY
- FRUIT
- OIL

Find the words in the puzzle, then 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.

Standards Links: Consumer Science: Select and prepare nutritious foods.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word OLIVE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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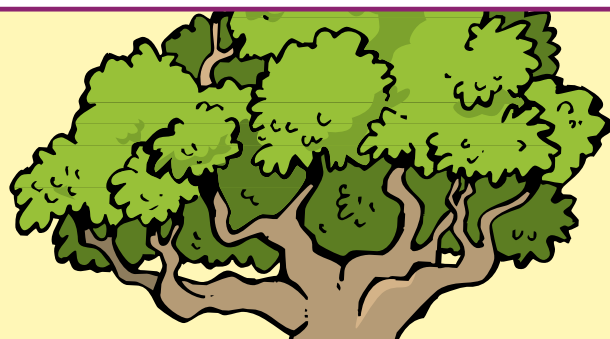
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Talking Heads

Look through the newspaper for pictures of people's heads. Cut these out and glue them on a piece of paper. Write down something for each one to say about eating well. Draw a bubble around the words like a comic.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write simple phrases that describe and summarize concepts.



What is a tree's least favorite month?

ANSWER: September

Write On!

Olive Opinion

What's your opinion about olives? Love 'em? Hate 'em? Don't care? Why?

Bird Poop: Getting a broken red robin back on his wings

Back and forth to the vehicle was becoming routine. Whether the woman was helping to carry furniture or a box of dishes, moving day caused her adrenaline to surge.

Suddenly, it rose to another level. For some reason, she had glanced toward the street. Standing in the middle of the pavement, oblivious to the movements and noise, was a bird.

When it seemed unperturbed by the chaos of the day, she felt she couldn't leave it to be run over by a car. She started toward it.

"I walked right up to it and picked it up. It didn't try to fly," the caller continued as she related her finding what she thought was a robin. "It has the most beautiful red breast," she added.

Clutching a large, deep box, she was soon standing on our front porch. At first glance, the bird's left eye appeared to have suffered a traumatic blow, while the right was open and normal.

Since its vision had been affected made my picking it up much easier. A healthy robin would have already been loose inside her car.

Bringing it out of the box introduced me to one of the most handsome, male robins I'd ever met. The dark, brick red coloration of his breast was notable. To the females, who would be duller and paler by comparison, this specimen must have been the ultimate in suitors.

Obvious was the head trauma he had suffered. Whether he had flown into a window, or car was unknown. That his vision was limited was evident. Movement of my fingers on the left side brought no response.

Although I had expressed my concern to his benefactor, I added that we would have to see if he could regain the use of that eye. Otherwise, his prospects were dismal.

To ascertain if he could see enough to eat and drink, we set a bowl of mealworms adjacent to a container of water in his cage. After placing the robin on the floor nearby, we left the room.

An hour later we checked on his progress. Perched on the rim of the water dish, he had demonstrated he could see enough to hop to that elevation. Later, he was clutching the edge of the mealworm bowl. Our adding diced grapes and blueberries



BEBE
MCCASLAND



Courtesy photo

In searching for food, each American robin practices the same behavior. After almost running, a robin stops, looks from side to side, and listens. Then plunging its yellow beak through the grass and into the soil, it pulls backward while extracting a wiggling earthworm that is swallowed in one extended gulp. The specie also readily eats insects, berries and wild fruit.

seemed to be appreciated.

In spite of eye medications, the next five days were the same. Standing on the floor or gripping the edge of a dish, the robin did not move from that area. Perches and a small log were not used.

Daily cleanliness became an issue. Staying in one place caused an unhealthy accumulation of waste. Cleaning of his feet and tail feathers was required.

Even though the robin was not active, change was noticeable. When he had arrived, there was no body fat surrounding his breastbone. Because he may have been down for several days, he was thin and weak.

By the fifth day, his returning strength was evident each time I handled him. The best surprise was his suddenly jumping to a perch some four inches above the floor.

Telling volunteer Gail Barnes of South Plains, Lubbock, of his progress, I said either vision was returning to the left eye, or else he had learned to compensate for his injury. Within two hours,

we had delivered the robin to the wildlife center.

