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## Construction starts Monday on reliever route

**By AMANDA ELSTON**  
 Managing Editor

Starting Monday, TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) will begin the first phase of construction of the northern section of U.S. Highway 87 reliever route, according to officials.

"During the first phase of construction, contractors will be widening the shoulder of US 87 near I-20," said

Mary Belle Turner, TxDOT public relations officer for the Abilene District in a news release. "Lanes will be restricted to one lane in each direction during this time."

The southern section of the route — named the William B. Crooker Memorial Highway, was completed in the summer of 2016. Crooker was a long-time Howard County Commissioner who was very

involved for a number of years with the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, a group of cities and businesses which promotes a trade corridor from Mexico to Canada. U.S. Highway 87 falls along that route and Crooker was active for decades to make sure the trade corridor route followed through Big Spring.

"The project will continue the US 87 relief route on the

western end of Big Spring from I-20 for approximately eight miles, tying in to FM 700 and US 87 on the north end of Big Spring to complete the full relief route," Turner stated. "The route will alleviate congestion issues for downtown Big Spring while facilitating safer, more efficient freight and traffic flow."

With the completion of the project, TxDOT aims to make

destinations more accessible, whether that be downtown Big Spring or elsewhere, Turner added.

"Travelers will be able to access downtown Big Spring via Business US 87, or continue at speed along the relief route to their destination," she stated.

The \$68 million project, awarded to Johnson Bros. See **ROUTE**, Page 3



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Mark Richardson, the new operations manager at Big Spring's KBEST Media, has recently been named District Chairman for the Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

## Richardson new operations manager for KBEST media

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

The new operations manager at Big Spring's KBEST media wears several hats. Hired to the job Dec. 5, Mark Richardson comes to the position from the world of Boy Scouting, where

he was a professional employee with the local Buffalo Trail Council. Now in addition to his new job in the world of radio, Richardson is continuing on as a volunteer with the Scouts; he's the longtime assistant troop master for

Big Spring's Troop 5, and two weeks ago was named District Chairman for Buffalo Trail's Lone Star district.

Richardson said his experience with the Scouts has a few tie-ins with his new job.

"My primary responsibility is to manage the three radio stations," Richardson said. "Make sure that we have the staff, that we're on the air, that we're financially sound, and that we're

able to be the very best at bringing current information, news, as well as music, to this whole area. And to do it with a passion unmatched by anybody else, and to do it with a level of integrity that the people who own this station not only want but deserve. I think the lessons I've learned in management translate very well, because the last, oh, 9 to 12 years, I've been in management with the Boy Scouts. It actually helps that sometimes that management has been summer camp, because there were times I was managing over 100 people at a time.

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## SMMC Heart Healthy expo is today

**By SANDRENA KONING**  
 Staff Writer

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is hosting the "Healthy Heart, Healthy You" event focusing on heart health this evening at the Hotel Settles.

A free health fair and expo will be held between 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. featuring local health providers and businesses. After the health fair, the main event will be featured speaker Dr. Charisse Ward, M.D., M.P.H. in the ballroom at 6 p.m., along with dinner.

"We want people to know that there are services right here in their own backyard. When it comes to healthcare, we want it to be less drive out of town," Amanda Duforat, SMMC marketing manager said. "This is a great way for us to educate our community and support local businesses at the same time."

Dr. Charisse Ward will be discussing ways

to ensure heart health, treatments and preventative care. Ward is board-certified in internal and cardiovascular medicine. She completed fellowship training at Yale New Haven Medical Center in New Haven, Connecticut. Her practice focuses on the care and treatment of diabetic wounds, peripheral vascular disease and limb preservation.

"Being able to have Dr. Ward speaking to the connection between heart health and overall health is something we are excited about. Providing a rounded education on health, for our community is one of our big focuses for 2017," uforat said.

This event is one of the ways Scenic Mountain is focusing on heart health during the month of February.

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Duforat

## GOP lawmakers hear from leaders on move to remake health law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders on Thursday described plans for replacing President Barack Obama's health care law to House GOP lawmakers, promoting a conservative approach dominated by tax breaks and a transition away from today's Medicaid program.

With their drive to reshape the nation's health care system off to a sputtering start, House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and other leaders were describing detailed options and gauging the rank-and-file's receptiveness in a private meeting. Lawmakers also heard from Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price, a former GOP congressman from Georgia.

The briefing came hours before a weeklong recess that will send Congress home to energized

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## Obituaries

### Patsy Elizabeth Powell



Patsy Elizabeth Powell, 74, of Big Spring, Texas, died peacefully in her sleep on Jan. 26, 2017, in Longmont, Colo.

Patsy is survived by her son, Dwaine Croft, and his three daughters, Brianna, Evie, and Alexandra; by her son, Douglas Croft and his son, Jake; by her sisters, Linda Munoz, and Sandra Holliman Hallford; and by her brother, Bobby Holliman.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents, Frankie and Richard Holliman; her husband, Robert Powell; and her brother, Thomas Holliman.

Patsy was born and raised in Big Spring, Texas.

Although she left Big Spring after her first marriage, she always considered Big Spring her home. While raising her sons, she lived in Commerce City, Colo. After her children were grown, she returned to Big Spring, where she worked as a waitress and met her second husband, Robert Powell. In 2008, upon Robert's death, Patsy moved back to Colorado, and was able to spend her remaining years with her two sons and their children. Patsy enjoyed crafting and was very skilled at creating gifts such as wreaths and handmade jewelry that she loved to give to family and friends. She will be missed.

A memorial service is to be held on Monday, Feb. 20, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas.

Share condolences at [www.howemortuary.com](http://www.howemortuary.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Felix Hilario



Felix Hilario, 70, of San Antonio died Monday, Feb. 6, 2017.

Visitation will be held 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017, at Meadow-Lawn Funeral Home, 5611 E. Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Chapel service will follow at noon, with burial at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Felix was born on June 21, 1946, in Big Spring, Texas, and enlisted in the U.S. Army on Feb. 1, 1973. He served at several posts, including Ft. Huachuca,

Ariz.; Ft. Hood, Texas; and Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. During his service, Felix was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

Felix was preceded in death by his stepfather Luis Ramirez; mother Isabel Ramirez; sister Josephine Calderon; and brother Richard Hilario.

He is survived by sisters Mary Alice Bonilla, Ruth Calderon, Louise Ramirez, and Lisa Rodriguez; brother John Hilario; daughters, Cynthia Cortez and Jewels Rio; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

Arrangements are under the direction of MeadowLawn Funeral Home in San Antonio. Pay your respects online at [www.meadowlawn.net/obituary](http://www.meadowlawn.net/obituary).

### Lynn "Shorty" Maddox



Lynn "Shorty" Maddox, 74, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time Saturday at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born to Raymond and Wanda Maddox Oct. 27, 1942, in Tulia, Texas, and married Mary LaVerne Morris Dec. 2, 1960, in Lenorah, Texas. She preceded him in death June 17, 1993.

Shorty served in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1968. He came to Big Spring in 1968 and was an electrician by trade. He worked for various com-

panies during his career.

He was a member of the Greenlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock and was baptized on his 74th birthday in the fountain on the LCU campus. Shorty was also a member of the Staked Plains Lodge 598 A.F. & A.M.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Maddox and wife Kim of Big Spring, and Marray Maddox and wife Sarah of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Sherry Maddox; and one brother, Ronnie Maddox.

The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Hospital for Children at [www.shrinershospital-sforchildren.org/en/donate](http://www.shrinershospital-sforchildren.org/en/donate); or to the Greenlawn Church of Christ, 5701 19th St., Lubbock, Texas, 79407.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **CHAD JUSTIN MORRISON**, 23, of 17335 CR 3155 S in Rusk was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **RAY WAYNE BROWN**, 51, of 228 Reynolds St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **ABEL SILVA**, 39, of 5108 Dawson Rd. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license; and on outstanding

warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Algerita Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JAMAICA ZJORZJE AUSBIE**, 25, was booked by HCSO on bondsman off bond warrants for criminal mischief (\$50 to \$500), criminal trespassing, and bail jumping/failure to appear; and

on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **RAY WAYNE BROWN**, 51, was booked by HCSO on warrants for operating an unregistered vehicle, driving with an invalid license, operating an unregistered commercial vehicle, and violation of promise to appear.

