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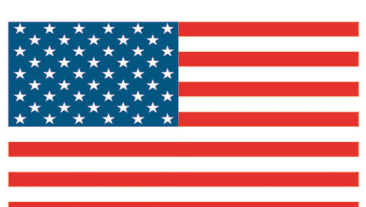
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Weather



Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 68. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Friday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Sunny, with a high near 92. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History

On May 11
1502: Christopher Columbus begins his fourth and final voyage to the New World..
1910: Glacier National Park in Montana inaugurated.
1969: British comedy troupe Monty Python forms.

Daily Quotes

“Life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it.”
 — **Irving Berlin**
 “Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings.”
 — **Salvador Dali**
 “It doesn’t matter how beautiful your theory is, it doesn’t matter how smart you are. If it doesn’t agree with experiment, it’s wrong.”
 — **Richard Feynman**

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Big Spring’s Tan wins state in UIL calculator, math

Team wins medals in spelling, literary criticism



Courtesy photo

Big Spring High School’s state UIL Academic team competed in Austin this past week. Shown (l-r) are Jennifer Smith, Emily Kocak, David Summers, Julianna Summers, Ana Villagrana, and Marco Tan. Tan won the state calculator and mathematics titles. The school’s Spelling and Vocabulary team too second place with David Summers earning an individual 5th place. Smith placed third in Literary Criticism.

Special to the Herald

Members of the Big Spring High School UIL Academic Team were re-

warded for their hard work by bringing home medals from the 4A UIL Academic State Tournament, held on the campus of the University of Texas this past week.

Junior Marco Tan led the Steers by winning State Championships in both Calculator Applications and Mathematics. “I’m very excited to win both of these events,” Tan said, adding “I’m already planning for next year.”

“He is very dedicated and focused and when he has a goal, he lets nothing get in his way.” Mathematics and Calculator Applications coach Loyrne Collette said. “I am super proud to be his coach and can’t wait to see what he accomplishes next year.”

The Spelling Team consisting of Senior Emily Kocak, Junior David Summers, as well as Freshmen Julianna Summers and Ana Villagrana scored high enough to win BSHS its first ever second place team award in the event.

Led by David Summers, who placed 5th as an individual, the Spelling and Vocabulary team beat out regional competition Graham. “I am excited to win the second place team award,” David said “because one of our goals was to beat them as a team.” David’s sister, Julianna added “We have a young team and I can’t wait until next year because, while second is awesome, I really want a state

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Commissioners approve Courthouse, Library landscaping

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners approved bids on landscaping at the 118th District Courthouse and at the Howard County Library during their meeting Monday.

In response to the item, presented by Commissioner Jimmie Long (Precinct 3), commissioners approved the bids of Big Spring’s own Johansen’s Landscape and Nursery for the two projects. Johansen’s bid on landscaping at the District Court building was \$28,076, while the nursery’s bid on landscaping at the Library was \$18,659.

At the start of the meeting following the call to order and pledges of allegiance, time was provided for public comment, but no one spoke.

Judge Kathryn Wiseman invited Big

Spring EDC Director Mark Willis to discuss tax abatement and recent prospects.

“Y’all already adopted the tax abatement guidelines, you did that last time. I’d just remind y’all, every two years those have to be reviewed and done again. We’ll collect them from the city and from you guys and from the college and have our attorneys look at them. They’ve made the rounds and look good. Again, it doesn’t mean you have to do abatements, it just puts you in the position where you can,” he said.

Willis also spoke regarding the Reinvestment Zone planned in Howard County west of Big Spring.

“This is a project out west of town, right across the interstate from Twin Eagle, right in that area,” he said, referencing Twin Eagle Permian Rail Ter-

minal located between Big Spring and Stanton. “You have to create a Reinvestment Zone for any entities to do a tax abatement. As you know, we’ve talked about, you guys aren’t going to do tax abatements. We’re going to do 381 agreements. But Howard College is going to do a tax abatements because that is the way they have to do it. They don’t have that option. So we need to have you guys create this Tax Reinvestment Zone so that they can take their action on the 23rd.”

Willis also invited Stan Ross of Recover Inc. to address the commissioners.

