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Weather



Wednesday Night: Α slight chance of freezing drizzle before 7 p.m., then a chance of freezing drizzle and sleet after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. East wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Thursday: A chance of freezing drizzle and sleet before 7am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Northeast wind around 15 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

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# **Candidates for County Commissioner, Precinct 4**

### **By CARRIE HARVELL**

**Contributing Writer** 

Here is the final article in the *Herald's* series posing seven questions, chosen by the paper, to candidates in local political primaries. Other articles in the series covered County Judge, Justice of the Peace, and County Commissioner Precinct 2 candidates, this one will focus on candidates for County Commissioner Precinct 4.

The main purpose of elections is to choose good representatives for our county. On March 1, the citizens of Howard County will vote in a Primary election to elect the candidates they want on the ballot in November for the following positions: County Judge, County Commissioner (Precinct 2) County Commissioner (Precinct 4), Justice of the Peace (Precinct 1, Place 2), and Justice of The Peace (Precient 2). Early voting is now underway at the Howard County Courthouse, and is slated to continue each weekday through Friday.

The Herald's seven questions, presented in the same order for each candidate, include:

1. Some people in our community say we have a traffic problem; heavy trucks coming through town and drag racing

your opinion? How would you mitigate or change the situation?

2. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in our community?

3. What career accomplishments are you most proud of?

4 (a). What is your greatest strength? (b). What is your weakness?

5. What are your top three priorities?

6. What steps do you take when making decisions?

7. What motivates you to work?

Printed below are the verbatim responses from the two candidates for County Commissioner, Precinct 4. **Both candidates are Republicans: Doug Wagner (Republican):** 

Editor's Note: Mr. Wagner included headings for each answer along with his responses. Printed below are his verbatim responses, although the Herald has added the numbering.

1. Traffic

Safe county roads are definitely one of my priorities. This includes not only road condition, but also traffic control. I intend to drive the roads in my precinct on a regular basis. Some intersections may need attention to signage. I don't

down Third and Fourth streets. What is know if it's possible to lower the speed limit for trucks on county roads or not, but I think it is worth looking into.

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2. Resident Involvement

I want to have an open-door policy to be more open and transparent. I will set up a Facebook page for the precinct for those that do not want to make a phone call but would share their concerns on social media. I plan to share information about things going on in the county and upcoming events. My personal phone number and email address will be readilv available.

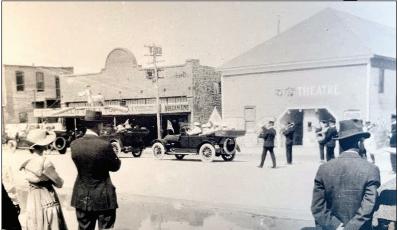
3. Accomplishments

I had a successful business at age 19. I taught Automotive Technology for 27 vears at BSHS, and it is gratifying to meet ex-students and know that I had a positive influence on them. My years in the classroom and other professional leadership roles taught me how to relate to and work with a wide variety of people.

4(a) and (b). Strengths and Weaknesses I feel that I work well with others, have common sense, and am a good listener. I want to hear concerns from people in the county. Some of my challenges are

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### A Moment in History Today in History The Opera House 1455: Johannes Gutenberg prints his first Bible, the earliest major book printed



**Courtesy photos** Left, the opera house (building on the right) is shown during a 1919 parade at 313 Main, facing west. Right, paper lanterns were hung as the town celebrated the T&P Railroad in the **Opera House**.



**Daily Quotes** 

"Education and work are the levers to uplift a people." - W.E.B. DuBois

"Man must be in space that is what we are destined for. There is nothing else that we can do."

– Majel Barrett

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### **By TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**

Heritage Museum of Big Spring

The New York City Metropolitan Opera House was completed in 1883. Most Big Spring residents had never heard of the New York Metropolitan Opera and even fewer would have ever been able to experience it. However, Big Spring desired culture and entertainment for its small township.

