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**Monday Night:** Increasing clouds, with a low around 61. South wind 15 to 20 mph, wiht gusts as high was 30 mph.

**Tuesday:** Areas of blowing dust after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. Windy, with a southwest wind 20 to 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Tuesday Night: A 20 per-

cent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. Windy.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 71.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

### Today in History

Turkish Constantinople and Angora change their names Istanbul and Ankara.

1935: Robert Goddard first uses gyroscopes to control a rocket.

1990: President George H.W. Bush posthumously awards Jesse Owens the Congressional Gold Medal.

#### Daily Quotes

"In the heat of our campaigns, we have all become accustomed to a little anger and exaggeration. Yet, on the whole, our political process has served us well."

- Edmund S. Muskie

"To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny

bone." — Reba McEntire

"I try not to focus on what

people expect from me." — Lady Gaga

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# **HC Volunteers battle** weekend grass fires





 $Top,\,Photo\,courtesy\,Stormi\,\,Smith;\,bottom,\,HERALD\,photo/Roger\,\,Cline$ 

Top, a fire burned about 10 acres north of Big Spring Sunday between Interstate 20 and Hilltop Road, near State Highway 350. According to the HCVFD, no injuries resulted and no buildings were damaged.

Bottom, grass fires near ALON USA refinery were limited to five acres and one acre. Neither fire caused injuries or building dam-

#### By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

Howard County suffered more grass fire activity over the weekend, according to Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mitchell Hooper.

On Saturday, fires flared up on undevelopåed land near the Alon Refinery, while a fire Sunday burned a few acres between the North Service Road of Interstate 20 and Hilltop Road northeast of Big Spring.

Hooper described Saturday's flareups as small fires.

"We had two small fires over there. A train started them," he said. "One burned about five acres, and the other

one burned about an acre." The first fires started about 7:21

p.m., Hooper said. Another grass fire on Sunday was limited to about 10 acres, but could have endangered as many as 100 homes without the HCVFD's timely

"We probably had about 100 homes that would have been in danger if it had jumped Hilltop," Hooper said. "There were no injuries, and there were probably five to 10 other houses that were in immediate danger."

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intervention.

#### Permit 'Convenience Fee' on County Agenda By ROGER CLINE Herald Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will consider an item requested by County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek to add a 5 percent "Convenience Fee" for cash and check payments for septic and multi-use permits, according to the agenda for their afternoon meeting today. Commissioners will hold a workshop at 1

p.m. Monday in the second-floor conference room of the County Courthouse, followed by their regular meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom, also at the Court-

The regular meeting will begin with a pair of executive sessions. First, the commissioners will conduct contract negotiations with Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Mark Willis, followed by an executive session to discuss personnel considerations. If the commissioners take any action, they will return to open session before doing so.

After the commissioners return to open session, County Treasurer Sharon Adams will present her Monthly Treasurer's Report for February and her Monthly Payroll Report for March, followed by a presentation of Texas Association of Counties Wellness Rewards 2021.

During County Auditor Jackie Olson's portion of the meeting, commissioners will hear a presentation of the 2020-21 Annual Audit, conducted by Roberts and McGee CPA of Abilene.

Olson will also present invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments for the commissioner's consideration, followed by bids for exterior waterproofing and restoration of the exteriors of the 118th District Court Building and the Howard County Library Building, as well as for coating of the Library's parking lot.

Finally, Olson will present disbursement agreements with outside agencies for the

commissioner's approval. Kent Minchew from the County's Adult Probation office will present a request for additional funding to hire a bond officer, followed by a presenatation by Tax Assessor/Collector Tiffany Sayles regarding a Harris Govern Master License and Services

agreement. Maintenance Director Baldomar Cortez will present an item regarding master keys

for Fire Marshal Dan Hendrickson. Commissioner Eddilisa Ray (District 1) will present a grant inquiry letter, followed by presentations from Commissioner Jimmie Long (District 3) regarding a bid regarding the Library's boiler and windows at the District Court Building.

Klinksiek's section of the meeting follows Long's. He will present the septic and multiuse permit convenience fees mentioned earlier, and his Roadway Maintenance Update.