“We developed a method of using salt extraction to clean oil and gas drilling waste,” Ross said. “Specifically, Recover is a salt extraction technology to wash the oil-based mud out of the drilling

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Runoff Early Voting starts Monday

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

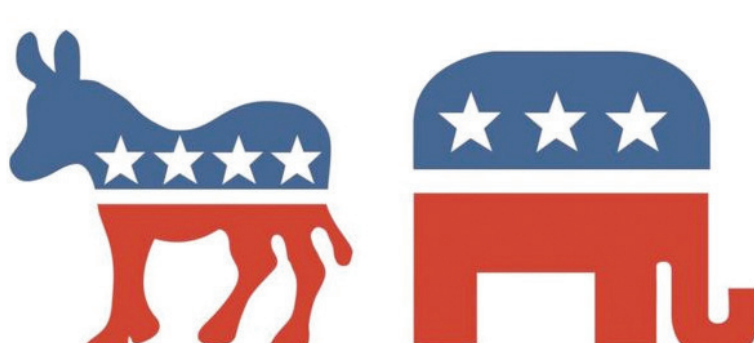
Although we’ve just gotten done with one election, we’ve got another coming up before the end of this month.

Election day for the Joint Primary Runoff Election is May 24, although there are some other deadlines to be aware of before then.

The final day to return mail ballot applications for the runoff is this Friday, May 13. Early voting will run from May 16 (Monday) through May 20 at the Howard County Courthouse. Early voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for May 19 and 20, when hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Election Day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Howard County’s four polling locations – Ryan Hall/St.

Thomas Church, 605 N. Main St.; First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700; Howard College’s Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane; and Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. in Coahoma.



George P. Bush (current Land Commissioner) or incumbent Ken Paxton; Commissioner of the General Land Office, Dawn Buckingham or Tim Westley; and Railroad Commissioner, Sarah Stogner or Wayne Christian.



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Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MANUEL REY CHAVARRIA**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of display fictitious motor vehicle registration, fail to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license, violate promise to appear x3.
- **AUSTIN RAY DARDEN**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property more than

\$750 less than \$2,500, theft of property more than \$100 less than \$750

- **WESLEY ELOY DIAZ**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of indecency with child sexual contact.
- **EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **GOLBERT A RODRIGUEZ**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unlawful carrying weapon, possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Becker Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E 14th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4100 block of Bilger. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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 325-212-8600.

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.

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 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 432-517-4840 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.
- 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.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringHerald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Obituaries

Russell Glenn Stuteville



Russell Glenn Stuteville, 65 of Midland, Texas, went to be with Jesus on May 6, 2022.

Buddy was born March 10, 1956, to Dean and Dorris Stuteville. When he was born, his loving sister Cindy always called him her little "buddy" which then became his nickname throughout his life by many. He is now completely healed and is in no more pain. He worked for Shell Oil Company for many years. He then started SparTek Inc. with his partner Kirk Staggs.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Stuteville; sons, Russell and Cory Stuteville of Midland, Texas; sister, Cindy Banta and her husband, Dennis, of Brownsfield, Texas; brother, Jimmy Stuteville and his wife, Sharon, of Midland, Texas; and his six grandchildren, Kaleb-21, McKinsey-20, Brooklyn-12, Kendra-8, Trae-4 and Kayla-1. He was a friend to many, and never knew a stranger he didn't make a friend.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring St., Midland, Texas, 79705. Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 12, 2022, at Mid-Cities Church, 8700 TX-191, Midland, Texas, 79707. The burial will take place at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 12, 2022, at Crane Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards friends and family.

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

Paid obituary

George Lester Jansa

George Lester Jansa of St. Lawrence, Texas passed away May 6, 2022. Rosary will be recited at 7:00 PM Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Lawrence. A Mass of Catholic Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM Wednesday May 18, 2022 also at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery.

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

Take Note

- The Borden County All-School Reunion will be held Saturday, June 11, in Gail, Texas. All former students, faculty, and friends are invited to attend. No fee is charged for attending and visiting.

A meal will be served at the Event Center but pre-paid reservations are required. Deadline to order a meal is May 25. An adult meal ticket is \$18 and \$10 for children 8 years and older. Contact Lisa Dennis Mahler at bordenexes@gmail.com for additional information and a reservation form.

- 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 or a box, and answer a few questions - such as how many people live in the household - to pick up food. This month's distribution is scheduled April 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

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championship.”

Senior Jennifer Smith placed third in Literary Criticism. “I am so happy to win the bronze”

Smith said “Most people don’t realize how hard these events are, so if you are at state it is an accomplishment; but if you medal it is an even bigger deal.”