During the late 1880s, brothers Dale and C.L. Alderman decided to build a wooden two-story structure on the east side of the courthouse, at 313-315 Main, for this service. This was before the movie theaters had begun and all entertainment was live and usually lo-

cal. The Opera House featured a stage for entertainment and a large social area for dancing. Previously, the only place large enough for a dance to be held was at the courthouse. The stage had three drop curtains with different scenes that included a parlor. street, and woodland.

Plays, road shows, graduation exercises, railroad anniversaries were all conducted in the building. If there were no scheduled entertainment available, parties were thrown

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# United Way holds successful coat drive



Photos courtesy Amanda Duforat This past weekend the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County gave away warm coats and other cold-weather wear.

### **By AMANDA DUFORAT**

**Contributing Writer** 

Every year for the past several years, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County has been supporting 14 local agencies. Since the onset of the pandemic, the local United Way has been searching for ways to fill in the gaps throughout the year in assistance to those agencies.

This past weekend, a Winter Coat and Blanket event was held at the Big Spring YMCA.

'We collected coats, jackets, blankets, scarves, and more items to keep our community members warm, over the past several weeks," Christian Fair, Executive Director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, said. "We had several organizations and community members who supported the drive, and we were able to gather a great amount of coats."

The YMCA - a supported United Way agency - offered a centralized location for the coat distrubtion. Board members of the United Way were on hand Saturday morning to hand out coats to

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# **Obituaries**

# Letha Kersey Duke, 101, of Big



Letha Kersey Duke, 101, of Big Spring passed away on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022. She will lie in state from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2022 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2:00pm Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at Trinity Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial

Park. The services will be livestreamed through the YouTube channel Trinity Baptist Big Spring. The service will be available for viewing following the service as well.

She was born Jan. 6, 1921 in Cason, Texas to William D. and Ada Maude Barnard Kersey.

Letha was a member of Trinity Baptist Church for 74 years and was a warrior of Christ. She was saved at an early age of 8 years old in the late 1920's. Letha brought hundreds of people to Christ. She made sure every person she came in contact with knew about her Jesus. She taught Sunday school for many years and was very active in missions work alongside her husband until his death in 1992. She still pursued the work of the Lord through missions, traveling on various missions trips to Brazil, Mexico and Honduras. She prayed daily for all of the missionaries and she never missed an opportunity to fellowship with them.

Letha was a World War II nurse. She then worked for 63 years as a registered nurse in many different locations. She was a hospice nurse for her daughter, her husband and two of her sisters in her home, caring for them in their end of life. Letha was also a certified sign language interpreter. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend. Anyone who knew Ms. Letha loved her and knew she loved them.

Survivors include her grandchildren: Blake Torrence, Lupe Estrada, Margie Martinez, Richard Martinez, Raymond Martinez, Victor Martinez, David Martinez, David Duke III, Rita Robles, Lydia Cardenas, Daniel Duke; close friends, Sandra Henderson Temple and Bob; numerous loving great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank her special friends, Deanna Burnett, Robbie Froman and everyone at Trinity Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Duke, Sr., parents, daughter, Amelia Duke Torrence, sisters, Ruth Kersey and Margaret Hinton.

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

# Support Groups

### WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

### 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.

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend. based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• 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. to 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

•ANTHONY GEORGE HERNANDEZ, 53, of 1204 Wood St was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of firearm by felon.

•DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3100 block of Oasis Rd.

•SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 1300 block of Dixie.

•ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the 2900 block of E I20.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of W Hwy 80.

•FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the1900 block of Wasson Rd.

•UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd.

# **Fire/EMS**

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel. No transport was required.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of S 5th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Tulane Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Glenna Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 400 block of NE 11th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 600 block of Tulane Ave. No transport was required.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of E Hwy 350. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•GRASS FIRE was reported in the 2400 block of E FM 700. Fire was contained.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-

517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

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### 115 Jonesboro

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that I am still learning to balance my time between family, work, and community responsibilities.

5. Priorities

I plan to work towards reducing or stopping the illegal dumping in the county. I would like to investigate the possibility of lower dumping fees, or some other way to reduce the cost for citizens. I would like to find out if the city's "Good Samaritan" dumping policy can be extended to county residents. Property taxes are always a concern, and I will do my best to work with the other commissioners to keep taxes as low as possible and still maintain adequate county services.