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# Check it out at the Library this week By SANDRA VERDIN finished. We invite you to stop by the library and admire this

By SANDRA VERDIN

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closes at 5:30 p.m.. You may reach us at 432-264-2260 and our fax number is 432-264-2263. Please visit our website at http://howardcounty.ploud.net and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary for more information about our services and any This past spring break, Big Spring High

Verdin

School art teacher, Andrea Phinney and high school art students were busy painting a mu-

ral in front of the library. The theme of the mural is Literacy, Knowledge, and Imagination, this vibrant work of art is now

local art work. We are very grateful to Big Spring High School Art Teacher, Andrea Phinney and her students for their hard work in creating and painting the mural. We appreciate the collaboration of the Commissioners and the Big Spring Independent School District for making this project possible. This week's review are fiction titles.

Alongside her cousins who have booths of their own, Beth-

any Gingerich runs a busy and successful coffee and donut stand at the Amish market in The Coffee Corner-Amish Marketplace #3 (F CLI A) by Amy Clipston. Since she has caféstyle tables and chairs, her regular customers enjoy purchasing a morning treat so they can sit and talk to their friends. Micah Zook and his grandfather, Enos, visit Bethany every Saturday morning to purchase coffee and donuts before going See LIBRARY, Page 3



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## **Obituaries**

**Evelyn Woodall** 



Evelyn Woodall, 97 years old, passed on March 21, 2022. She is now reunited with her husband Jim. Evelyn was loved by many, she always had time for her family (children, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren, close friends and many times took in a person that was having hard times. She is survived by 2 sisters (Carol & Cathy), 7 children;

6 sons (Anthony, Brian, Dean, Basil, Tom & Cor-

tland and 1 daughter (Cheryl), 2 Daughter-in-laws Donna & Amy, 13 grandchildren & 9 great grandchildren. She had an amazing life, experienced almost a century of history and embraced all she came upon. She will be missed but never forgotten and will always be in our hearts.

Visitation will be Tuesday 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be Wednesday at 2:00 PM at Coahoma

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

Paid Obituary

## Support Groups

#### **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 432-517-4840 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
- 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.

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#### **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 op-
- 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 peerto-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. 13week 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.

#### **FRIDAY**

- · Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in • Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the
  - · 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.

#### Robert J. Alexander, Jr



Robert J. Alexander, Jr. also known as Jeff, and called Junior by his closest friends, of Big Spring passed away Thursday, March 24, 2022. A visitation will be held at 1:00pm Tuesday March 29, 2022 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Funeral Service following at 2:00pm. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

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Monday, March 28, 2022

Jr. was born on September 21, 1937 in San Angelo, Texas to parents RJ Alexander and Marjorie (Parks) Alexander. He was married to Marjorie Logsdon. He retired from Oncor Electric. He was an avid

golfer and enjoyed hunting. The highlight of his year was his annual Dove Hunt. Jeff also had an entrepreneurial spirit that kept him very busy. He loved farming and raised and sold alfalfa hay for many years. He fulfilled a lifelong dream to own a ranch to hunt on. Each of his grandchildren and great grandchildren held a special place in his heart. Survivors include his loving wife, Marjorie Al-

exander; children: Angela Mulanax (Steve), Tracy Nicolls (Troy), Stacy Dykes; brother, Dr. Gerald Alexander (Robbie); grandchildren: Kyrie Bryant (Jovan), Logan Cole Wright (Shastyn), Guerin Lindstrom (Robin), Triston Lindstrom, Landrie Whitaker, Zachary Dykes, Larissa Sarradet (Joseph); ten great grandchildren; and several nieces

Preceded in death by his parents; and mother in law, Bonnie Logsdon.

Pallbearers include: Logan Wright, Tyrese Clark, Joseph Sarradet, Abel Clark, Kennin Gambrel, Sema 'J (JJ) Wright, Zachary Dykes. Honorary Pallbearers include his coffee bunch:

Joe Bond, Kirby Brown, DeLoyd Hooser, Ben Rubio, Bert Hillger, Dale Taylor and Jackie Touch-

The family would like to thank the team at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care as well as Tara and Danielle with Interim Hospice.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Parkinson's research, www.parkinson.org Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley

Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.