Co-Academic Coordinator Jennifer Adams stated that “We are proud of the results. The students put a lot of time and effort into these events. It says

a lot about these students that they are willing to give up their time to practice for, and to take tests.”

While the majority of the events at the Academic State Meet are complete, the Steers still have business to take care of in Austin. Seniors Peyton Woellert and Alisa Gonzalez compete in two weeks at the speech and debate portion of the state meet.

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waste itself. By washing it out, what we produce is a clean, dry solid. So ordinarily what is sent to landfills, which is a typical way that oil and gas companies manage their waste – they send it to Class B landfills for final disposition – our salt extraction technology washes it and we produce a clean, dry solid.”

Ross said before Recover’s process, the waste is a sludgy, oil-rich mud.

The commissioners approved the measure unanimously.

The commissioners also unanimously approved a corporation agreement between Howard County and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, allowing the county to take advantage of the AgriLife agricultural services.

Commissioners had previously handled the next two items on the agenda - meeting in closed session to discuss contract negotiations, and discussing the Howard County Appraisal District’s taxing value. The agenda also called for presentation and acceptance of county officials’ monthly reports, but none were at the meeting to present their reports.

County Treasurer Sharon Adams presented personnel considerations and her Monthly Payroll Report for April, which the commissioners unanimously approved.

Adams also presented insurance rates and retirement assessment for 2023. She noted that most of the program remains the same since the previous year, although there was a slight decrease in term life insurance rates.

County Auditor Jackie Olson presented invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments. Purchase requests included \$3,191.88 for mailing supplies at the Tax Office, \$3,000 for cleaning supplies at the Detention Center, \$1,951 for subscription renewals and catalog supplies at the Library, \$2,536.26 for wireless access points and \$4,050 for CAT 6 drops for phone and wifi for the Information Technology department, and \$16,000 for the tax sale at the Tax Office.

The agenda next called for Commissioner Eddilisa Ray (Precinct 1) to present a grant request letter, but the item had been handled earlier during the commissioner’s workshop prior to the meeting.

Long presented his landscaping bids mentioned at the start of this article, followed by County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf’s monthly report. Zitterkopf reported that the Clerk’s office’s total receipts for the month were \$96,328.35, up about \$8,000 over the previous month.

County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek reported on a collapsed culvert on the 11th Place extension east of FM 700, and asked the commissioners to approve his emergency repair plan, which includes adding an additional culvert to divert water during heavy flood situations.

Take Note

• Everyone welcome! Western swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, every month on the third Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments are provided. The next dance is May 20, sponsored by Park place retirement center. For more information call 432 517-9097

• 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 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 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility

for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed.

If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Lynn Creswell or Chavonna Parker at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home.

We need your help. If you’re interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building.

For more information, e-mail howardcountytx-dems@gmail.com.

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Robert Lang, 67, died Thursday, April 28, 2022. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service Saturday 2 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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Lady Hawks headed to postseason in 2nd place

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Sports Writer

The Howard College Lady Hawks head to postseason for the first time in 16 years without a familiar face.

Gone is long time coach Kelly Raines, and now the team is led by first-year Intermin coach Ashley Lopez. The faces have changed and the results are the same: Howard College has a pretty good softball team.

The Lady Hawks who are teetering in on breaking into the top 20 again (No. 22), start Region V West tournament play Friday in Lubbock at the Lubbock Christian University softball diamond. Their opening game will be at 8 p.m.

Howard, 37-9, finished a strong second behind

WJCAC winner Odessa College, who is currently ranked no. 5 nationally. Odessa's only conference loss was to Howard.

Howard comes in riding a 13-game winning streak. Catcher Sasha Willems leads a balanced Howard hitting attack with a healthy .440 average. She is tied for the team lead in home runs with shortstop Olivia Kuzmicki, at 15. Willems also leads the team with 62 RBI.

Olivia Vargas and Samantha Cervantes are the HC leaders in extra base hits leaders.

"I think we have done an all-around great job of getting on base and moving runners over," said Coach Lopez.

Pitching wise, Alicia Estrada had been the "iron-woman" of the staff. The Oxnard, Calif., product

has pitched almost double the innings of the next starter. Estrada has a sparkling record of 21-2, with an earned run average of 1.64.

After recovering from an early season knee injury, Jorja Barrett has been a great no. 2 pitcher. She fields a 10-3 record with a 3.67 ERA.

Cassie Elliott is the other starter, and fields a respectable 3.45 ERA. Kylie Gaffney is good out of the bull pen.