• **DEVEN RAY BROWNE**, 24, was booked by USM on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

• **CHAD JUSTIN MORRISON**,

23, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **DAVID SCOTT ROBERTSON**, 37, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **ABEL SILVA**, 39, was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license; and on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to appear.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of Fifth and Donley streets.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Pine. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of West 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Ramsey Avenue

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **BUILDING FIRE** was reported in the 400 block of South Bell Street.

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### Dorothy Bailey

Dorothy Bailey, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Weather

**Today: Warmer.** Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Tonight: Partly cloudy.** Lows in the lower 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Friday night:** Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. West winds around 10 mph shifting to the northeast in the afternoon.

**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

**Sunday:** Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

**Sunday night:** Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

**WASHINGTONS BIRTHDAY:** Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70.

**Monday night:** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

**Tuesday:** Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

**Tuesday night:** Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

**Wednesday:** Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

*AP/National Weather Service reports for Borden, Scurry, Howard, and Mitchell counties, including the cities of Gail, Snyder, Big Spring, and Colorado City.*

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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# SMMC

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“According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), someone has a heart attack every 42 seconds and each minute someone in the United States dies from heart disease,” Duforat said. “Scenic Mountain Medical Center wants to educate and support our community when it comes to matters of the heart.”

Tickets to the main event at 6 p.m. are \$20 per person or \$250 for a reserved table. To purchase, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721. Tickets can also be purchased at 1601 W. Eleventh Place, Room 411 and 412.

Contact Staff Writer Sandrena Koning at 432-263-7331, ext. 234, or email reporter@bigspringherald.com

• A free beginner’s genealogy class will be offered Sunday, Feb. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Borden County Event Center in Gail. Those attending should bring materials for taking notes and a laptop; wifi will be available for research. Also, bring information about births, deaths, and wedding dates of your parents, grandparents, aunts

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and uncles, if known. Contact Lisa Mahler at borden-cohistory@gmail.com to reserve a seat or to ask a question.

• Parkplace Retirement Living, will hold a Valentine’s Dance Friday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Big Spring Senior Center, 100 Whipkey Dr. There is no charge to attend and the dance is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

• The Howard County Fair needs volunteers to cross stitch squares for the annual quilt fundraiser. The theme for this year’s quilt is “It’s a Jungle Out There.” You can pick up a square from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for more information.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 20 and 21 at the old Lakeview High School gym lo-

cated at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child’s school.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a potluck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

### Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

# ROUTE

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Corporation out of Roanoke, Texas, is expected to be completed in early 2019. The northern section includes overpasses at I-20 and the Union Pacific Railroad, retaining walls, drainage struc-

tures, lights, and two lanes in each direction with a wide median.

“Once completed, the entire rural expressway will represent more than \$125 million spent to address connectivity, congestion, and freight mobility across North America,” Turner stated.

TxDOT encourages travelers

to be careful while traveling through the construction and all other work zones.

“Lane closures, workers, and large, slow moving equipment should be expected in this area as work progresses,” she said. “It is important to always drive to conditions and obey traffic signs.”

# KBEST

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So you know, I think that does help. I think what also helps is, you can’t work and survive in the Boy Scouts if you don’t have a level of integrity as well as an ability to follow up and be passionate about what you do. Because if you’re not passionate about working with the Boy Scouts, there’s a whole lot of other places you could go and do something maybe where you make more money. But it is my passion, and I think that’s kind of what appealed to folks here. I hope that’s what appealed to folks here.”

Richardson said he feels his new job at KBEST will leave him with plenty of time for volunteering in scouting.

“I’ve just taken the position of District Chairman for the Lone Star District of the Boy Scouts here,” he said. “Part of my consider-

ation taking this job was, would I still have the time to work with the Boy Scouts at a volunteer level like I have been doing? I’m the assistant Scoutmaster and have been for years, for Troop 5 here. This allows me to give them a little more time and take on a little more responsibility for that troop. And then to take on the role of District Chairman.”

As district chairman, Richardson plans to focus on membership, he said.

“A lot of times people hear you’ve got membership goals, and what they hear is, ‘Oh it’s all about business and get more, more, more.’ Well, I’ve seen it from both sides, and I realize that every number used in the business side of Boy Scouts represents a kid. Every dollar not raised is one less dollar you can spend on Scouts, whether it’s camp or scholarships for kids that are less fortunate, or equipment, or staff, or whatever.

And every kid you don’t recruit that’s one kid that doesn’t get the opportunities that I got, or that my son’s getting, or that more than 300 other Scouts are getting right here in Big Spring. So it’s fortunate for me that I understand both sides of it, because there is a business component to it as well as the volunteer side, and I think as District Chairman I’ll be able to tie those two sides together.

In his day job, Richardson said will strive to make KBEST a premiere media outlet.

“I want to make sure that we are at the forefront of community relations. I want everyone to know that they can turn on any one of the three KBST stations and get the most up current, up-to-date, news and information, as well as the best music, in this whole part of the country, not just in this part of the state,” he said. “I really have visions to make this a marquee set of stations, and make it not just KBST, but

KBEST Media and put ourselves on the map. I think we’ve done that by bringing in some amazing talent. We have as many staff as we’ve had in years right now. We have some very, very talented people, and I just want to make sure that we utilize every ounce of that talent that we have. Also, when we go out in public, I just want people to go, ‘KBEST, those are some really great guys.’ Ultimately, down the road, maybe more than just three stations right here in Big Spring. I tend to dream big, and I’m not going to stop doing that.”

KBEST radio can be heard on 95.7 KBST-FM, 94.3 KTBS-FM “The Fuse”, and 1490 KBST-AM. For more information about the local Boy Scouts, visit www.buffalotrailbsa.org.

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# HEALTH LAW

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voters, mostly Democrats, who have recently crammed town hall meetings to complain about GOP efforts to repeal Obama’s law. Lawmakers are eager to have something to show constituents.

“It’s important for people to know we’re working hard on these things, paying attention to substance,” said Rep. Patrick Meehan, R-Pa., as he entered the meeting.

Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said that by the end of March, his panel would start writing its part of a measure voiding much of Obama’s law and substituting GOP programs. That’s the most recent of several self-imposed deadlines that President Donald Trump and GOP leaders have set, but until now failed to meet, for reconfiguring the nation’s health care system.

With Senate Republicans straining to coalesce around plans, Price met privately with GOP senators Wednesday, but participants said no specifics were discussed. Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss., said lawmakers and the White House are trying to decide who should release a plan to replace Obama’s law first — the White House or Congress.

Asked to characterize those discussions, Wicker said: “You go first. No, you go first.”

Thursday’s House GOP meeting followed moves the day before by the Trump administration aimed at curbing Obama’s law. These included making it harder for people to sign up for coverage outside of open enrollment periods and eased IRS enforcement of fines for people who don’t buy insurance.

Lawmakers, aides and lobbyists who described House leaders’ plans said they strongly resembled a broad outline that Ryan released last summer as a campaign document for Republican candidates to tout to voters. Most spoke on condition of anonymity because the proposals hadn’t been released publicly.

In a significant departure from Ryan’s summertime proposal, the options being discussed Thursday would not address Medicare, which helps pay for guaranteed health care for the elderly. Ryan has backed reshaping it into a

voucher-like program that people could use to buy coverage, but Trump has said he doesn’t want to revamp Medicare.

Under the ideas being talked about, the tax penalties that Obama’s law imposed on people who don’t buy insurance would be killed. Also eliminated would be the subsidies the government provides most people who buy coverage on the online marketplaces the statute established.

Instead, tax-favored health savings accounts would be expanded and refundable tax credits, paid in advance, would be available to millions of Americans. With refundable credits, even people with low or no income would receive checks from the IRS.

On one of the most contentious issues, Republicans would gradually change Medicaid, which helps poor and disabled people afford health care. While it now guarantees coverage for everyone who qualifies, the options being discussed include giving money to the states generally based on the number of Medicaid beneficiaries with adjustments for the type of care they need, and states would have more power to decide who qualifies for coverage.

Republicans would provide extra money to both the 31 states that expanded Medicaid coverage under Obama’s law and the 19 others — mostly dominated by the GOP — that refused to do so. That disbursement of funds has caused major rifts between GOP-led states that increased their Medicaid coverage and don’t want to lose that money,

and states that didn’t expand but want extra funds now.

The GOP plans also include federal contributions to states for high risk pools, where people with illnesses that are expensive to cover could purchase policies.

And because of many Republicans’ opposition to abortion, the retrofitted medical system would block Planned Parenthood from receiving federal payments, which comprise nearly half its annual \$1.1 billion budget.