The following week my curiosity prompted another call. After the robin had mastered the aviary for songbirds, she had released it to be with the other robins in her backyard.

Encouraging their presence throughout the year, Gail provides a daily feeding regimen of mealworms. When I asked how it reacted to her fenced and secluded safe haven, she answered, "It immediately flew up into one of our trees."

Recently inquiring if she still sees our "robin redbreast" was to learn that Gail easily spots the Big Spring bird among her others because he has the darkest, reddest breast. Apparently, the convincing factor to his remaining in the area was her tasty incentives.

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PARENT'S CORNER

A stitch in time

I was raised in a time period when "old sayings" seemed to be an important part of life and actually taught some very important lessons.

"A stitch in time saves nine" is a saying that I've heard all my life but I didn't actually understand the full significance of it until I was an adult. Then it began to make sense. I began to understand that this saying was not only intended to assist a seamstress, but to help people in just about everything they do.

In home and automotive maintenance, this could save not only time but a huge amount of money. Doing repairs whenever they are first needed is the trick; not allowing small things to lead into larger ones. This is also extremely important when it comes to time management. Avoiding procrastination and doing a job as it's needed can save an extraordinary amount of time and energy.

One trick that I have learned in time management is to divide the tasks that need to be done into categories and define them in the following ways: 1. Important and urgent; 2. Important but not urgent; 3. Urgent but not important and 4. Not urgent and not important. Once categorized, I can proceed to accomplish the work at hand and not feel stressed.

But I have found that using my time wisely is often difficult. It has been said that lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance or medicine, but lost time is gone forever. I read a quote by Stephen Covey that was very interesting. He said, "The key is in not spending time, but in investing it. Most people think merely of spending time but great people think of using it"

So therefore, if we want to make good use of our time, we've got to know what's most important and then give it all we've got.

David Thoreau said, "It's not enough to be busy, so are the ants. The question is what are we busy about? If we take care of our minutes, the hours will take care of themselves."

I read once that each moment of time we are creating our next moment.

The following poem by an unknown author, says it pretty well:

"This is the beginning of a new day. I have been given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss; good not evil; success not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.

So if I apply "the stitch in time saves nine" to my life I will learn that time is a valuable commodity and I must "stitch" wisely for it is the most perishable of all my possessions.

I like the quote by Baltasar Gracian: "A wise person does at once, what a fool does at last. Both do the same thing; only at different times."

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Mich. knitter weaves creative plan with heart

JACKIE STARK

The Mining Journal (Marquette)

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — Customers of the Knit-N-Purl in Marquette are used to seeing store owner Paula Schwenke arranging patterns, pricing yarn and helping patrons with complicated knitting projects.

But over the past year, they've seen a new employee in their midst. Marie Moio has become a fixture of the store as well, and her employment

situation is anything but ordinary.

Moio is working for yarn.

"It makes me tear up sometimes to talk about it," Moio said. "I'm just so impressed that someone would (let me) do that."

Moio's story began two years ago when her daughter, Sarah, and son-in-law, Mike, decided to adopt a child after discovering they were unable to have kids on their own.

Hoping to begin their family with a new baby, they chose to adopt internationally, the cost of which can be extremely high.

Moio said she wanted to do something to help defray that cost and her husband gave her the idea

of selling the purses she normally made as gifts.

Filled with energy at the thought of being able to help her daughter start a family, Moio went to the Knit-N-Purl, looking for yarn for her first purse. What she found was that it was going to be difficult to make good-quality purses and still keep her prices low.

Seeing that Schwenke was running a business on her own, Moio decided to present her with a creative idea.

"Every dime I make here, I'll buy yarn," she said, to which Schwenke agreed. "From that developed a pretty outstanding relationship."

With that deal in place, Moio was able to make and sell more than 60 purses priced from \$20 to \$45, helping her pass the halfway point in her goal of raising \$2,000 for the adoption.

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TODAY

Girl's basketball

Garden City vs. Wink, Class 1A Div. II regional quarterfinal playoffs, 6 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Boy's basketball

Big Spring vs. Burkburnett, Class 3A bidistrict playoff, 6 p.m., Eastland.