"My pitchers have been doing a real good job competing in that circle and doing the best for their team. I think for us to win the regional tournament we just gotta play our game and play Lady Hawk softball like we know we can," Lopez concluded.

The Lady Hawks will play their first game Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Hawks baseball team playoff-bound after rough season

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Sports Writer

The Howard College Hawks are going to the playoffs but they took the long road to get there.

The Hawks went into last weekend's series with New Mexico Junior College tied for the fourth and final playoff spot with Western Texas College. Howard lost its first three games of the series against NMJC, 29-5, 9-4 and 11-5. But in the fourth game in Hobbs, N.M., the Hawks prevailed by winning 19-11.

As luck would have it, Western Texas College was getting swept four games by Odessa College, enabling the Hawks to claim the fourth spot with a conference record of 19-13. WTC finished a game back at 18-14.

The opening game Friday at Refinery Field was horrendous. Howard used starter Jack Quinn and couldn't make out of the first inning. Warbler Kirkovski was next followed by Karson Shepard and Trent Warstler. Warstler is not even a pitcher, he's a position player. He was the only HC pitcher to throw a scoreless inning in the contest.

Thunderbird hitters wrecked Howard pitchers for 21 hits, including 11 extra base hits and seven homers. To make matters worst, Howard pitchers issued eight walks, including five hit batsmen.

NMJC pitcher Luis Matos went the five inning distance, allowing six hits and striking out six.

There were many hitting stars for the Thunderbirds. Right fielder Christian drove in nine runs with two home runs, a double and single. Jesse Herrera and Lorenzo Morris drove in six runs each.

About the only bright spot for Howard was Aljandro Rosado and Kennan Spence, who both had two hit games. In game four on Saturday, the Hawks rallied to make their run to the playoffs. Howard took control of the game by scoring six runs in the fifth inning, three runs in the sixth and three runs in the seventh.

Howard, 24-27 for the season, will play No. 4 nationally ranked McLennan Community College in the first round of the tournament Friday at 1 p.m. at Christensen Stadium in Midland.

Spurs owner insists NBA team will stay in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Spurs owner Peter J. Holt on Tuesday told fans not to worry: The team isn't going anywhere.

A plan to have the Spurs play a few games in Austin, 80 miles away, had roused some local anxiety that the owners may be considering moving the team.

"I want to reassure you that the Spurs are in San Antonio to stay," Holt said in a message posted on Twitter.

"My family became involved in the Spurs in the 90s because there was a real threat the team would be moved. We would not let that happen then and we will not let that happen now," Holt said. "There are no plans without the city and the people of San Antonio."

Bexar County owns AT&T Stadium where the Spurs play home games. County commissioners last week raised concerns about the team's request to play two homes games in Austin's new Moody

Center, which will host University of Texas games. A team official told the commission the franchise is simply trying to expand its brand.

Austin's soaring popularity and an influx of large corporations who could be major team sponsors have made San Antonio officials nervous that Texas' capital city could lure away the Spurs. San Antonio was stung a few years ago when Major League Soccer opted to expand in Austin instead of the Alamo City.

Hammon has Aces off to hot start with wins in first 2 games

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

Becky Hammon's first two games as a head coach in the WNBA went well for the former NBA assistant with the Las Vegas Aces winning both contests.

Next up for the team is a trip to Washington to face a strong Mystics team led by Elena Delle Donne, who has played in just three games over the past two seasons. Hammon said defense will be the key to keeping the winning streak going.

"If you want to be great, it takes a tremendous amount of effort defensively," she said. "The last two games we were able to do that."

Hammon took over the Aces this season after serving as an assistant coach for the San Antonio Spurs since 2014. She's already changed a few things for the team, moving Dearica Hamby into the starting lineup from her customary sixth-woman position. Hamby has responded, averaging 17 points and 13 rebounds in the first two games.

The Aces, who were the unanimous choice atop the AP power poll Tuesday, will be tested against Washington (2-0). The Mystics aren't at full strength because of injuries.

Delle Donne returned in the opener, but skipped Sunday's game at Minnesota as coach Mike Thibault said he'll work some days off for her during the season to keep the former MVP fresh. Alysha Clark, who missed all of last season with a foot injury after coming over to the Mystics still has yet to make her season debut Thibault said she is close to returning.