#### Paid Obituary

#### **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.







#### LOCAL

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to work at Enos's custom outdoor furniture shop. Bethany enjoys talking to Micah and Enos, and she's always thought Micah was handsome, but she doesn't think her crush will ever result in anything more. When Micah and his grandfather don't come to see her one Saturday morning, Bethany begins to worry. And when she learns that tragedy has struck, she wonders how to help Micah in his time of need. Turns out he needs a friend now more than ever, and Bethany may be just the kind of friend that God has provided for him.

Wyatt Hunt is temporarily bedridden and com-

pletely miserable in Love on the Range-Brothers in Arms #3 (F CON M) by Mary Connealy. Somehow Molly Garner's limited skills have made her the most qualified in their circle to care for Wyatt. But by the time he's healed, she's fed up with him and the whole ungrateful family. For even worse than his grumpiness were the few unguarded moments when he pulled at her heartstrings, and she has long determined to never marry. Molly gets a job as the housekeeper at Oliver Hawkins's ranch. But really she's with the Pinkertons, spying to find out if Hawkins has abused women and if he's guilty of murder. Wyatt refuses to let her risk it alone, convincing Hawkins that he's abandoning his own ranch, angered by his two brothers' coming to claim a big chunk of it. But when another Pinkerton agent gets shot, they realize Hawkins isn't the only danger. The Hunt brothers will have to band together to face all the troubles of life and love that suddenly surround them. Haunted by her sister's mysterious disappear-

ance, Lucy Wilson arrives in Rowan County, Kentucky, in the spring of 1911 to work for Cora Wilson Stewart, superintendent of education in "The Moonlight School" (F FIS S) by Suzanne Woods Fisher. When Cora sends Lucy into the hills to act as scribe for the mountain people, she is repelled by the primitive conditions and intellectual poverty she encounters. Few adults can read and write. Born in those hills, Cora knows the plague of illiteracy. So does Brother Wyatt, a singing schoolmaster who travels through the hills. Involving Lucy and Wyatt, Cora hatches a plan to open the schoolhouses to adults on moonlit nights. The best way to combat poverty, she believes, is to eliminate illiteracy. But will the people come? As Lucy emerges from a life in the shadows, she finds purpose; or maybe purpose finds her. With purpose comes answers to her questions, and something else she hadn't expected: love. Inspired by the true events of the Moonlight Schools, this standalone novel from bestselling author Suzanne Woods Fisher brings to life the story that shocked the nation into taking adult literacy seriously. You'll finish the last page

of this enthralling story with deep gratitude for the gift of reading.

Five years in a New York state reformatory have left a blemish on Hazel's real name in "A Lady in Attendance" (F FOR R) by Rachel Fordham. So when she takes a job as Doctor Gilbert Watts's lady in attendance in 1898, she does so under an alias. In the presence of her quiet and pious employer, Hazel finds more than an income. She finds a friend and a hope that if she can set her tarnished past in order, she might have a future after all. As Gilbert becomes accustomed to the pleasant chatter of his new dental assistant, he can't help but sense something secretive about her. Perhaps there is more to this woman than meets the eye. Can the questions that loom between them ever be answered? Or will the deeds of days gone by forever rob the future of its possibilities? Rachel Fordham pens a tender tale of a soft-spoken man, a hardened woman, and the friends that stand by them as they work toward a common purpose--to expunge the record of someone society deemed beyond saving--and perhaps find love along the way.

"The reason that fiction is more interesting than any other form of literature, to those who really like to study people, is that in fiction the author can really tell the truth without humiliating himself." Eleanor Roosevelt, author of The Autobiography of Eleanor Roosevelt

#### COUNTY

The commissioners will have an opportunity to mention items for future

meetings' agendas before the meeting is adjourned.

Interested parties may attend the meeting in person, or via Facebook Live at https://www.facebook.com/Howard-County-Info-Tech110733893888746/ . If you wish to address the commissioners, plan to arrive a few minutes early to

Weather Watch for Howard County starting at 11 a.m. Tuesday and 10 p.m. Tuesday night. Howard County is currently under a burn ban prohibiting "...all outdoor burning..." in the unincorporated area of the county. Contact the HCVFD at hcvfd@ crcom.net for more information regarding the

#### FIRES

Hooper said Sunday's fire started just before 1 p.m. Sunday, and crews were still working on it when he spoke to the Herald shortly before 3 p.m. The chief credited Howard County Road and

## Take Note

- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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 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 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
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportuni-

Vaccines Available

ties 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 1009 Hearn

at SVDP Building.

helping fight the blaze. "We've got County Road and Bridge on scene

with a 'dozer, City of Big Spring was here with two engines and a brush truck, and we've got two tankers and five brush trucks," he said. The National Weather Service has issued a Fire

Bridge and the Big Spring Fire Department with

Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers.

 VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

Those who would like to find out more about be-

coming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

- 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 vear 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.
- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.
- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5

p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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Evelyn Woodall, 97, died Monday. Visitation will be Tuesday at 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Mvers & Smith Home. Funeral Graveside service will be Wednesday at 2:00 PM at Coahoma Cemetery.

Billie A. Miles, 93, Thursday. died Graveside service will be Monday at 2:00 PMEvergreen Chapel in Stanton.

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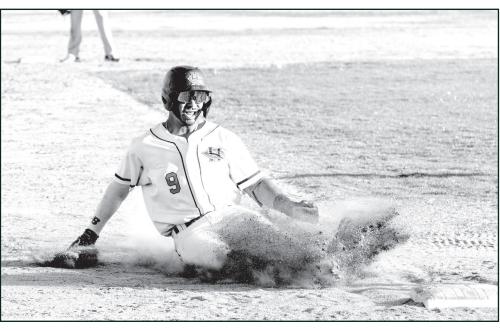


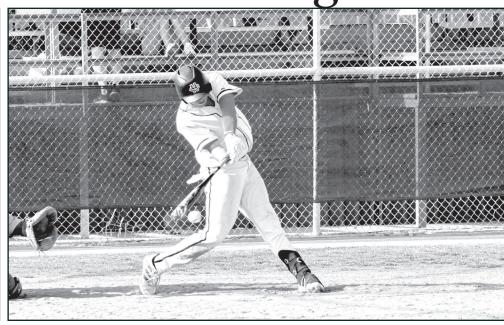
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# Hawks win thriller in weekend game





Courtesy Photos/Tony Claxton

Left: Hunter Simons slides into base in a game with Odessa College. Right: Austin Douglas squares up a pitch to help his Hawks onto a victory over Odessa College this weekend.

#### By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Writer

Just call Lee Matsuzaki "The Hit Man". He certainly played the role Saturday afternoon in the opening game of a doubleheader against Odessa College at Refinery Field. Matsuzaki, a freshman outfielder from Honolulu, came off the bench late in the game and propelled the Hawks to a thrilling 11-10 win over the Wranglers in extra innings.

Matsuzaki was inserted in the game when things were looking bleak Howard trailing 10-6 in the bottom of the seventh. With one out, Nichoas Thibodeau got the inning started with a double. This was followed by walks to Weston Peninger and CJ Difiglia, loading the bases. Odessa then brought in its third pitcher of the game, Tai Phetluangsy. That's when Howard coach Jack Giese brought in Matsuzaki to pinch hit. Matsuzaki worked the count to 3-2 and then blasted an opposite field homer to left field, clearing the bases and tying the score at 10-all, sending the game into extra innings.

Gregg Ross pitched a scoreless eighth for Howard. In the bottom of the in-

ning OC pitcher Tobin Oler walked Keenan Spence and Thibodeau to start the inning. Penninger laid down a sacrifice bunt moving the runners to second and third. OC elected to intentionally walk DJ Difiglia to load the bases, setting up a possible double play. This brought Matsuzaki to the plate. Same setting, different inning. Ony this time Matsuzaki got a different hit - one to the body. Oler plunked him in the side, bringing in Spence with the winning run.

It was ironic that Howard won on a hit batsman. The Howard pitching staff hit five Odessa players throughout the game on its way to issuing nine walks.

Howard right fielder Austin Douglass was good at the plate, singling four times in five at bats, driving in two runs. Thibodeau singled twice and doubled.

OC - 200-132-2 - 10-13-0

HC - 240-000-1 - 11-12-4

WP - Ross, LP - Oler, LOB - OC - 10, HC - 6, Errors - HC (Peninger, Warstler, 1 Bramhall, Dawe); SB - OC (Gonze); HC (May); 2B - OC (Rincones, Van Mannen, Myles); HC (Thibodeau); HR - HC (Matsuzaki).