Democrats defending Obama’s law oppose all of the GOP ideas, saying they’d leave many people unable to afford health coverage.

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Dorothy Bailey, 83, passed away Tuesday. Services are pending.

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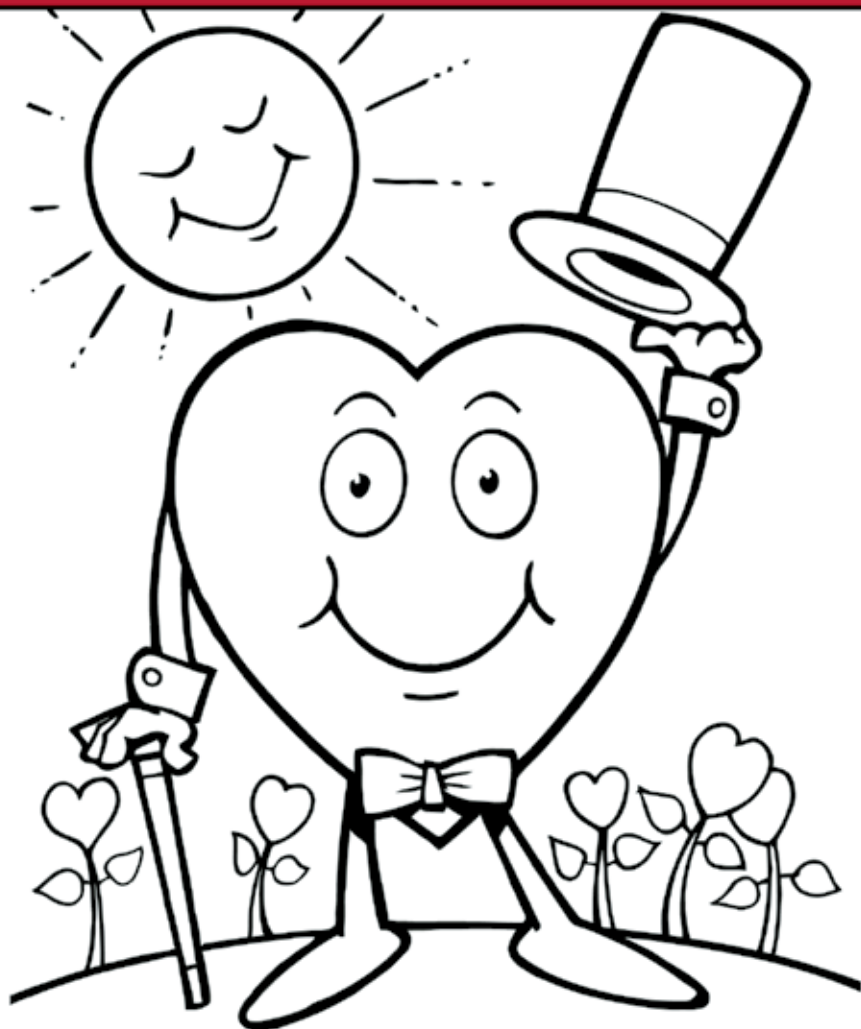


### List 10 words that rhyme with "heart."

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Some answers: art, bart, cart, chart, dart, mart, part, smart, start, tart

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# Jokes



Q: What did one candy say to the other?

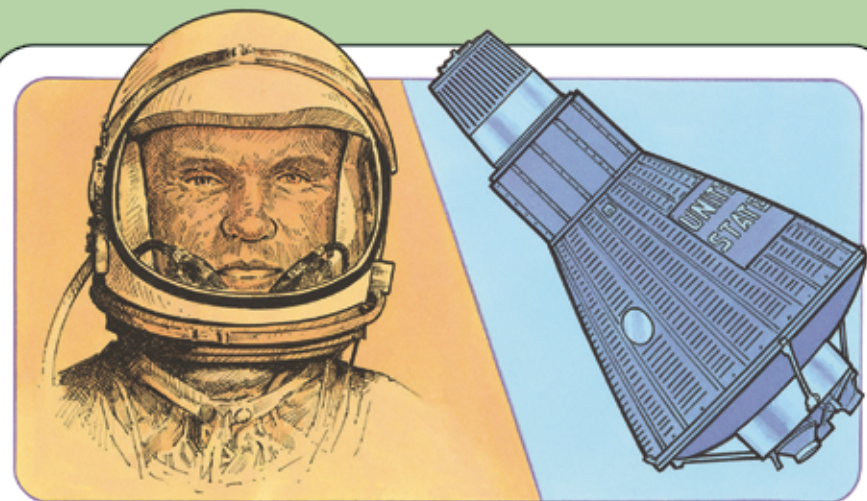
A: We're mint for each other.



Q: What kind of Valentine's Day gift do squirrels give?

A: Forget-me-nots!

## Around the Earth



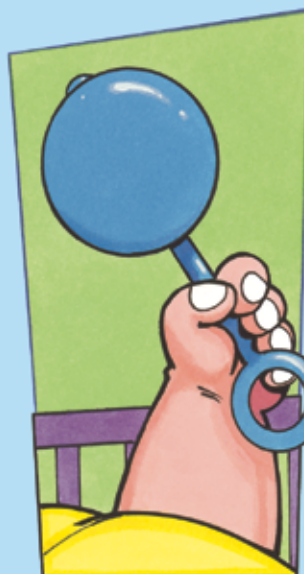
Imagine being the first American to orbit earth? What an amazing feeling. That is what astronaut John Glenn experienced on February 20, 1962, when he orbited the earth onboard Friendship 7.

Glenn's flight lasted about five hours. As he passed over the city of Perth, Australia, people there turned on their lights, resulting in the nickname, the "City of Light."

Glenn served as an astronaut for another year before becoming a U.S. Senator. He returned to space in 1998 onboard the space shuttle Discovery. Glenn was much older then, allowing for the effects of space upon senior citizens to be studied. He retired from space travel after that mission.

## Name That Person

Many famous people were born in February. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.



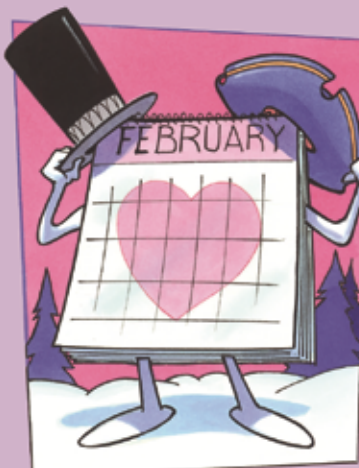
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Answers: 1) Susan B. Anthony, 2) Johnny Cash, 3) Thomas Alva Edison, 4) Steve Irwin, 5) Charles Lindbergh, 6) Ronald Reagan, 7) Babe Ruth

## Fact or Fiction?

### February Challenge

February is the second month of the year. Here are some questions about the month. How many can you answer correctly?



- 1) February is the longest month of the year. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) There are 29 days in February in some years and 28 in others. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) February is often misspelled. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) Amethyst is the birthstone for February. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) Most amethysts are white. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 6) Many holidays take place in February, including Rabbit Day, which falls on February 2. **Fact or Fiction?**

7) Valentine's Day takes place on February 14. **Fact or Fiction?**

8) American Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were both born in February. **Fact or Fiction?**

9) Presidents Day takes place on the third Friday in February in the United States. **Fact or Fiction?**

10) February is Black History Month in the United States. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fiction, it is the shortest, 2) Fact, it has 29 days in leap years and 28 in all others, 3) Fact, many people forget the first "r," 4) Fact, 5) Fiction, most amethysts are purple, 6) Fiction, Groundhog Day falls on February 2, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fiction, it takes place on the third Monday, 10) Fact

# Steers look sharp in scrimmage against Permian

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers put on a great performance in their scrimmage against the Permian Panthers last night.

Because it was only a scrimmage, there was not an official score. But the Steers did go on a 9-0 run, holding Permian scoreless up until the 8th inning.

There was no denying that the Steers had a lot of success at the plate, but it was their fielding that set the tone of the game.

“One of the things that gave us early success was confidence, and that starts with our pitching,” said head coach Daniel Carrillo. “As pitchers for the Steers, they are our tempo-setter. We feed off of them, and they came out and pounded the zone which allowed our defense to play.”

However, the same could not be said about the Panthers. They struggled to get any kind of batting streak going and only averaged around 4 at bats per inning.

The Steers showed a lot of hustle and energy against Permian’s offense, including two double plays, or what they like to call “defensive home runs.”