POWER POLL

This week's WNBA poll:

1. Las Vegas (2-0): The Aces will head to Indiana to face the Fever on Friday after the game in Washington. A'ja Wilson is also off to another hot start averaging 17.5 points and 13 rebounds to go along with 3 blocks.
2. Washington (2-0): Coach Mike Thibault was used to short benches the last few seasons because of injuries. He hopes this year he will have his full roster to use. The Mystics only had eight players available against Minnesota on Sunday, but should have most of the team ready this week in games against Las Vegas and Dallas.
3. Los Angeles (2-0): The Sparks signed Liz Cambage and Jordin Canada in the offseason and the duo has already made a strong impact, helping Los Angeles wins open the season with two victories for the first time since 2018.
4. Seattle (1-1): The Storm will need to find another scoring option behind Breanna Stewart, who was the power poll panel's preseason pick for player of the year. That could be Jewell Loyd, whose production will be critical to the Storm's success.
5. Connecticut (0-1): The Sun dropped a close game to New York and were missing DeWanna Bonner, who is still playing overseas. Connecticut also was without Courtney Williams, who is serving a two-game suspension for her role in an off the court altercation last season while she was with Atlanta.
6. Chicago (0-1): The defending champions had 25 turnovers in their opening overtime loss to Los Angeles. The Sky should clean that up without too much trouble as they get more used to playing with each other again.

7. New York (1-0): The Liberty got a victory for new coach Sandy Brondello in her debut as Sabrina Ionescu powered the team to a win over Connecticut. New York was missing All-Star Betnijah Laney due to an abundance of caution from off season knee surgery. She's expected back this week.

8. Phoenix (0-1): The Mercury looked lost on the defensive end in their opening loss without center Brittney Griner. She is still being detained in Russia after authorities at the Moscow airport said they found vape cartridges that allegedly contained oil derived from cannabis in her luggage, which could carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

9. Atlanta (1-0): The Dream traded up to draft Rhyne Howard and make her the cornerstone of the franchise and the Kentucky graduate had a solid debut, scoring 16 points to go along with four blocks and two steals in a win over Dallas. She was the panel's preseason pick for rookie of the year.

10. Minnesota (0-2): A favorable schedule has the Lynx home for six of their next seven games. Minnesota is 10-3 over its last 13 games with 10 of those games being played on the road. The Lynx also welcomed back Aerial Powers this past weekend after she missed two months while recovering from a torn UCL in her right thumb.

11. Dallas (0-1): The Wings should get Arike Ogunbowale back this week after she missed the opener because of her overseas playing commitments. Offseason addition Teaira McCowan also should return as well.

12. Indiana (0-2): The Fever may take their lumps against this year but are building a solid foundation with rookies NaLyssa Smith and Destanni Henderson. Smith averaged 13 points and 11 rebounds in losses to Washington and Los Angeles. Henderson, who was drafted in the second round, had 19 points in the defeat to the Sparks.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Natasha Cloud of Washington was voted the Player of the Week after averaging 18 points, 6 assists and 5 rebounds in the two Mystics' victories. Other players receiving votes included Jordin Canada of Los Angeles, Sabrina Ionescu of New York and Wilson.

GAMES OF THE WEEK:

Storm vs Mercury, Wednesday and Saturday. There will be few chances left to see Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi play against each other and two of them come this week. The league's all-time assist leader and all-time scoring leader will play a home-and-home set this week.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Teaching is the fastest way to learn. So, whatever you want to know about, make a goal to relay the information to someone else very soon. You are a sponge and will soon come to understand this entity so well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Incuriousness is the usual in some environments, and this is why any time you draw attention to your active, questioning mind, it will stand out and cause a reaction.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's easy to get seduced by or even addicted to the approval of others, as the brain has a most favorable response to receiving signals of acceptance. Just be sure to keep an eye on the cost of said approval.