## Lady Hawks drop two games in weekend doubleheader





Courtesy Photos/ Tony Claxton

Courtesy Photos; Tony Claxton Left: Christabelle Aguirre has a nice hit fopr her Lady Hawks in a game thiss weekend against Odessa College. Right: Olivia Vargas slides into second base.

#### By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Writer

It was a conference opener fitting for two of the nation's top ranked softball teams. In game on Friday afternoon at Foundation Field the No. 5 ranked Odessa Lady Wranglers held off the No. 18 ranked Howard College Lady Hawks 5-2.

In game two it was all Odessa in a 9-1 run rule win. Fadwa Ben Karim fired a two-hitter against Howard in running her record to 9-0 for the season. Kawehi Iii and Morgan Dutton homered for the Lady Wranglers.

Game one was a pure pitcher's duel from the start with Odessa's Advenne Brown

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battling Howard's Jorja Barrett. Both controlled the game, It was a scoreless tie the first four innings. Odessa College got to Barrett in the fifth by scratching across a run. They made her exit in the sixth inning by scoring four more times.

Howard battled back and scored two runs in the seventh but it was too little, too late.

Barrett, who is coming off a knee injury, pitched a masterful game. During one stretch she retired nine consecutive batters. She also struck out the side in the fourth. Barrett was replaced by Kylie Gaffney in the sixth with Odessa leading 5-0. Barrett allowed five hits, the same number as Brown. The Howard hurler struck out eight and walked three.

Meanwhile Brown went the distance for Odessa, striking out eight and walking six. Howard hampered its own cause by leaving nine base runners stranded, including the bases loaded in the sixth inning. With no outs Brown put down Kamryn Cottell swinging and caught Christabelle Aguirre and Briana Sibrian looking at called third strikes.

Odessa's run in the fifth came when Chrissa Zapata singled with two outs. The hustling Zapata scored all the way from first on a double by Kaya Lee.

OC pretty much put the game away in the sixth.

The crushing blow was a three-run homer by Rea-

gan Hillis.

Howard tried to make a comeback in the seventh. Oliva Kuzminski walked and first baseman Olivia Vargas brought her in when she smashed a homer over the left field fence.

, Howard coach Ashley Lopez said this a time her team has to play through this. "We must learn from our mistakes and clutch up when we have to," Lopez said.

Howard falls to 15-7 for the season and 0-2 in conference play. Odessa College is 24-2 overall and 2-0 in league play The two teams played another doubleheader in Odessa on Saturday. Game One

Odessa - 000-014-0 - 5-6-1

Howard - 000-000-2 - 2-5-0

WP - Brown, LP - Barrett, DP - OC 1, OB - OC 7, HC 9, Errors - OC (Brown); Steals - OC (Hillis), HC (Dingman, Vargas, Marquez); 2B - OC (Lee, Coleman) HC (Aguirre); HR- OC (Hillis), HC (Vargas)

## Column: Familiar Four prove NCAA tourney is not 'Hoosiers'

#### By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist

For all the talk of college basketball's brave new world, it suddenly looks a lot like the old one.

So anyone asking why the same dozen programs are still playing musical chairs at the Final Four every year — Duke, North Carolina, Kansas and Villanova this time around — would do well to recall how Willie Sutton answered the feds when they asked why he kept robbing banks: "Because that's where the money is."

Grit and gumption are great, but as the Saint Peter's Peacocks were reminded in a hurry Sunday, they only take you so far. Yes, the Peacocks beat long odds and three bigger, much better-funded programs to book their Elite Eight spot opposite North Carolina. But the NCAA Tournament is nothing like the movie "Hoosiers."

The Peacocks fell behind down 7-0 after less than three minutes, 21-7 a few minutes after that and 94-81 when the final buzzer mercifully ushered them off the court.

"They hang their hat on punching teams in the mouth, being the underdog, that kind of thing," North Carolina's Leaky Black said. "We just had to let them know it wasn't going to happen tonight."

Or maybe ever.