With the rhythm and teamwork Big Spring displayed, we should be in for a great season.

The team has a new motto for this year, “Bring the boat.” In other words, don’t tell me how bad the water is. Just bring the boat.

“If you get a bad call from the official, or it’s a really windy day... etc., don’t tell me about it,” explained Carrillo. “We just have to battle through it and figure it out.”

The team will begin preparing for their upcoming meeting with the Andrews Mustangs, which will be held at Steer Park on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m.



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**Big Spring Steer, Noah Gonzales, makes contact with the ball in the scrimmage against Permian.**



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**Steers pitcher Tristan Myrick throws the ball to first base for an out.**

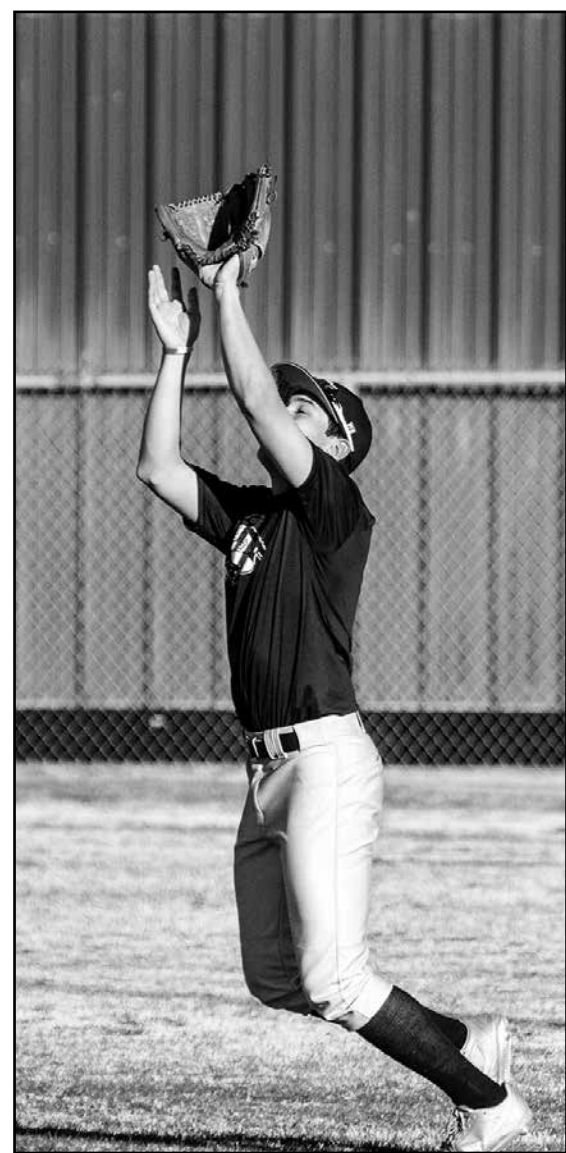


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**Kobe Gutierrez makes a catch in right field**

## Aldridge, Leonard help Spurs rout short-handed Magic, 107-79

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)

— It’s hard for LaMarcus Aldridge to explain why, but he was out of rhythm during the first five games of San Antonio’s current road trip.

His shot wasn’t falling consistently and something just seemed off.

But the Spurs’ power forward found his groove Wednesday night, shooting 10 of 13 from the floor for a game-high 23 points to spark a 107-79 win over the short-handed Orlando Magic as both teams headed into the All-Star break.

“I work hard and I get in the gym, so I’m not worried about not working hard,” Aldridge said. “It just happens, but I stuck with it and played more comfortable tonight.”

A big reason for that might have been the matchup issues the Magic faced against the 6-foot-11 Aldridge with out-Serge Ibaka to help out. Orlando traded its power forward to Toronto on Tuesday for Terrence Ross and a 2017 first-round draft pick.

That left a smaller Jeff Green to try to match up on Aldridge early, and then the Magic attempted to put center Nikola Vucevic on him but he couldn’t step out and guard Aldridge on the perimeter. Aldridge hit his first two shots and scored eight of the Spurs’ first 12 points in the first six minutes of a game that was never close.

“For sure, especially when I miss the easy ones,” Aldridge said when asked if making the first couple of shots made it easier for him. “I make the first couple and then I start playing like myself and start taking shots that I take. Tonight I looked more like myself.”

The Spurs (43-13), second in the Western Conference, looked like



AP Photo

**San Antonio Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge (12) celebrates after scoring during the first half of the team’s NBA basketball game against the Orlando Magic in Orlando, Fla., Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017.**

themselves in every way, playing lock-down defense and unselfishly on offense. San Antonio limited the Magic to 39.5 percent shooting and forced them into 17 turnovers.

The Spurs moved the ball and consistently made the extra pass to find the open man. That was often on the interior as Kawhi Leonard, Dewayne Dedmon and Aldridge took advantage of an Orlando team that didn’t have enough big bodies to match up.

Leonard finished with 22 points and Dedmon added 10 points and 11 rebounds to help the Spurs lead by as many as 30 points.

“In some ways it wasn’t a fair fight,” said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, whose team is 4-2 on its current road trip that continues in Los Angeles next week after the break. “They lost Serge and didn’t have a replacement here for him. So they were a little bit overmatched and that certainly helped us out.”

The Magic (21-37), who have made a concerted effort to shift to a smaller lineup in midseason, looked even more disjointed offensively than normal without their second-leading scorer on the floor. Ross did

not dress because Ibaka had not completed his physical in time to make the trade official.

Orlando’s offense had no rhythm, with leading scorer Evan Fournier having an off night with nine points on 6-of-11 shooting and four turnovers. Vucevic led three Magic players in double figures with 16 points and 10 rebounds as the team fell to 9-18 at home.

“They have the kind of defense that forces you into 1-on-1 play and we’re more of a ball-movement team when we’re at our best, not an isolation team,” Orlando coach Frank Vogel said. “We tried to force into spots that weren’t there and were careless with our turnovers and it was very, very costly.”

TIP-INS

Spurs: Aldridge had 13 points in the first quarter while shooting 6 of 7 from the field. ... Popovich said he expects Pau Gasol (left hand) to return after the All-Star break. ... Manu Ginobili left in the third quarter after falling awkwardly and then grabbing the back of his left heel. Popovich said he wasn’t sure what the extent of the injury was immediately

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## Napoli passes physical, set for 3rd Texas stint

DALLAS (AP) — Mike Napoli has passed his physical, clearing the way for an \$8.5 million, one-year deal and his third stint with the Texas Rangers.

Two people with knowledge of the situation told *The Associated Press* that the deal was done and that Napoli will be introduced Thursday. He spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday night because the Rangers had not announced the agreement.

While not saying who, the team announced a news conference at its Arizona spring training complex before workouts Thursday morning to announce a free-agent signing.

Napoli was seen in Surprise, Arizona, on Wednesday, when he was set to take a physical. He will get a \$6 million salary this year, and the agreement includes an \$11 million club option for 2018 with a \$2.5 million buyout.

In his return to the Rangers, who have won the AL West title the past two seasons, Napoli figures to play first base and provide a big bat in the middle of the lineup. He previously played with Texas in 2011 and 2012, then spent the final two months of the 2015 season in Texas before going

to Cleveland as a free agent.

Napoli hit a career-high 34 homers last season, when “Party for Napoli’s” became a team rallying cry for the AL champions.

In his first season with the Rangers in 2011, Napoli hit .320 with 30 homers in 113 regular-season games and had 10 RBIs in the World Series. He was the starting catcher for the AL All-Star team in 2012, though he also played first base during that two-year span in Texas before going to the Red Sox as a free agent. He played some left field in 2015.

Texas already has room on its 40-man roster after putting first baseman Prince Fielder and reliever Jake Diekmann on the 60-day disabled list this week.

Mitch Moreland won a Gold Glove as the Rangers’ primary first baseman last season, but became a free agent and agreed to a \$5.5 million, one-year deal with Boston. Fielder is signed through 2020 and remains on the roster even though he was forced to quit playing last summer after his second neck surgery.

Texas also lost big hitters Carlos Beltran and Ian Desmond as free agents.