6. Decision Making Process

When I make decisions, I gather information about the subject through research, and seeking out knowledgeable people for input. Prayer helps a lot.

7. Motivation

I care about people and our community. That motivates me to set goals to identify and meet people's needs. I get a lot of satisfaction from solving problems and attaining those goals.

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along with dances. Ladies would raid their homes and bring scarves, fans, and other decorations. A piano was positioned near the stage as most of the young girls could play it well. There was always a fiddle player around somewhere as the music made the dances come alive. Girls with their long hoop skirts glided along the dance floor while the young gentlemen were dressed in their Sunday best. The girls carried a dance card. It was a small booklet with a tiny pencil attached with a string. The young women would fill in names of the different boys she intended to

# LOCAL

### John Cline (Republican):

Editor's note: Mr. Cline also wrote headings, included here, along with his responses. Mr. Cline also included the numbering as shown:

1. Traffic Issues

In the county, the commissioners have increased patrols to handle the presences of the large oilfield trucks. We have also adjusted some speed limits. 2. Involve People

The Commissioners and I have an open-door policy with anyone to express their ideas. I would like to see all the entities come together to make better decisions for the county.

3. Accomplishments

I have been commissioner for 11 years. We have one of the lowest tax rates in Texas for counties our size. We have rebuilt a lot of the roads with state grants but have a long way to go. We have built a joint law enforcement center. We have built a new road and bridge department and also proud to say we have a very financially heathy county. I am most proud of our elected officials, employees and commissioner court. We have very little turn over and that is due to the great employees of the County.

### 4(a). Strengths

God and my family. I have owned and operated several businesses in Howard County. I am willing to listen and do the best to solve the problems. I've been involved in building and road construction for 45 years which gives me an inside in county projects and not scared to get my hands dirty.

4(b). Weakness

I probably Micro-manage too much

5. Priorities

My priority is to see the continued update of the county buildings that need some attention, continue to find funding to rebuild roads and press the State of Texas to find a new revenue stream instead of property tax.

6. Decision-making

I try to look at the issues from all angles. Try to make decisions that will benefit the county in the future for years to come. As commissioners we have to get the most out of every penny while taking care of the needs of the county.

7. Motivation to work

My parents instilled in me you have to work to obtain your dreams and goals. I started working at a young age and have never stopped. This great nation gives anyone a chance to be successful with hard work. I'm motivated and honored to work every day with the employees, elected officials and commissioners of Howard County. Don't let anyone tell you different, this county is great!

dance with during the evening. As they danced, she would check them off and move on to the next name.

For twenty years, the Opera House was the center of Big Spring's cultural and entertainment activities featuring hometown talent. That is until the new high school was completed. It had a large gym/stage that soon become the go to location for entertainment and performances.

In the 1920's, the old opera house building became an auto repair garage for the new "Tourist cars." It was conveniently located next to the new Stokes Motor Company that had just been completed at the corner of Main and 4th Streets. The opera house was torn down in 1929 to make way for two new brick buildings that would later become the Anthony and J.C. Penney buildings.

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families who needed one.

"This was a 'no questions asked' event. We invited all community members down to grab a coat for any upcoming cold days we may have," Fair said. "Our agencies do so much for our community on a con-

tinual basis, but events like this one help meet a few more needs in the community throughout the year."

Fair continued, "We wanted to make sure, with a few cold days coming up on the calendar, that if anyone was in need of a coat to stay warm, that they were able to have access to one. It's a little thing that can make a big difference to someone. We love doing these little outreach events,

but as always, none of what we do would be possible without a supportive community."

Those looking for ways to get involved or give back can find out more about the United Way and the supported agencies by calling 432-267-5201. Donations are always accepted and will benefit the supported agencies in the community.

### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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Mary Brumley, 87, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Wednesday with family receiving friends from 5 PM until 7 PM at Myers & Smith Home. Funeral Graveside service will be 2 PM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

June Wiggins, 91, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. The final show of the season will be the Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44.

in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/ vaccine.

dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs. org

tients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

 St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at

# Take Note

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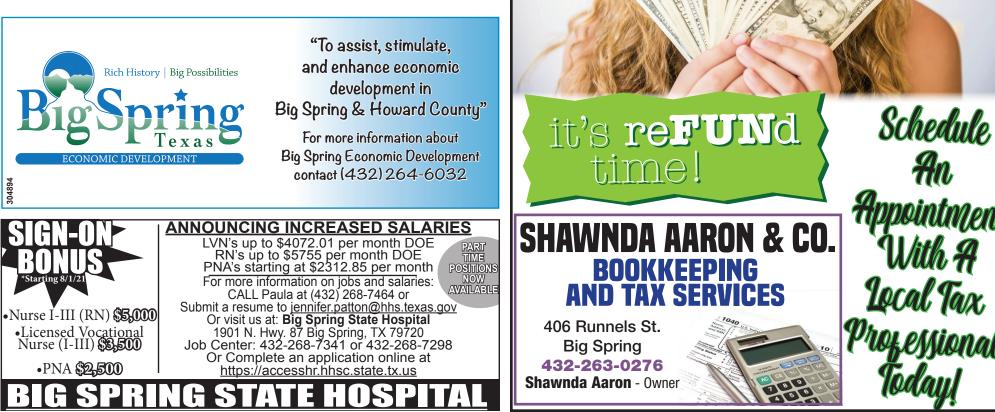
• New Life senior/mature adult dances are held the third Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Music is Western swing style. Entry fee is \$5 and refreshments are provided. For more information call 517-9097.

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single



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might be the fit for you. unteer can Duties include working in the gift call 432shop, delivering newspapers to inpa-263-5999.



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**COWBOYS STEAKHOUSE** 



Left: Lady Hawk Kiara Green elevates a Lady Bulldog defender to take a three-point shot. Middle: Jasmine Elder drives to the hoop to try a lay-up. Right: Charney Robinson fights for the ball. By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Writer

Howard's 63-55 loss to the Clarendon Lady Bulldogs pretty much summed up the Lady Hawks season. No matter how hard they tried or how well they played, Howard just couldn't get over the hump.

Clarendon had everything to play for. A win puts its in the region playoffs, fourth place in the conference secured. Howard made them work for every bit of this win Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard stood tall the first three quarters. In fact the Lady Hawks played so well they led 52-49 going into the final period. That's when the bottom dropped for Howard. The Lady Hawks didn't score a single basket in the final 10 minutes of the game.. Two free throws by Daysha Tijerina and one free throw by Jasmine Elder was all the points Howard could muster in the final quarter.

Behind the play of Mah Minte and Autumn Wadsworth the Lady Bulldogs gradually pulled away to victory. Minthe, who went to the foul line all night, led all scorer with 20 points. Wadsworth

scored 12 of her 16 points in the second half.

"It wasn't pretty and we didn't think it would be easy," said Clarendon coach Mark James. "Coach Ishee (John, Howard coach) always has his teaml ready to play hard. I think we played a little bit tight, that kind of thing can work against you. It did a little bit tonight. I think we felt the pressure, but we are now officially in the playoffs."

Howard brought the fight to Clarendon. It led from the the start thanks to two three-point bombs by, Charney Robinson and another by Kaeona Marquez. The lead was 9-2 three minutes into the game.

The Lady Hawks outhustled and outrebounded the Lady Bulldogs. Howard led 18-16 after the first quarter only to have Clarendon come back to lead 32-29 at the half. Robinson and Marquez carried Howard in the first half, each scoring eight points and leading a Howard rebounding edge; Marquez had eight rebounds and Robinson grabbed seven rebounds in the first half alone.

In the third quarter Howard played some of its best basketball all season. Howard made 8 of 17 shots, out scoring the Lady Bulldogs 23-17. Marquez

and Robinson connected on threes, Daysha Daniela Perdomo added another three and Reagan Travis contributed a bucket inside and two free throws. Things looked good for Howard heading into the fourth quarter.

The ending of the story is Howard went 0-19 from the floor in the fourth and Clarendon escaped with a win and a playoff berth.