College basketball's powers-that-be, dragged into court and facing the threat of even more lawsuits, spent the last decade paying lip service to the idea of leveling the playing field. Because of the chaos wrought by the pandemic, a

number of players were granted an extra year of eligibility. And because of the transfer portal — a rough equivalent of free agency — more players than ever switched programs in the past few years

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All that movement should have benefitted mid-major programs, which recruit second-tier players and keep them longer, hoping that experience and teamwork can make up what they lack in talent and resources. Occasionally it does, mostly during the regular season and every so often, in the early rounds of the tournament. But as the games pile up, it's not just the tough who get going the talented ones do too

ing, the talented ones do, too.

The rosters at Duke, North Carolina and Kansas are loaded with the kind of prospects, practice facilities and support staffs that would turn any NBA G League team green with envy, and they spend two to three times as much money — without paying players' salaries. Villanova doesn't have that kind of cache — yet — but after winning two national championships in the last five years, coach Jay Wright is closing both the talent and and budget gaps in

a hurry.

Between them, those four schools have combined for 17 national titles and 61 Final Fours. So, improbable as Saint Peter's run was, harder than grabbing a rung that high on the ladder is hanging on. To get a real sense of how hard, look at what happened to Miami.

The Hurricanes came in as a 10 seed with dreams of getting coach Jim Larrañaga back to the Final Four for the first time since he led 11th-seeded George Mason, a middling mid-major, on a memorable run in 2006. They snuck past seventh-seeded USC, clobbered second-seeded Auburn, and overpowered 11th-seeded Iowa State before running into Kansas, and getting run over 76-50.

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#### Famous Hand

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH A** Q 5 4

**♥** 10 8 7

♦ J 10 2 **♣**A J 4 WEST **EAST** ♠ KJ10832 **♥**53 ♥AJ962

♦ Q 7 6 ♦94 **♦**KQ8752 **♣**63 **SOUTH ♦**976 **♥** K Q 4 ♦ A K 8 5 3

The bidding: West East South North 2 ♦ 2 🏚 Dble 3 🏚 3 ♦ Pass 3 3 NT Pass Opening lead — six of clubs.

Sometimes, a carefully considered play can backfire and lead to a disastrous result. That is precisely what happened on this deal from the 1989 Venice Cup final between two women's teams from the Netherlands and the United States. The Americans won the 128-deal match by a relatively narrow margin after an exciting contest in which the outcome remained in doubt right up to the final few deals.

The bidding shown occurred early in the match at the table where Beth

Palmer and Lynn Deas were North-South for the U.S. Deas reached three notrump after a lively auction, and the Dutch West led the six of clubs.

Declarer played low from dummy, and East won the trick with the queen. East then shifted to the jack of hearts! This unusual play was designed to guard against a holding of Q-x-x in the South hand. If declarer had that holding, the lead of the jack would trap the queen, whereas a low heart return would establish the queen as a stopper after South followed low. However, East's return — well thought out as it was — served only to confuse her partner after declarer won the trick with the king.

When West subsequently gained the lead with the queen of diamonds, she returned a heart! This established South's second heart honor as her ninth trick. In all, declarer scored two hearts, two spades, four diamonds and the ace of clubs. Had West returned a club instead, establishing East's clubs before the ace of hearts was dislodged, South would have fallen a trick short.

At the other table, the U.S. East-West pair wound up in two spades, down two. The combination of +600 at one table and -200 at the other gave the Americans a 9-IMP pickup on the deal.

**Tomorrow:** Bridge is a partnership game. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc

# In 1941, novelist and

Today is Monday, March 28, the 87th day of 2022. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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In 1935, the notorious Nazi propaganda film "Triumph des Willens" (Triumph of the Will), directed by Leni Riefenstahl, premiered in Berlin with Adolf Hitler present.

In 1939, the Spanish Civil War neared its end as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco.

critic Virginia Woolf, 59, drowned herself near her home in Lewes, East Sussex, England.

In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces staged a successful raid on the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire in Operation Chariot, destroying the only dry dock on the Atlantic coast capable of repairing the German battleship Tirpitz.

In 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington, D.C., at age 78.

In 1977, "Rocky" won best picture at the 49th Academy Awards; Peter Finch was honored posthumously as best actor for "Network" while his co-star, Faye Dunaway, was recognized as best actress.