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**In this Sept. 5, 2015, file photo, Texas Rangers’ Mike Napoli looks over to his dugout during the Rangers’ baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels in Anaheim, Calif. Napoli and the Rangers are working toward another reunion, this time to fill pressing needs the AL West champions have for a first baseman and another big bat in the middle of the lineup. The slugger and the team have been negotiating a contract, a person with direct knowledge of the negotiations told *The Associated Press*.**

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Aquarius Sun's Last Days

Is a lemon fast or slow? Believe it or not, this nonsensical question has been central to scientific studies in which most people conclude that the answer is "Fast." Something about your senses tells you it's so. And your senses will tell you much, much more illogical truth if you ask this of them during the last days of the zany Aquarius sun.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There will be such interesting people around you now that you will forget yourself entirely and get lost in their lives and stories for short stretches of time, only to return to your own life much

richer. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** They've told you what to do, but they didn't tell you how to do it. No matter -- this is what you're best at today. What you'll come up with (which only seems logical to you) will be surprising ingenuity.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** To learn about independence, self-possession and the social imperviousness necessary to make a unique stamp on the world, look to the cats. To learn unwavering loyalty and the appreciation of simple joys, look to the dogs.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You know that you don't need to impress anyone to be loved; nor do you have to maintain a certain image to be accepted. But there's something in you that wants to do these things anyway. Chalk it up to personal expression.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** To be of use for the greater good is your sincere wish. If that can happen in a way that applies your talents, develops your strengths and makes

you smile, it's a truly fantastic day. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Getting from place to place has its challenges, but nothing can revoke your ability to smile in transit. "Happiness is not a station you arrive at but a manner of traveling." -- Margaret Lee Runbeck

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There's a very secure feeling in having a little extra to buy your favorite delights. And if the things you do to get happy don't cost very much, you'll be rich indeed!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Just as you can't say it's always raining or always hot, it would be unwise to define yourself based on how you feel now, tomorrow or next week. Your moods, like weather, will pass.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your fellow Sagittarius Mark Twain suggested, "In his private heart no man much respects himself." Do you believe these sentiments? Though you appear confident, you struggle with doubt, only because you are human.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Groups move slowly: The bigger the group the slower they move. When you travel alone you're beholden to no one. Make a decision about whom to align with based on when you need to get somewhere.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You'll invite someone to engage in a contest. This could be an official invitation, a casual verbal suggestion or an unspoken -- but very clearly communicated -- dare.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** When the cards are properly and fairly shuffled and dealt, there is nothing anyone can do about which ones end up in hand. With today's gaming mindset, you'll play whatever you get with great style and results.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 16).** You'll get enough of a wonderful thing in the next 10 weeks. The trick is to be appreciative and moderate about what you do next. Your determined attitude combined with diplomatic skill will

move you up at work. The love wells run over in April and June when you'll be moved to express your heart creatively. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 37, 41, 25, 16 and 49.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Years ago I wrote to you about my relationship with a Pisces. Your response was right on, and I am still with him a decade later. I've grown to resent his inability to make a lasting commitment to me, among other issues. We have a home together and get along so well, and he's the most upstanding, kind, honest human being I have ever met. Ultimatums are not my style, but I just cannot reconcile my resentment that what our relationship is now is what it probably will always be. Any advice for a Virgo?"

Structured and traditional, Virgo likes knowing where things stand, while Pisces can remain quite comfortable in a dreamy state of limbo. Wanting to be married when he is indifferent may be your "breakup"

excuse because you love him too much to reject him outright or leave him without good reason. If you like living together, release your resentment and create the relationship the way you want it. Marriage will come as a natural outgrowth of that. Now it's time to be honest with yourself: After 10 years, do you still enjoy it? Or has he, and your resentment toward him, worn you out?

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Michael Jordan has been called the greatest athlete of all time, though his all-star status was hard-won. He was once cut from his high school team and was not considered the best player on his college team, either. The fleet-footed Aquarius (with Mercury and Saturn in Aquarius, too) applied intelligence, persistence and creativity to become an athlete for the ages.

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Annie's Mailbox

Declining Relationship With Daughter

**Dear Annie:** My ex-husband was emotionally, verbally and physically abusive, and he was a womanizer from the very beginning. So I divorced him in the 1980s; I then kept custody of our daughter.

All was good between my daughter and me for 10 years -- before my ex man-

aged to work his way back into my life with his usual charm. I really thought he had changed. What's that old saying about a leopard?

I have to confess that we both drank a lot. But I seemed to be the only one at fault for everything. His abuse got worse and worse over the years. He did and said anything to destroy my self-esteem and credibility with my friends and even my

co-workers. He managed to destroy my relationship with my daughter, too. They started to hang out in the bars together, and she started to treat me just as he did. They planned for weeks to throw me out when I temporarily lost my job, and they tried to hurt me in other ways. They would huddle in corners of bars together, kissing as if they were lovers, watching my reactions to their behavior. I had people ask me whether they were actually sleeping together, and to be honest, I wasn't really sure.

It came to a head one night when she was getting ready to go out with her dad again while I was sleeping. She was

going to leave her 18-month-old son with me without even letting me know I was baby-sitting. I woke up before she left and was very angry when I figured it out. I woke the child up and told him Mommy was going bye-bye and asked whether he wanted to go with her. At this point, she hit me and knocked me down. Before I could get up, she hit me again. Then she called her dad, and he told me to get out, which I did. I went back to work shortly after this, thank goodness, but they left me with nothing. I had to start all over again.

To this day, my daughter has never apologized for any of her behavior or actions. Trust me; having

your child treat you like a piece of garbage isn't something that's easy to get over. She has also tried to turn everyone she knows against me ever since then, even my current husband. She is doing exactly the same things her father did. I no longer drink at all, for the record. I don't know where to go from here. She says she has tried to have a relationship with me, but I just don't see it happening, not with the hatefulness still coming at me. Should I try to repair the damage that has been done, or should I just walk completely away? If this is her way of showing love, I don't think I want her love anymore. -- Wits' End

**Dear Wits':** There is, unfortunately, much more to hash out here than the space of this

column allows. But it sounds as if the years of abuse from your ex-husband saddled you with a lot of emotional baggage that you're still carrying today, and I strongly recommend seeing a therapist. If you're unable to see one in person, consider using BetterHelp or Talkspace. These websites connect patients with health care professionals via video chats, text messages and phone calls. I hope you and your daughter can build a healthy relationship together over time.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Charting your course of play

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 10 5 2  
♥ Q 6 4  
♦ A K 3  
♣ A Q 9

**WEST**  
♠ 7  
♥ A K J 10 5  
♦ J 10 8 6  
♣ K 10 3

**EAST**  
♠ 8 6 3  
♥ 9 2  
♦ 9 4  
♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 9 4  
♥ 8 7 3  
♦ Q 7 5 2  
♣ A 6

The bidding:  
South West North East  
Pass 1♥ Dble Pass  
2♣ Pass 4♠

he can find a way to avoid losing a club trick. **One possible solution** is to draw the missing trumps and then cash the A-K-Q of diamonds. If the opposing diamonds are divided 3-3, dummy's queen of clubs can be discarded on South's fourth diamond. But if declarer relies solely on this line of play, he winds up down one because the diamonds break 4-2. **However,** if South plays a bit more carefully, he can make the contract. After taking the ace of clubs at trick four, he should cash all of his trumps, discarding the club six on dummy's fifth trump to reduce his hand to the Q-7-5-2 of diamonds.

**On dummy's last trump,** West, holding the J-10-8-6 of diamonds and king of clubs, cannot discard safely. A club discard would make dummy's queen a trick, while a diamond discard would allow declarer to score four diamond tricks.