Softball

Wall at Forsan, 4:30 p.m.

Baseball

Coahoma at Lamesa, TBA.
Jim Ned at Forsan, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Golf

Forsan boys at Denver City tournament.

Softball

Howard College at Weatherford College (DH), 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball

Big Spring at Lubbock Cooper tournament (vs. Hereford at 11 a.m.; vs. Canyon at 3:30 p.m.).
Forsan at Albany tournament, TBA.

Softball

Big Spring at West Texas Classic, Midland, TBA.
Coahoma at West Texas Classic, Midland, TBA.
Forsan at Lubbock Christian High School tournament.

Women's basketball

South Plains at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball

South Plains at Howard College, 7:45 p.m.

Golf

Forsan girls at Denver City tournament.

Tennis

Big Spring at Tall City Invitational, Midland.

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Howard College's Leon Cooper (11) guards Odessa College's Jaamon Echols during their Western Junior College Athletic Conference game Thursday in Odessa.

Howard men down OC

HC women's struggles continue in Odessa victory

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

ODESSA — The Howard College men's basketball team apparently decided it had had enough last-minute drama for now.

The Hawks, who came into Monday's Western Junior College Athletic Conference game with Odessa fresh off two nail-biting wins, watched the Wranglers rally to take the lead with seven minutes remaining.

Rather than watch this game go down to the wire, however, the Hawks responded with a closing run that gave them a somewhat comfortable 69-59 victory at the OC Sports Center.

The win, their sixth straight in league play, improves the Hawks' record to 20-5 overall and 9-2 in the WJCAC. More importantly, it gives Howard a two-game cushion over New Mexico Junior College in the

battle for second place in the conference.

OC fell to 21-6 overall, 6-5 in conference play with the loss.

Shavon Coleman led a trio of Hawks in double figures with 19 points (Jacob Thomas and Jerry Dixon added 14 and 11 points, respectively). For Odessa, Derrick Barden led all scorers with 22 points, while Matthew Hunter added 18.

The Hawks led most of the contest until Odessa rallied midway in the second half, claiming a 51-49 lead with a little more than seven minutes remaining.

But Coleman and Godfrey scored eight points between them to help Howard regain the lead and the Hawks were never headed after that.

Howard returned to action when they host WJCAC leader and No. 1-ranked South Plains at 7:45 p.m. Thursday in Garrett Coliseum.

HOWARD (69) — Jerry Dixon 4 2-2 11, Leon Cooper 1 1-1 3, Rico Richardson 2 2-3 7, Jacob Thomas 4 5-5 14, Calvin Godfrey 1 4-4 6, Phillip Miller 1 2-3 5, Shavon Coleman 8 1-3 19, Dameron McGee 0 0-0 0, Marsalis Stewart 0 0-1 0, Chad Posthumus 2 0-0 4. Totals 23 17-22 69.

ODESSA (59) — Jaamon Echols 1 2-4 5, Derrick Barden 9 2-2 22, Jalondre McClanahan 1 3-6 5, Deonte Breedlove 0 0-0 0, Kewyn Blain 2 0-0 4, Brandon Williams 2 1-2 5, Damal Donaldson 0 0-0 0, Matthew Hunter 5 6-10 18, Daniel Hield 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 14-24 59.

Halftime — Howard 34, Odessa 29. Three-point goals — Howard 6 (Dixon 1, Richardson 1, Thomas 1, Miller 1, Coleman 2), Odessa 5 (Echols 1, Barden 2, Hunter 2). Total fouls — Howard 17, Odessa 17. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — Howard College: bench.

Women's game

The Odessa College Lady Wranglers set the tone early, racing to a double digit lead early in the second half en route to handing Howard its third straight conference loss Monday night.

Odessa jumped out to a 12-2 lead in the first few minutes and were never threatened af-

See **HAWKS**, Page 12

BSHS rallies past Coahoma in extra innings

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School Softball Coach John Sparks got a first look at his full-strength squad Monday night, and liked most of what he saw.

For sure, he enjoyed the outcome.