In 1987, Maria von Trapp, whose life story inspired the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music," died in Morrisville, Vermont, at age

In 1999, NATO broadened its attacks on Yugoslavia to target Serb military forces in Kosovo in the fifth straight night of airstrikes; thousands of refugees flooded into Albania and Macedonia from Kosovo.

In 2000, in a unanimous ruling, the Supreme Court, in Florida v. J.L., sharply curtailed police power in relying on anonymous tips to stop and search people.

Ten years ago: The

U.S. Supreme Court wrapped up three days of public arguments on President Barack Obama's historic health care law. (In June 2012, the court would uphold almost all of the law, including the mandate that virtually all Americans have health insurance or pay a penalty.) On the last day of his visit, Pope Benedict XVI demanded more freedom for the Roman Catholic Church in communist-run Cuba and preached against "fanaticism" in an unusually political sermon before hundreds of thousands at Revolution Plaza. Bluegrass legend and banjo pioneer Earl Scruggs, 88, died in Nashville, Tennessee.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump proposed immediate budget cuts of \$18 billion from programs like medical research, infrastructure and community grants so that U.S. taxpayers, not Mexico, could cover the down payment on the border wall. Wells Fargo said it would pay \$110 million to settle a class-action lawsuit over up to 2 million accounts its employees opened for customers without getting their permission.

One year ago: Local media in Myanmar reported that security forces opened fire on a crowd attending the funeral of a student who was killed along with more than 100 others a day earlier in a crackdown on protests against the February coup there. Four bodies were found in Tennessee in the aftermath of flooding caused by heavy rains. Two additional tugboats were deployed to Egypt's Suez Canal to help free a giant container ship that had been wedged for days across the

crucial waterway.

Today's Birthdays: Au-

thor Mario Vargas Llosa is 86. Country musician Charlie McCov is 81. Movie director Mike Newell is 80. Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte is 77. Actor Dianne Wiest (weest) is 76. Country singer Reba McEntire is 67. Olympic gold medal gymnast Bart Conner is 64. Actor Alexandra Billings (TV: "Transparent") is 60. Rapper Salt (Salt-N-Pepa) is 56. Actor Tracey Needham is 55. Actor Max Perlich is 54. Movie director Brett Ratner is 53. Country singer Rodney Atkins is 53. Actor Vince Vaughn is 52. Rapper Mr. Cheeks (Lost Boyz) is 51. Singer-songwriter Matt Nathanson is 49. Rock musician Dave Keuning is 46. Actor Annie Wersching is 45. Actor Julia Stiles is 41. Singer Lady Gaga is 36. Electronic musician Clayton Knight (Odesza) is 34.

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Horoscopes By Holiday

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#### **Love and Time**

All relationships have a rhythm. These beats between heart connections will be the theme of a Venus and Saturn conjunction in Aquarius. Consider the significant role that time plays in equations of love. Relationships between people of different ages and relationships with unusual visiting time patterns will come into the

spotlight. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Be cautious in your dealings. What took you a long time to accomplish could be quickly undone by involving the wrong people. Stick with those who have proven worthy of your trust.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). It's hard to believe, but there are people in the world who don't like pie. Today you'll give of yourself, and just about everyone will heartily approve. As for the few who don't, that's a personal preference that has nothing to do with you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You would do great things for your loved ones if needed. Oddly, sometimes it's harder to do small things. Today it's the little things, like the emotional tone of interactions, that matter most.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be asked to do something that, on the surface, doesn't seem like too much fun. If you say yes, you'll later count the experience among the year's highlights.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Creativity, like love, isn't something one needs to generate, only activate. The energy is already present and requires only that you're open to letting it move through you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not sure what someone wants or how they are likely to behave. The uncertainty you feel will repel you, attract you and sometimes confuse you by doing both at the same time, but at least you're not bored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have no trouble finding outside support for what you want to do. The trick is getting inside support. Work on trusting and encouraging yourself with positive self-talk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You enjoy a practice more than ever. You used to be surprised when your total immersion made you lose track of time. But now you are so often in a state of flow that it's the moments you don't feel connected that stand out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Talk about what's bothering you and find ways to take the pressure off yourself. Since stress suppresses your immune system, making an environment more conducive to happy, easy feelings will also make you healthier.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You usually prefer to stay cool, breezy and lighthearted. Exceptions will be made today as you get in your feelings and realize their intensity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Unlike qualities like beauty or strength, wisdom is not bestowed upon a person from birth

It is hard-won throughout life or, for those who believe in reincarnation, throughout several of

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Whatever the physical and material borders that currently hold you back may be, you will transcend external limitations to define your own scope of possibility.