**Observe that by adopting** this method of play, declarer preserves his chances of making the contract if the diamonds are divided 3-3, and at the same time increases his chances significantly by catering to the possibility that West has four or more diamonds.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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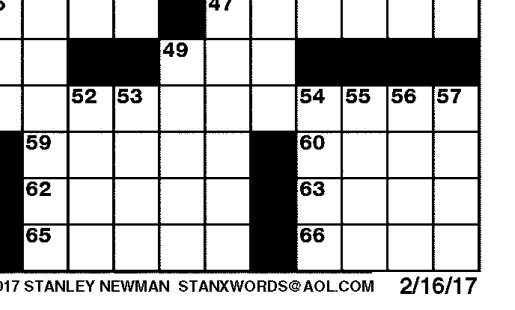
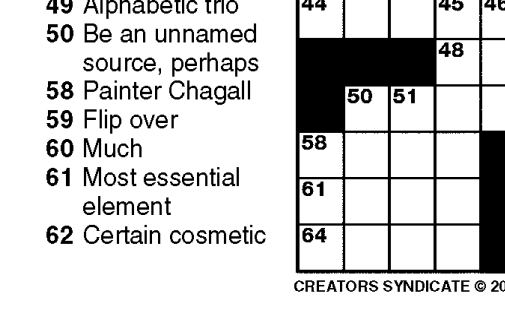
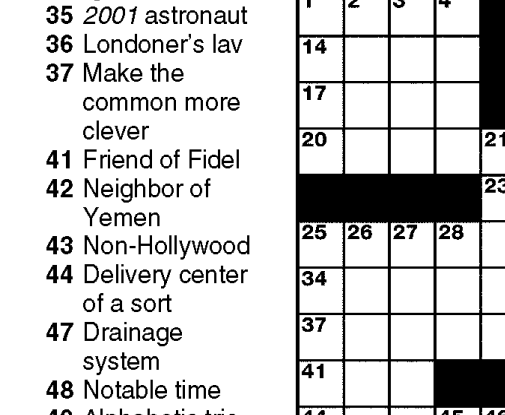
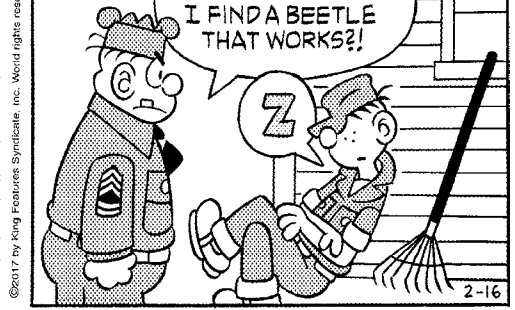
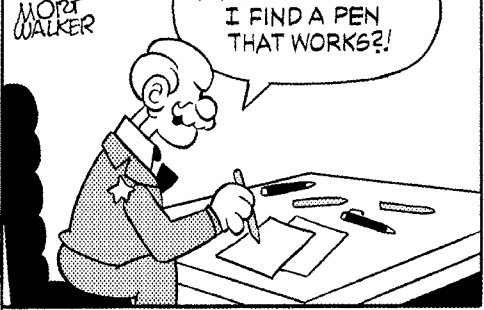
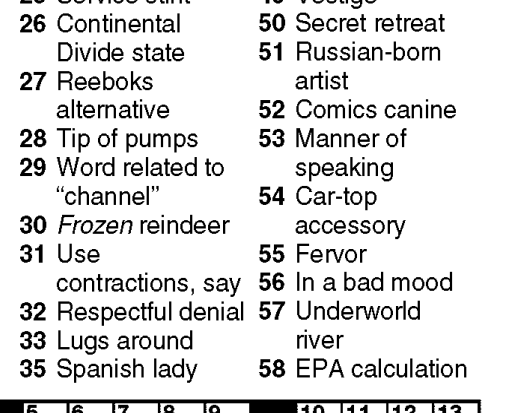
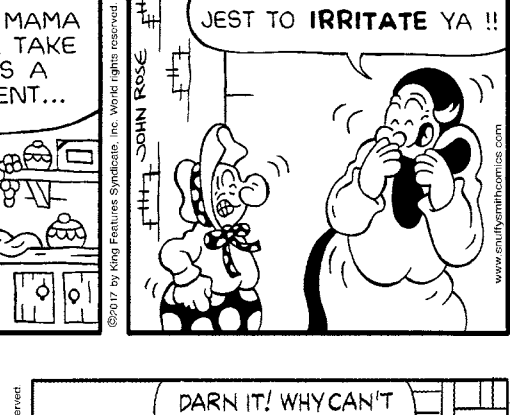
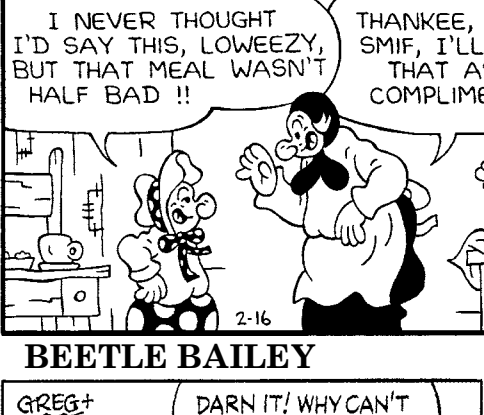
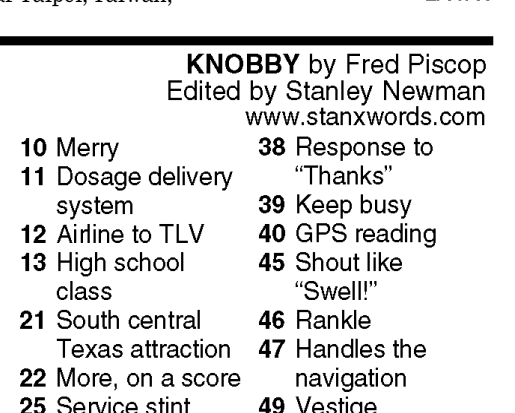