Terra Keeney stroked a RBI double with two outs in the eighth inning to give Big Spring a 7-6 victory over Coahoma in non-district action Monday at the Lady Steer Softball Complex.

Considering it was a matchup of Howard County teams, perhaps it was only fitting that this one would play out

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Robb Glasscock,
Coahoma softball coach

like it did, with both teams rallying from deficits while displaying a flair for the dramatic.

Big Spring (2-1) carved out an early 2-0 lead, but the Bulldogettes (2-2) rallied to tie the game in the third inning, then took the lead in the fifth when Jordan Matthews scored on a wild pitch by BSHS starter Logan Yarbar.

The Lady Steers re-took the lead in their half of the inning, however. Mercedes Ruiz's one-out single plated Haley Dimidjian to tie the game, then a Coahoma error allowed Ruiz and Keeney to score later in the inning for a 5-3 advantage.

But the Bulldogettes proved they had more than one comeback in them in their half of

the sixth as they scored three runs on a pair of hits and a throwing error by Ruiz, who had come on in relief of Yarbar in the inning.

Coahoma was holding that 6-5 lead when they loaded the bases with no outs in the top of the seventh. But Sparks brought in Tiffany Gonzales, his third pitcher of the night, and she escaped the inning

with no runs scored, inducing a pair of infield fly balls and striking out Bree Hilarion to end the threat.

"Tiffany came in and just shut them down," Sparks said. "It was amazing — that's all I can say."

Coahoma Coach Robb Glasscock admitted Big Spring's defensive stand in the seventh ultimately proved to be the difference in the game.

"When you load the bases with no outs, you've got to score some runs," Glasscock said. "But give Big Spring credit. They executed when they had to."

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In brief

Steers open baseball season with win

MONAHANS — The Big Spring Steers started fast and never really slowed down as they took a 12-2 victory over Monahans in their season opener Monday night.

The Steers scored seven runs in the first three innings to take control, and sophomore pitcher Adam Franco made that lead stand up.

Max Pappajohn, who suffered a hamstring injury late in the game, had a home run and double for Big Spring.

BSHS Coach Burt Otto said the only black mark on the game was the seven walks issued by Big Spring pitching.

"We had trouble finding the strike zone ... and we weren't out of danger at any point, really. We've got to cut down on those walks," Otto said. "We played aggressively at the plate and aggressively on the basepaths. And we played fairly decently defensively. We just need to find a way to find the strike zone more consistently. If we don't, we're going to be in trouble."

The Steers return to action Thursday when they open play at the Lubbock Cooper High School tournament. They face Hereford at 11 a.m. and Canyon at 3:30 p.m.

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W — Franco; L — Lujan.

GCHS boys claim bi-district victory

WESTBROOK — The Garden City Bearkats raced out to a 17-point lead after the first half en route to a 71-47 victory over Trent in their Class 1A Div. II bi-district playoff game Monday.

The Bearkats forged a 31-14 lead after the first two quarters and were never threatened after that.

Michael Lopez scored 14 points and Sam Miller and Reggie Halfmann added 13 and 10 points, respectively, for Garden City, which improved to 21-11 overall with the win.

The Bearkats advance to face Fort Davis in the

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT FOR PERMANENT ROCK AND CONCRETE CRUSHERS PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 100621

APPLICATION. Laredo Paving, Inc., P.O. Box 1029, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1029 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration Number 100621, which would authorize construction of a permanent rock crusher. The facility is proposed to be located near Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. The following driving directions are provided: from Big Spring head south on US Highway 87, site entrance is 0.22 mile south of Hughes Road on the left. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.18&lng=101.4672&zoom=13&type=r>
This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 18, 2012. The executive director has determined the application was technically complete on January 19, 2012. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** Written public comments about this application may be submitted at any time during the public comment period. You may submit public comments either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. If you choose to communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be

aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. **RESPONSE TO COMMENTS.** A written response to all relevant comments will be prepared by the executive director after the comment period closes. The response, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and requested to be added to the mailing list. The response to comments will be posted in the permit file for viewing. The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 30 days after the end of the public comment period, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit. **CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE.** The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, located at 9900 West Interstate 20, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79706-2636, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. **INFORMATION.** For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained from Laredo Paving, Inc., P.O. Box 1029, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1029, or by calling Ms. Monique Wells, Environmental Consultant of CIC Environmental, at (512)292-4314. Notice Issuance Date: February 7, 2012 #7272 February 21, 2012