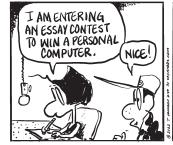
#### **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**

(March 28). Versatility is the asset you most enjoy this year. Sometimes you'll love how it feels to be the shining star of the scene, and other times, you'll enjoy being invisible, taking in the world without having it demand anything of you in return. Summer gives you the means to explore new territories and pursue novelty. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 25, 40, 14 and 32.

#### **CELEBRITY PRO-**

FILES: Before her starring role in "House of Gucci," Lady Gaga had an even sweeter contribution when she became a flavor of Oreos. The limited-edition creme-filled cookies emblazoned with hearts and solo dancing promoted Gaga's hallmark message of kindness and originality. An Aries with Mercury and Jupiter in empathetic Pisces, the superstar's intent is sweetly sincere.

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A MULTIMILLIONAIRE

**ONE BIG HAPPY** HUH? YOU WANT A PICTURE OF ME?



I CALCULATE HOW MANY CALORIES I CAN HAVE PER MEAL TO MAINTAIN



WHAT FOR?



THIS IS THE FARM, DUDE, THIS PLACE IS **REAL!** WHEN THE BUTCHER SHOWS UP, HEAR MY MAN STAN SQUEAL!



### **Newsday Crossword**

**ACROSS** 1 Colorado ski

resort

6 Nimble

10 Feeling of amazement

13 Prolonged

military attack

14 Earlier

**16** Soup pot topper

17 Two-toned

sandwich

cookies **18** Specialized vocabulary

19 Raw metal in rocks

20 Box with aspirin and bandages 22 Barnyard cackler

23 Low-cal, on labels

24 Apple tablet

computers **26** Daily print publications

29 Author Quindlen 31 Mobile phone,

for short **32** Fruit-and-nuts

snack 36 Neighborhood

37 Beef \_\_ (dried meat snack)

39 Top-rated 40 Aerosol that repels

mosquitoes 42 Argue the pros

and 43 Sailboat's pole

44 Light-colored

beers **47** Mountain lions and hearty

(in great shape) 51 Find a purpose

**52** Roll-up bedding

**59** Dog's hair

**60** Deserves to get **61** Completely silly

**62** Distant **63** Pig or hog

64 Painter's wooden 11 Did electrical stand

**65** Crafty

66 Salty bodies of

water 67 Slow-cooked meaty meals

#### DOWN

**1** \_\_\_ yet (so far) 2 Apple's digital

assistant

3 Social equal

4 Swelled heads

**5** Get cozy

6 Divides in two 7 Feeling of

self-respect

8 Ice hockey venue

**9** Cartoon bear or baseball great Berra

10 Hawaiian

greeting

work

**12** Blissful locales

15 Corkscrew pasta

21 What fills an

auto tire

**25** Royal castle

**26** Lima's country

**27** Shake \_\_\_ (hurry)

28 Type of flat-panel

TV screen

**29** Boat built by

Noah

**30** Negative Senate **54** A Great Lake vote

**31** Taxi 32 Give it a shot

34 Rural hotels **35** Tic-tac-toe symbols

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NOW, A

LITTLE

PASTURE

RAP.

37 Eleventh graders: Abbr.

38 Have a meal

41 Free tickets 44 Runs out, as a subscription

45 Boxing great Muhammad

46 Magic-lamp occupants

47 Cream-filled pastries **48** Customary

\_\_\_-go-round 50 Reddish hair dye

53 Legal regulations

**55** Pesky flying insect

**56** Military outpost 33 Tie up at a dock **57** For a second time

> 58 Types of toothpastes 10

## SUDOKU

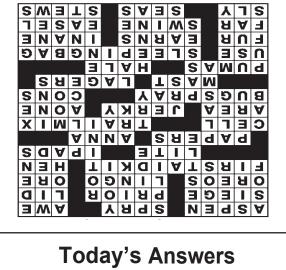
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#### **Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it

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gets to solve the puzzle!



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