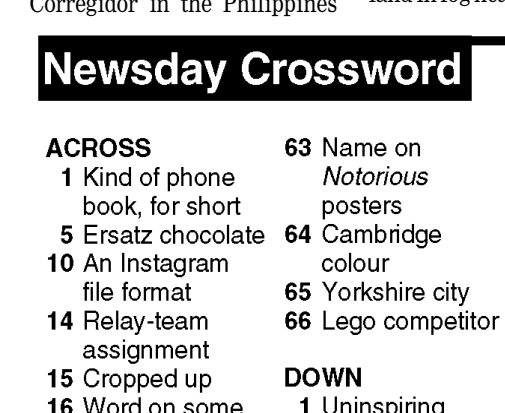
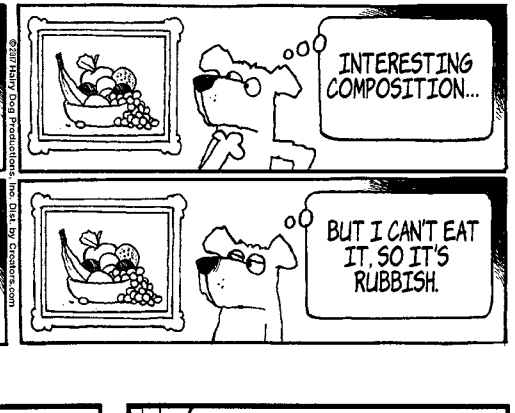
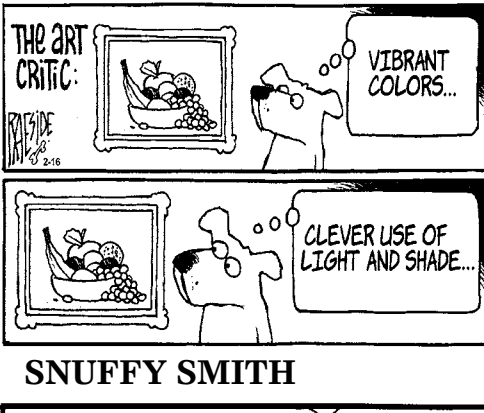
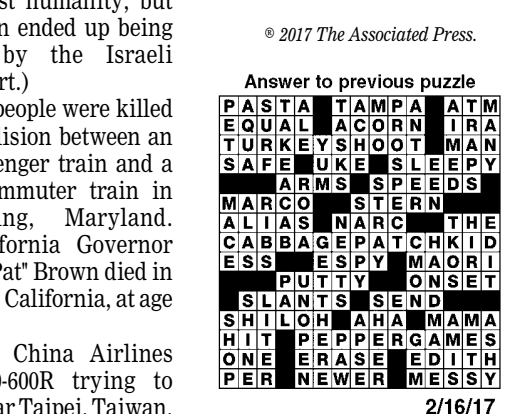
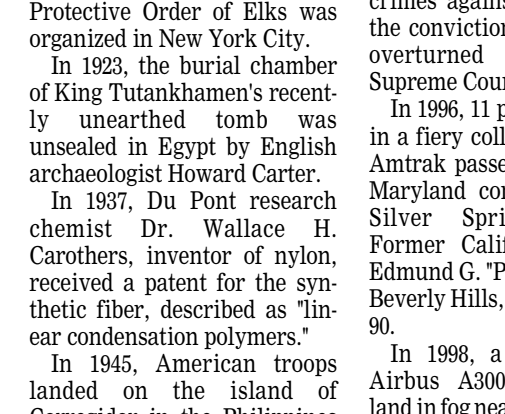
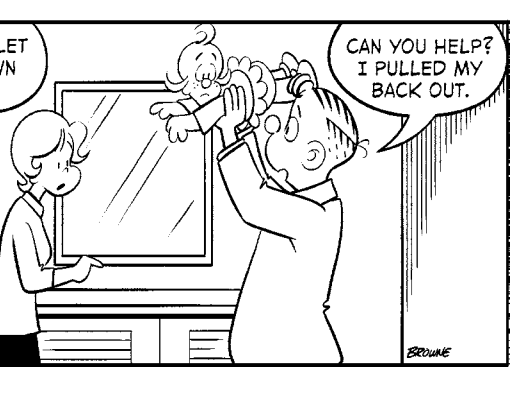
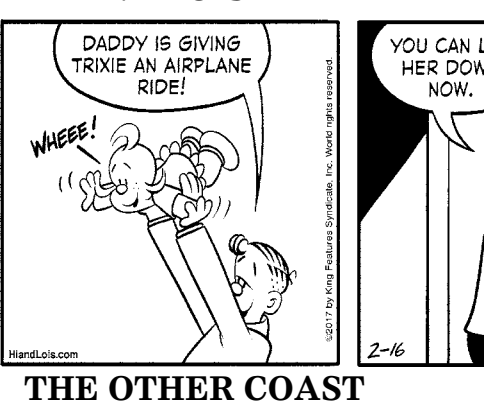
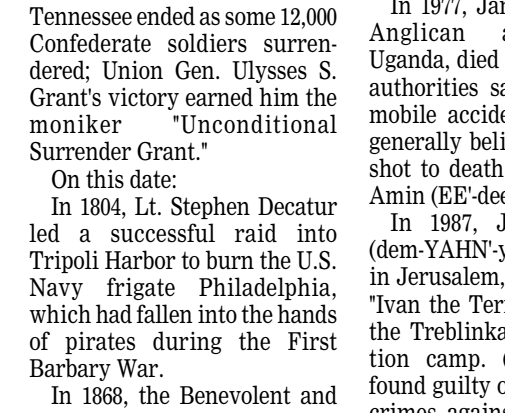
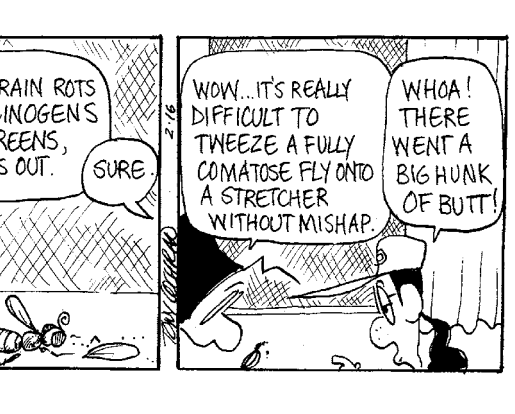
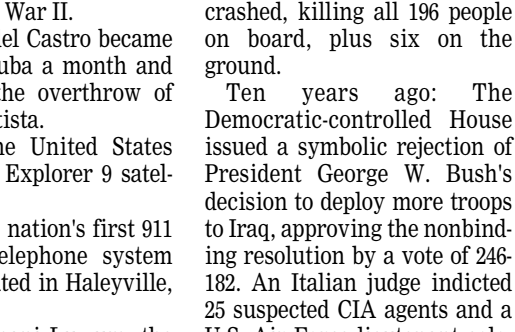
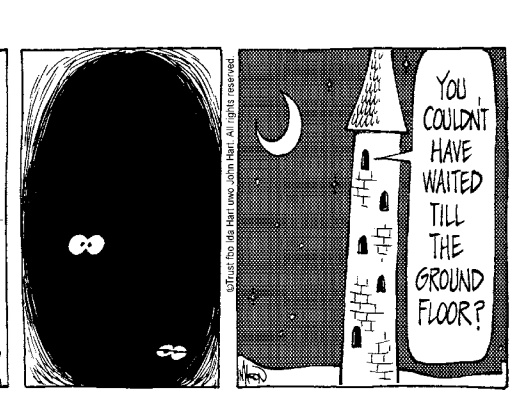
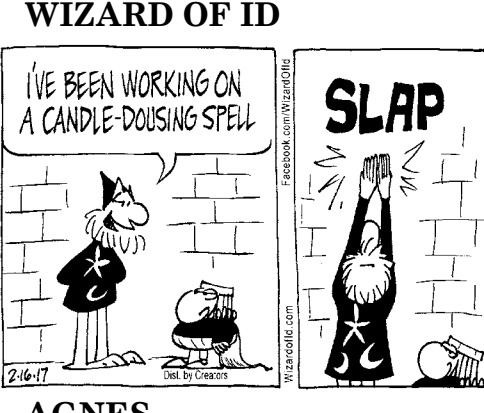
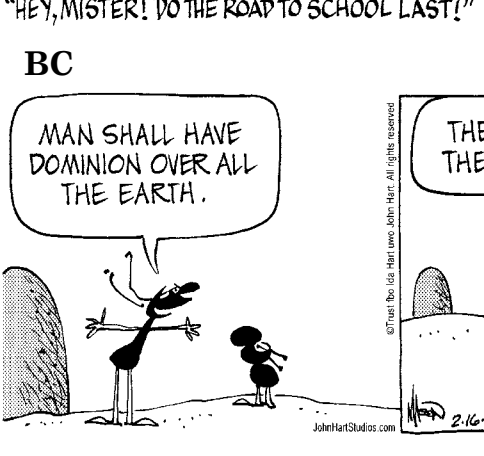
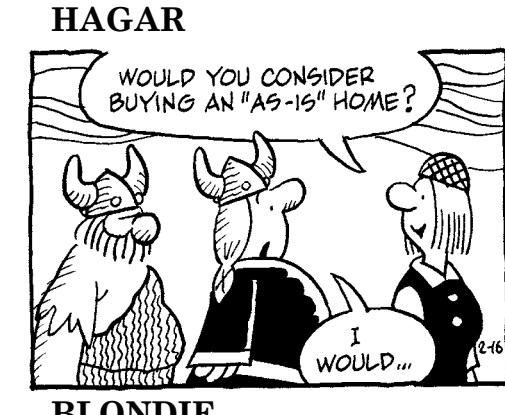
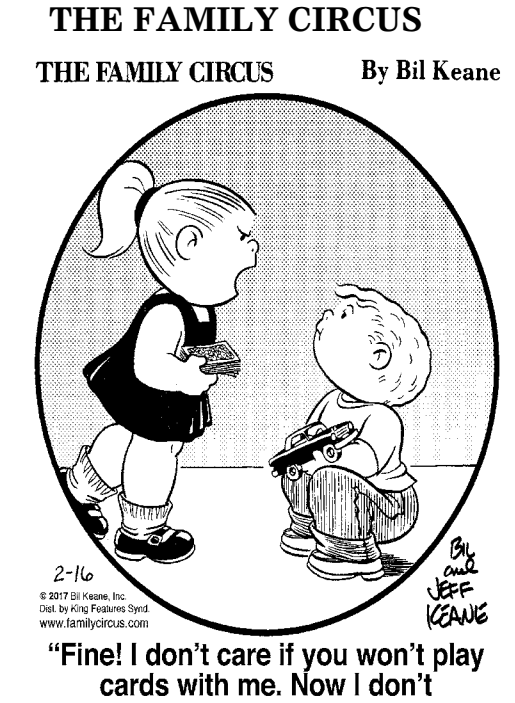
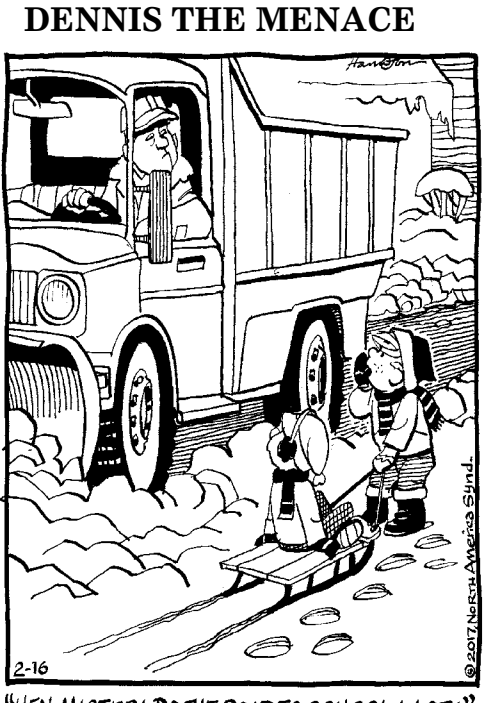
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**Jackson, Leuer lead Pistons to 98-91 win over Mavericks**