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The new moon hides under the surface of the Piscean sea. Instead of shining her light in the sky, she illuminates the dark waters of the soul. With Neptune and the sun in Pisces, as well, the focus will be on our belief systems, especially the unconscious structures that so often go undetected until illustrated in our circumstances.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll meet people with whom you are compatible and also extremely similar in sensibility, values and experience. Enjoy the feeling of belonging that comes with this connection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may look back, but you will not stay back. You'll assess what the problem was yesterday, and you'll decide that from now on things will be different. You have the courage of your convictions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You talk to people because they interest you, not because you want to make a sale. And yet, interacting successfully with others will broaden your financial horizons.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have the rare

gift of being able to be completely objective about yourself. You'll correctly evaluate your behavior to see whether it's helping or hindering you, and you'll assess what needs to change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The real you has nothing to do with the needs and insecurities, fears and foibles by which you define yourself. All of that is just what happened to you. There's a secure and fearless self inside. You'll feel the presence strongly today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). English author and fellow Virgo Samuel Johnson said, "The future is purchased by the present." You'll be so aware of the possible repercussions of your actions that you'll move extremely slowly and thoughtfully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can't change certain circumstances that govern your family life. People did what they did, and the results are somewhat inevitable. What you can change is your attitude. You'll make beauty out of the past.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a talent for fixing things. Part of your secret is that you act immediately, which is most often the best moment for mending. You know there's no time to waste in getting angry with yourself or anyone else for what went wrong.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Success goes to those who dare to act. So does failure. You're likely not quite ready to take your chances. You're right to hang back and study what's working (and not working) for others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You get the feeling that you'll do your best work alone, and that's absolutely correct. But you still need people.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Twilight" vampiress Ashley Greene is an ethereal Pisces with eyes to match the part. In addition to an acting career that's on the rise, Greene is the face of a cosmetics company and a spokesmodel for a clothing line. Three luminaries in Pisces indicate soulful talent, while two Capricorn planets bring seriously down-to-earth business sense to the mix.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can read people well, especially when they are trying to hide something from you. Once you get wind of a mystery, you'll unravel it quickly. You may even be hired to do this.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's something you really want to do, so it's a little odd that you have to talk yourself into it. But that's how it goes. A good you-to-you talk in the mirror will do the trick to psyche yourself up for what you have to do.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21). The fantastic luck that comes to you this year happens because you are supportive and willing to give others the best of your energy and

attention. Your association with old friends brings new prospects in March. Family makes you proud in May. Someone sings your praises publicly in June. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 23, 50, 14 and 33.

FRIENDSHIP TIPS FROM THE STARS: Friends are one of the true measures of wealth in this lifetime. When relationships are going well, it's easy to take friendship for granted. Keep your relationship skills sharp and your friendships strong with these tips from the stars.

AQUARIUS: Throw parties. Because you can. And also because you move in such varied circles that if you don't bring all of the fantastic people you know into one place every so often, they may never get the chance to meet one another. It's almost as though you have a karmic obligation. Who knows? You could introduce someone to their future marriage partner, business partner, customer, teacher or new BFF. Or you could just introduce them to a fun time, and that's good, too!

PISCES: Take it slow. Pisces people have this way of intuitively connecting with people and creating incredibly close relationships without knowing how they did it. It's so easy for you to be compassionate and empathic that your friendships bond tightly from the start. It will be nicer for you if it lasts over a period of time instead of becoming so intense early on that there's nowhere for things to grow. Establish boundaries, and remember to give yourself and others plenty of space.