Marquez and Robinson paced Howard with 16 and 11 points. They combined for 20 rebounds against a Clarendon squad that started a 6-foot-3 post player, Zariah Sango. Sango did grab 19 rebounds, 12 coming in the second half

The Lady Hawks close out the season by hosting Odessa College at 5:45 p.m.

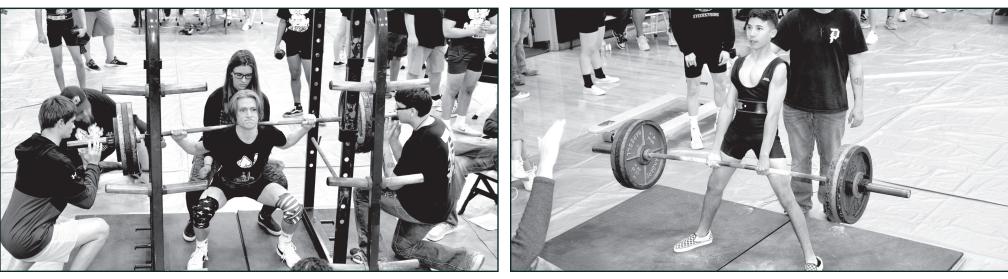
CLARENDON (7-6, 22-7) - Minthe 13, Aileen Marquez 9, Wadsworth 15, Sango 6, Medrano 7, Minotto 4, totals 17-62, 21-29 63.

HOWARD (8-18, 1-12) - Green 6, Cotto 2, Kaeona Maqquez 16, Elder 7, Perdomo 3, Robinson 11, Tijerina 5, Travis 5, totals 17-66, 12-16 55,

Clarendon - 18-14-17-14 - 63.

Howard - 16-13-23-03 - 55.

## Big Spring Steer Powerlifting team placed 2nd at the **Greenwood Invitational Meet**



**Courtesy Photos** This past Saturday, the Big Spring Steer Powerlifting team finished second place in the Greenwood Invitational. The Boys Standings: 1st Talon Cavazos in 114lb, 1st Kenny Richardson in 123lb, 2nd Elijah Mier in 123lb, 2nd Arturo Del Valle in 132lb, 3rd Leroy Johnson in 165lb,2nd KarlKarabanoff in 181lb, 6th Caleb New in 181lb, 5th Seth Olsen in 198lb, 2nd Kyle Warren in 220lb, 3rd Elijah Burton in 220lb, 1st Jacob Yanez in 308lb. Ten boys medaled, and Kenny Richardson not only reached the 1,000lb club, but he is currently in 1st place in Region 1 in his division.

# Another day runs off clock in MLB talks to save opening day

### **By RONALD BLUM**

### AP Baseball Writer

JUPITER, Fla.— Another day ran off the clock on talks to salvage opening day when locked-out baseball players proposed what they considered a small move forward in drawn-out labor negotiations and management termed it a third straight step backward.

Management again proposed a federal mediator enter the negotiations, but the union immediately turned down that idea, leaving Major League Baseball on track to lose regular-season games to a labor dispute for the first time since 1995.

Less than a week remains until the sides reach what management says is a Monday deadline for a deal that would allow the season to start as scheduled on March 31. Players have not said whether they accept that timeframe, and there remains a sense both sides are awaiting more time pressure to force more major

moves by the other.

Still, the sides agreed to meet for a third day in a row Wednesday, the 84th day of the second-longest work stoppage in baseball history.

Players made a tiny shift toward management Tuesday on their proposal for increased salary arbitration eligibility, lowering to the top 75% by service time among the group with at least two seasons in the majors but less than three.

The union last week

came off its prior demand that all two-year players be eligible — the level from 1974-86 — and instead proposed the top 80% by service. Teams have said any movement in this area is not significant because management maintains it will never agree to any increase.

Players took a step back from clubs in their proposal for major league minimum salaries, which had been for \$775,000 this season with \$25,000 annual increases during a five-year deal to \$875,000 in 2026. The union instead proposed a \$30,000 rise each year, to \$895,000 in the final year.