AP Photo

**Detroit Pistons guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (5) grabs a rebound next to Dallas Mavericks guard Seth Curry during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, in Auburn Hills, Mich.**

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Reggie Jackson snapped out of his scoring slump and helped the Detroit Pistons head into the All-Star break with a win. Jackson scored 22 points, Jon Leuer added 20 and the Pistons beat the Dallas Mavericks 98-91 Wednesday night. "Shots just went in, and coach kept calling my number," Jackson said after shooting 8 for 12 from the field, including 3 for 4 on 3-pointers. "(Dallas) just kept having coverages where they really didn't come off our wings, nor did they want to leave Andre (Drummond). I was just a recipient of the coverage they played." It was Jackson's first 20-point game since he had 24 at Miami on Jan. 28. He reached double digits just four times in

nine games since, averaging 8.9 points during that stretch. "I thought he played well tonight, and we needed it," Pistons coach Stan Van Gundy said. Jackson had 12 of his points in the first half, when the Pistons roared out to a 62-35 lead. "We had no energy," Dallas center Dirk Nowitzki said, "no bounce about ourselves. It was one of the worst halves we've played all season, and you could tell in the second we had a lot more bounce." Nowitzki led the way in the third quarter, scoring 13 of his game-high 24 points, to help the Mavericks rally. "We burned the first half at halftime," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "The second half has got to be the norm

for us. The first half was an embarrassment, and we all know it and we all own it. It cost us the game, it's pretty clear." Dallas pulled within eight midway through the fourth quarter, but the Pistons held them off the rest of the way until Deron Williams hit a 3-pointer in the final seconds to provide the final score. Nowitzki also had 10 rebounds. Harrison Barnes added 16 points, Seth Curry had 13 and Williams 12. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 16 points, Tobias Harris 13 and Ish Smith 10 for the Pistons. Detroit outbounded Dallas 57-38, led by Marcus Morris' 14, Drummond's 11 and Aron Baynes' 11. The Pistons never trailed, taking a 10-0 lead to start the game, making 52.1 percent of their shots in the first half. However, Dallas outscored Detroit 56-36 in the second half. TIP-INS: Mavericks: It was the final appearance at the Palace for coach Rick Carlisle, who coached the Pistons from 2001-03 and was the Indiana Pacers' coach the night of the infamous brawl at the arena in 2004. "It's going to be hard to imagine coming here and not coming to Auburn Hills to play," he said before the game. "But it sounds like the new arena (in downtown Detroit) is going to be very nice." The Pistons move to Little Caesars Arena next season. ... Nowitzki's double-double was his third of the season and the 400th of his career.

Pistons: Leuer now has 2,000 points for his career. ... Drummond had nine points in 19 minutes, ending his streak of five straight double-doubles. ... The Pistons won while scoring less than 100 points for only the third time this season. They're 3-20 in that situation. ... It was Detroit's home win over the Mavericks since Jan. 17, 2011, and the first season sweep by the Pistons of the Mavericks since the 1997-98 season UP NEXT Mavericks: Host Minnesota on Feb. 24.

**SPURS**

after the game. Magic: Green moved into the starting lineup at power forward in place of Ibaka. Green, who is 6-foot-9, started out guarding the 6-foot-11 Aldridge. ... Starting point guard C.J. Watson injured his Achilles during the second quarter and did not return. TRADE OFFICIAL It was announced during the second quarter that the Magic-Raptors trade had been officially approved by the NBA. Ross passed his physical earlier in the day but was inactive because Ibaka had yet to complete his physical in Toronto. Ibaka passed prior to the game, but it was too late to activate Ross. UP NEXT Spurs: San Antonio is in the middle of playing eight consecutive road games, with the final two on tap after the break. The Spurs don't play again until Feb. 24 at the Los Angeles Clippers. Magic: Orlando, in a stretch of five straight home games, hosts Portland on Feb. 23.

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**Kirk takes 1st-round lead at Women's Australian Open**

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Playing for the fourth consecutive week, Katherine Kirk wasn't showing any signs of fatigue after shooting an 8-under 65 at Royal Adelaide to take a two-stroke lead after the first round of the Women's Australian Open on Thursday. The Australian player birdied four of the first five holes on the front nine and three of four in the middle of the back nine at Royal Adelaide. "There are low numbers to be had out there," Kirk said after her morning round. "A lot of birdie opportunities, and I was just fortunate I got off to a good start and kept the momentum going." Tied for second with 67s were Marissa Steen and Jane Park of the United States, South Korean Chella Choi and Min Lee of Taiwan, who was the only afternoon golfer to make any inroads on the leaderboard. Canada's Brooke Henderson was four strokes behind after carding 69. Michelle Wie, using a new putting grip and stance over the ball on the green, shot 70 and No. 1-ranked Lydia Ko had a 71. No. 2-ranked Ariya Jutanugarn of Thailand, the LPGA's player of the year and a five-time winner in 2016, shot 72 and defending champion Haru Nomura of Japan had a 75, both in tougher afternoon conditions when the wind increased and the greens firmed up. "Four birdies, no bogeys, I'm pretty happy and hopefully will shoot another similar round tomorrow," said Henderson, who played with Ko. "The crowds were awesome. I hardly ever see that many people on the Thursday round, especially when we tee off (early) in the morning." Ko was frustrated on the greens, but ended the day on a good note when she birdied the ninth, her last. "I hit my drives good, which is really important around a course like this, but just the putts did not drop," Ko said. "It was good to see a putt drop on the final hole and hopefully that will give me good momentum going into tomorrow." Five-time champion Karrie Webb had a 76. She was 3-over after bogeying the first hole — her 10th — but then went double-bogey, bogey, birdie, birdie, par to complete her round. "A couple of late birdies at least made lunch taste better, but it wasn't real good out there today," said Webb. Steen was in the first group out, and took advantage of it during her round which included an eagle on the third. "The wind was low, the greens were rolling really pure. I was joking that I didn't see a blade of grass out of place out there the whole day," Steen said. "I didn't trip once. I either hit every green or was right on the fringe where I was still able to putt, so I gave myself a lot of chances and took advantage when I had wedges in my hands."



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# Parent's Corner

I hope that on Valentine's Day you thought about your mother. Even when our moms are no longer with us they are still our joy, our life and our love.

I ran across a wonderful tribute that I would like to share with you. The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the way?" she asked. And the guide said, "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

And when the way became rough for her, they lifted her, and gave her their strength, just as she had given them hers. One day they came to a hill, and beyond the hill, they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk with dignity and pride, with their heads held high, and so can their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her.

And they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. She is more than a memory. She is a living presence. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick and perfume that she wore. She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well; she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning.

Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. A mother shows every emotion: happiness, sadness, fear, jealousy, love, hate, anger, helplessness, excitement, joy, sorrow and all the while, hoping and praying that you will only know the good feelings in life. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take.

She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space...not even death!"

To all mothers, thank you for being our Valentine.



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By Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD Director of School Safety



DARRELL RYAN

# Academic Star Student of the Week

Destiny Mata  
Forsan High School

Destiny Mata is a senior at Forsan High School. She is currently ranked third in her class. Destiny is manager for the boys football and basketball teams. She has been a varsity softball player since her freshman year, reaching the playoffs every year. Destiny is also a member of the award-winning Forsan band. She is an active member of the National Honor Society and participates in academic UIL events as well. School activities keep her busy, but during her free time Destiny likes to spend time with friends and enjoys dancing.

She plans on attending Howard College to pursue a nursing degree before moving to a four-year university. She is the daughter of Joe and Tina Mata.



## Congratulations Destiny!

## Big send off for a big game



Courtesy photo/FISD

Tuesday afternoon the Forsan Elementary students sent off the Forsan Lady Buffs basketball team with a spirited show of support for their bi-district game held later that evening. The Lady Buffs beat the Hamlin Pied Pipers to claimed the bi-district championship.



## Steer Pride Corner



Courtesy photo

Washington Elementary School fourth graders Liliana Anderson has amassed more than 400 Accelerated Reading (AR) points.



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Nika Yanez, a first grader at Washington Elementary, has more than 100 AR points. Also pictured is Kelly Ferguson, 1st grade teacher.

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