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NOTICE OF DRAFT FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT

DRAFT PERMIT NO: O3453 APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT. John Crane Production Solutions Inc., P.O. Box 4908, Tyler, Texas 75712-4908, an oil and gas field machinery and equipment facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an initial issuance of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O3453, Application No. 16753, to authorize operation of the Big Spring Plant. The area addressed by the application is located at 3604 Bethel Drive, Big Spring in Howard County, Texas 79720. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.2302&lng=101.5108&zoom=13&type=r>

This application was received by the TCEQ on August 3, 2011. The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code §122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 West Interstate 20, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79706-2636; and the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. At the TCEQ Central and Regional Offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these material due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512)239-1540. **PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING.** Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit

does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing. **Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice.** If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. **A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application.** This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122. **MAILING LIST.** In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application. **INFORMATION.** For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained for John Crane Production Solutions Inc. by calling Mr. Mike Rowland at (432)264-4640. Notice Issuance Date: January 23, 2012 #7268 February, 21, 2012

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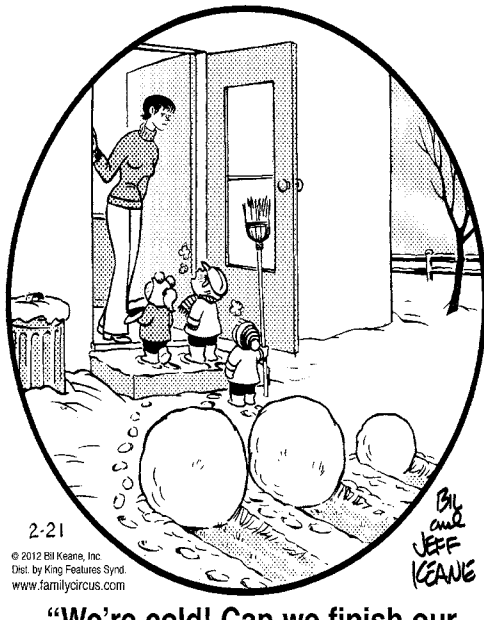
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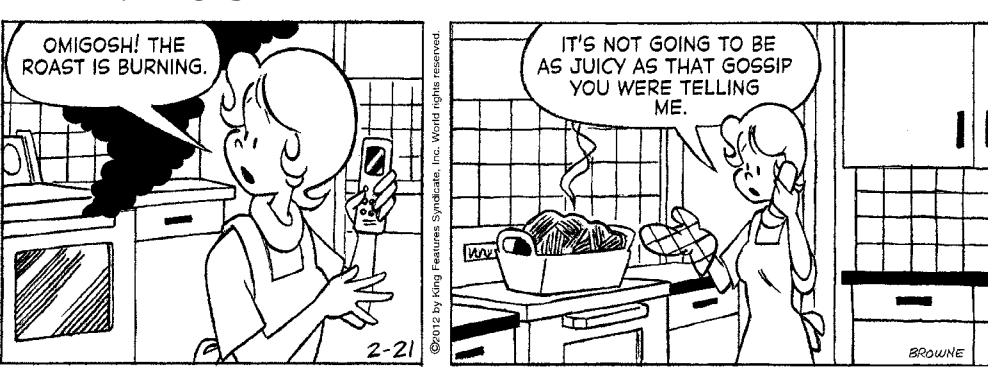
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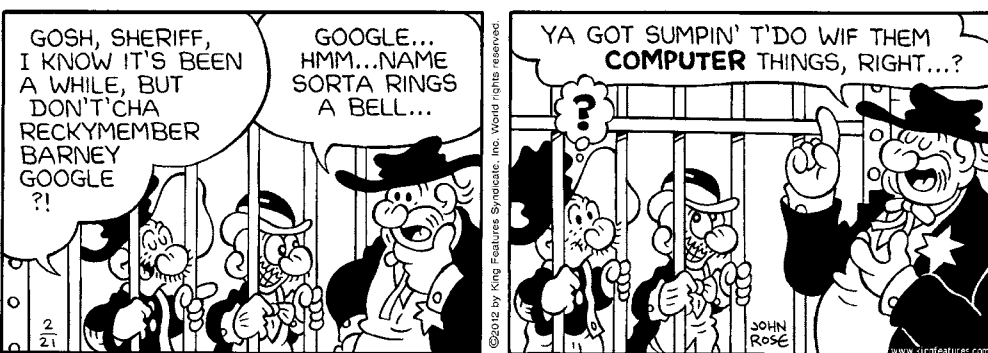
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2012. There are 314 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 21, 1912, a new phrase entered the American political lexicon as former President Theodore Roosevelt, traveling by train to the Ohio Constitutional Convention, told a reporter in Cleveland, "My hat is in the ring," signaling his intent to challenge President William Howard Taft for the Republican nomination. (After losing the nomination to Taft, Roosevelt then ran as the nominee of the Progressive Party, also known as the Bull Moose Party; the resulting split among Republicans is believed to have led to Democrat Woodrow Wilson's victory in November.)