MLB has proposed a rise from \$570,500 to \$630,000 and then by \$10,000 annually, to \$670,000 by 2026.

The union calculated its movement for the day as \$25 million over five years. The \$5 million average amounts to just over 0.1% of player compensation that totaled \$4.05 billion last season, down from a record high of just under \$4.25 billion in 2017.

The sides drew closer on their proposals for a lottery that would determine the early picks in each year's amateur draft, with the union lowering its proposal to the top seven selections from eight, a day after management raised from three to four. The union also is asking for other adjustments that management hasn't been interested in.



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deal from a sectional tournament. South opened with five diamonds in third seat, ending the auction. West led the king of clubs, East Today is Wednesday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2022. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 23, 1954, the first mass inoculation of schoolchildren against polio using the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh as some 5,000 students were vaccinated.

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Japanese submarine fired on an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing little damage.

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In 1998, 42 people were killed, some 2,600 homes and businesses damaged or destroyed, by tornadoes in central Florida.

In 2007, a Mississippi grand jury refused to

propelled by a crash into the fence at Daytona International Speedway, and large chunks of debris flew into the grandstands.

In 2020, Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year-old Black man, was fatally shot on a residential Georgia street; a white father and son had armed themselves and pursued him after seeing him running through their neighborhood. (Greg and Travis Mc-Michael and neighbor William "Roddie" Bryan were convicted of murder, aggravated assault and other charges and were sentenced to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama, speaking in Miami, sought to confront public anxiety over rising time of the Jan. 6 riot told lawmakers that missed intelligence was to blame for the failure to anticipate the violent mob. Golfer Tiger Woods was seriously injured when his SUV crashed into a median and rolled over several times on a steep road in suburban Los Angeles.

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Today's Birthdays: Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Fred Biletnikoff is 79. Author John Sandford is 78. Actor Patricia Richardson is 71. Former NFL plaver Ed "Too Tall" Jones is 71. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Aerosmith) is 70. Singer Howard Jones is 67. Rock musician Michael Wilton (Queensryche) is 60. Country singer Dusty Drake is 58. Actor Kristin Davis is 57. Former tennis player Helena Sukova is 57. Actor Marc Price is 54. TV personality/ businessman Daymond John (TV: "Shark Tank" is 53. Actor Niecy Nash is 52. Rock musician Jeff Beres (Sister Hazel) is 51. Country singer Steve Holy is 50 Rock musician Lasse (loss) Johansson (The Cardigans) is 49. Film and theater composer Robert Lopez is 47. Actor Kelly Macdonald is 46. Rapper Residente (Calle 13) is 44. Actor Josh Gad is 41. Actor Emily Blunt is 39. Actor Aziz Ansari is 39. Actor Tye White (TV: "Greenleaf") is 36. Actor Dakota Fanning is 28.

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Suit-preference signals are both the most abused and the most underused plays in bridge. This might sound contradictory, but it is nonetheless true. The dichotomy exists because many players try to give suit-preference signals in situations where they do not apply yet miss other opportunities where such signals can be used.

A good rule of thumb is the following: The play of an unnecessarily high or low card when other alternatives are known to exist is a suit-preference signal, provided all other types of signals (i.e., attitude and count) have been ruled out. In other words, count and attitude

playing the deuce and South the four. As East could not have a doubleton (he would have begun a high-low on the king), West switched to a low heart at trick two, declarer taking East's queen with the ace. South then made the excellent return of the club jack, delaying the drawing of trump in order not to give the opponents an opportunity to signal one another. It can be seen that if West takes the club and returns another heart, hoping his partner has the king, South will make the contract. After winning the heart return, South can draw trump ending in dummy and discard his losing spade on the club queen. West's play after taking the club ace would therefore appear

to be a guess. But East came to the rescue by playing the ten of clubs on the second club lead. Since West knew that East still had the missing seven of clubs, West concluded that his partner was directing him to return a spade rather than a heart. So West duly returned a spade, and the contract went down one.

**Tomorrow:** A very costly decision. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc. incorporate as a city.

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, following word of a possible assassination plot in Baltimore.

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an agreement with Cuba to lease the area around Guantanamo Bay to the United States.

In 1942, the first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a bring any new charges in the 1955 slaying of Emmett Till, the Black teenager who was beaten and shot after being accused of whistling at a white woman, declining to indict the woman, Carolyn Bryant Donham, for manslaughter.

In 2011, in a major policy reversal, the Obama administration said it would no longer defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act, a federal law banning recognition of same-sex marriage.

In 2013, some 30 NASCAR fans were injured when rookie Kyle Larson's car was gasoline prices as he promoted the expansion of domestic oil and gas exploration, as well as the development of new forms of energy.

Five years ago: Seeking to tamp down growing unease in Latin America, President Donald Trump's Homeland Security secretary, John Kelly, pledged during a visit to Mexico City that the United States would not enlist its military to enforce immigration laws and that there would be "no mass deportations."

One year ago: Officials who were in charge of Capitol security at the

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). A desire for improvemént may seem like a rejection of the status quo With an accepting heart, you will somehow be able to simultaneously love the way things are while also rooting

for the change. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Unfinished business has its own beauty. It's still ripe with potential. Don't be too quick to finish things. Let yourself linger in the lively land of limbo.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It is possible that you lack the technical expertise to complete a task. Do not let that stop you. Let your enthusiasm and excitement shine through. There will be somebody to assist you with the logistics.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The saying goes, "It takes money to make money." The money in question doesn't always have to be your own, though. Although you can mitigate the risk, remember that those who pay the most will also gain the most.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're skeptical of what's happening in elite circles. Though you may be invited to join, you'll resist. The outsiders are more attractive to you. Somehow, it's safer outside

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Although you work well with strong-willed individuals,

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sometimes you need a break from the intensity. Today you'll thrive in easygoing company, or the serenity of solitude

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know your limits and you also know that certain people will push you past them. It is best to avoid these types today. You're the boss of you. Don't give up the position.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov 21). You're patient and will wait for your loved ones who move at a different pace. When you're on your own, you can have as much speed and freedom as you

want. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The deal goes down; the exchange favors you. You won't immediately feel the force of your good fortune. But the future will reveal the many advantages to your position.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's one puzzle after another today. Whether you're learning new software or locating a left shoe, trial and error will eventually get you to the win.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What would it take to let go of winning, of being right, of proving a point, and instead focus on understanding and listening? For many it would be too heroic a task. But you're angelic, gracious and egoless, so it's easy, right?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Being available to the world today will benefit you. Don't let your calls go to voicemail. Personalization will make a difference. Your human touch is appreciated.

### **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**

(Feb. 23). The various roles of your life get a brilliant shake-up. A sibling acts as a good friend; children transform into teachers; and your inner critic becomes an insightful coach. You will gain a greater sense of control over your physical energy and achieve a health-related goal. Love will help you discover your potential. Gemini

and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 10, 27 and 16.

### COSMIC QUESTION:

"How do you know the difference between love and infatuation? I've been with a Capricorn for three weeks and I think it's love. I'm ready to be exclusive with him. He says I'm taking it too fast and that I'm still in the infatuation phase. He says he doesn't want to get hurt. Should I slow my roll? This is the most exciting, passionate, romantic relationship I've ever been in. I'm an Aries.

Fiery Aries thrives on excitement, impulse and risk. Can you savor this fun without being pushy? Like your practical Capricorn beau, I too believe that you're infatuated, but that's beside the point. Whether you're infatuated or in love, you're still creating this relationship with another person. If he's feeling pushed or pulled, that's repellant. He's going to be less attracted to you because you're asking him to make decisions he's not ready to make. My advice in this early stage is to build the fun, have experiences, get to know each other and bond like crazy. For now, don't worry about defining your feelings, just let them grow naturally through the dating process.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Dakota Fanning holds the distinction of having been the youngest person ever nominated for a Screen Actor's Guild Award. She started acting at the age of 5, which is less unusual for Pisces natives, who tend to be old souls who know what work they want to do early on in life. Fanning was born under the entertaining Leo moon

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