On this date:

In 1862, Nathaniel Gordon, captured at sea with nearly 900 Africans aboard his ship, the Erie, became the first and only

American slave-trader to be executed under the U.S. Piracy Law of 1820 as he was hanged in New York.

In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated.

In 1911, composer Gustav Mahler, despite a fever, conducted the New York Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall in what turned out to be his final concert (he died the following May).

In 1912, the Great Fifth Ward Fire broke out in Houston, Texas; although property losses topped \$3 million, no one was killed in the blaze.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France as German forces attacked; the French were able to prevail after 10 months of fighting.

In 1925, The New Yorker magazine made its debut.

In 1945, during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes with the loss of 318 men.

In 1965, black Muslim leader and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside the Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of

the Nation of Islam.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Beijing.

In 1973, Israeli fighter planes shot down Libyan Arab Airlines Flight 114 over the Sinai Desert, killing all but five of the 113 people on board.

Today's Birthdays: Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe is 88. Movie director Bob Rafelson is 79. Actor Gary Lockwood is 75. Actor-director Richard Beymer is 73. Actor Peter McNery is 72. U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is 72. Film/music company executive David Geffen is 69. Actor Alan Rickman is 66. Actress Tyne Daly is 66. Actor Anthony Daniels is 66.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Diamonds or spades
 - 5 Environmental sci.
 - 9 Performers in plays
 - 14 Formerly
 - 15 Mine find
 - 16 Drama set to music
 - 17 First man
 - 18 Urban pollution
 - 19 Cantaloupe, for one
 - 20 Overly ornate writing
 - 23 Inc., in Britain
 - 24 Look after
 - 25 Front of the leg
 - 27 Purse handle
 - 31 Arrow-shaped street sign
 - 35 Software program, briefly
 - 38 Bank employee
 - 40 "This is terrible!"
 - 41 Chance of a lifetime
 - 44 Prefix for scope or graph
 - 45 Skiers' cottages
 - 46 River, in Mexico
 - 47 Sandwich meat
 - 49 Submarine detector
 - 51 Pleasant
 - 53 Score about 85 on the test
 - 57 In the past
 - 60 Calming aromatherapy liquid
 - 64 Feeling ho-hum
 - 66 Peek- (tot's game)
 - 67 Meat stamp letters
 - 68 Gondolier's workplace
- DOWN**
- 1 Daytime TV dramas
 - 2 Excessive
 - 3 Sympathetic words
 - 4 Entices
 - 5 "What ___ can I say?"
 - 6 Free ticket, for short
 - 7 Unpleasant smell's plastic blocks
 - 9 "Enter!"
 - 10 Gorilla or chimp
 - 11 Auction off
 - 12 Jog along
 - 13 Beach surface
 - 21 State-run numbers game
 - 22 Reduce in length
 - 26 Advertising sign
 - 28 Exact copy
 - 29 Purina competitor
 - 30 Walks heavily
 - 32 Electric-fan sound
 - 33 Prefix meaning "against"
 - 34 Toy on a string
 - 35 Rental units: Abbr.
 - 36 "Not guilty," for one
 - 37 Drag from behind
 - 39 Therefore
 - 42 Have in mind
 - 43 English class topic
 - 48 In a gentle manner
 - 50 "Encore" TV broadcasts
 - 52 Broadcast
 - 54 Where sailors go
 - 55 Assistants
 - 56 Cutting edge
 - 57 Kindergarten basics
 - 58 Source of feta cheese
 - 59 Yes- question
 - 61 Online auction site
 - 62 Short letter
 - 63 Accomplishes
 - 65 Either end of a wide grin

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Buffalos open playoffs with win

ALPINE — The Stanton Buffalos rallied in the fourth quarter to take a 41-39 victory over Tornillo in their Class 2A bi-district playoff game at Sul Ross University Monday.

The Buffalos led by three points at halftime, but Tornillo rallied to take a 31-27 lead after three quarters. However, Stanton outscored Tornillo 14-8 in the final eight minutes to claim the win.

Scott Smith and Ethan Mauldin led Stanton with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Stanton advances to the area round of the playoffs and will face Childress at a site and time to be determined.

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Parker lifts Spurs to 11th straight win

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Even shorthanded, the San Antonio Spurs keep finding ways to win.

On Monday night, Richard Jefferson stepped up big. He hit a 3-pointer with 6.5 seconds left — only his second field goal all night — as the Spurs pulled out a 106-102 victory over the Utah Jazz.

It was San Antonio's 11th straight win — the longest streak in the NBA — and the seventh consecutive on this nine-game road trip. San Antonio (23-9) hasn't lost on the road since Jan. 29 in Dallas.

"I haven't been shooting the ball particularly well of late ... and even passed up one shot with about a minute to go," Richard Jefferson said. "But I was blessed the (3) went in."

Tony Parker scored 23 points to lead the Spurs, who were without key players Manu Ginobili and Tiago Splitter, both expected to miss two weeks because of injury.

"When you have guys that go

down, I think sometimes it helps guys re-focus knowing you have less room for error," Jefferson said. "Everybody has to contribute."

Without Splitter to provide a spark off the bench, Matt Bonner came through in the clutch with five 3-pointers. He finished with 20 points on 6-of-8 shooting.

"Matty was great. Matty was key for us tonight," said Spurs forward Tim Duncan, who finished with 20 points. "He was able to spread the floor and hit some shots and continue to score points for us when we really needed it."

Al Jefferson scored 20 points to lead the Jazz (15-16), who fell below .500 for the first time since Jan. 2, but he couldn't get a mid-range jumper to fall with 29 seconds left.

Paul Millsap added 16 for Utah, and Devin Harris 15. Josh Howard, in the starting lineup because of an injury to shooting guard Raja Bell, had 12 points.

San Antonio trailed by as many

as eight points in the first half and 10 in the third quarter before rallying.

"Persistence," Duncan said. "We stuck with it. They did make a (13-0) run. We came out in the second half and didn't play well for those first couple of minutes. They got themselves a lead, but we knew there was a lot of game left. It kind of shows the character of this team, how we've been playing over the last 10-15 games. We're really starting to turn that corner."

The Jazz, forced to practice Monday morning despite arriving back from Houston at 12:30 a.m., played with much more intensity than they did in a blowout loss to Houston on Sunday.

In the end, they still lost — and have dropped seven of their past nine.

"Tough loss," Jazz coach Tyrone Corbin said. "I thought our guys fought hard, especially after last night. We had a chance at the end. We just didn't get the plays at the end."

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Big Spring's Angelina Castillo forced extra innings with a two-out double in the bottom of the seventh. Then, after Gonzales blanked the Bulldogettes in the top of the eighth, Keeney

delivered her two-out blast to score Dimidjian and end the game.

"The girls just never gave up," Sparks said. "They played really well in the late stages of the game. They just kept battling, which says a lot for them."

The game was the Lady Steers' first of the

season with a full squad — Yarbar and shortstop Ambra Hill joined the team after the conclusion of basketball season — and Sparks believes the additions will only strengthen his team.

"We're going to be OK," he said. "We've got some things to pull together, and we will ... All this is going to do is make us better."

Big Spring returns to action Thursday at the

West Texas Classic in Midland, while the Bulldogettes are at Post next Tuesday for a 5:30 p.m. game.

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Sudoku puzzle advertisement. Includes the word 'sudoku', the word 'ANSWERS', and a 9x9 grid with solutions.

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