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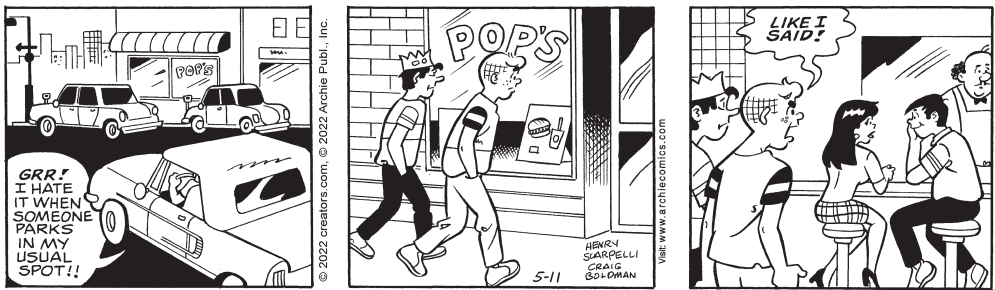
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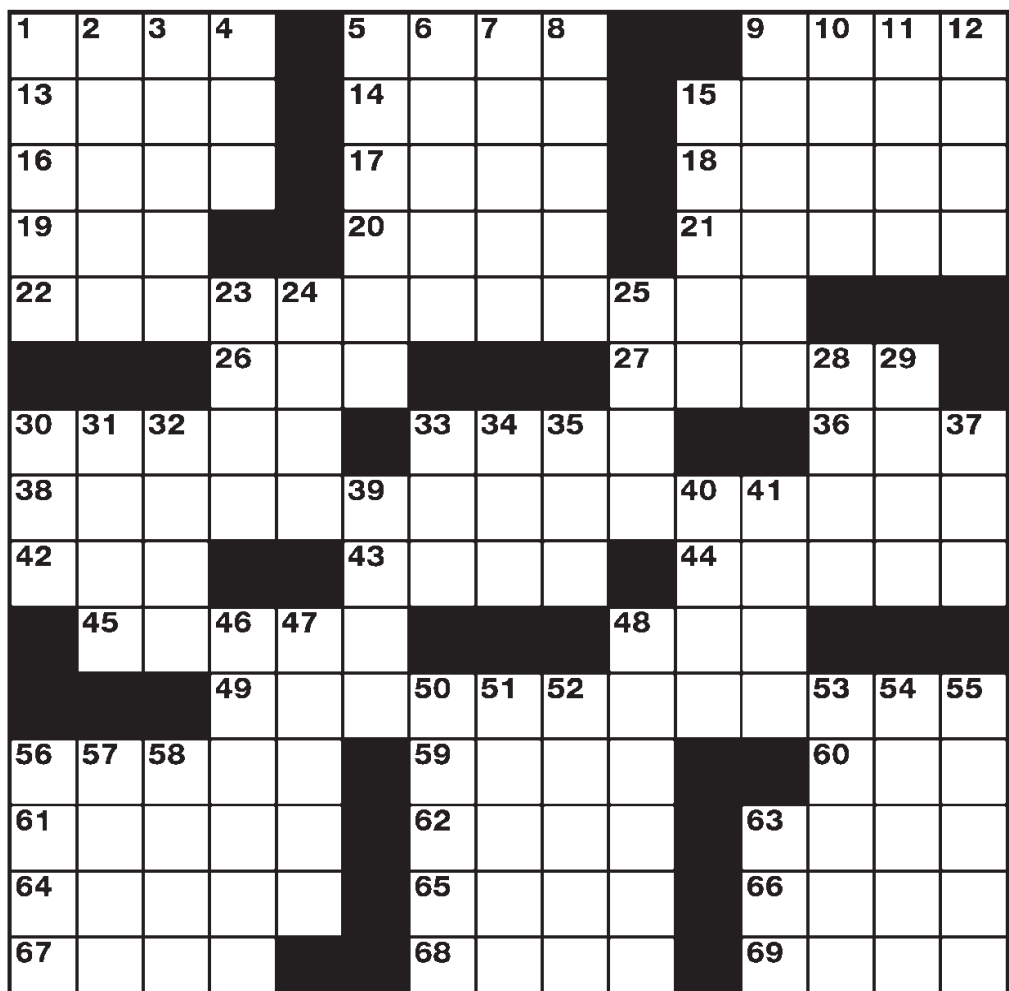
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 - 62 District

- 63 Author Quindlen
 - 64 Tie the knot
 - 65 More than just a snack
 - 66 Emphatic agreement in Ecuador
 - 67 Laudatory poems
 - 68 Identical
 - 69 Back part of a sock
- DOWN**
- 1 Improvised remark
 - 2 Japanese poem
 - 3 Starts the poker pot
 - 4 Event for spellers
 - 5 Extra charges
 - 6 Pitchfork part
 - 7 Herb in pesto sauce

- 8 Shorthand pro
- 9 Anxious feeling
- 10 A single time
- 11 Reddish-brown horse
- 12 Harvard U.'s state
- 15 Duck cousin
- 23 "Right ___ way . . ."
- 24 Scratchy feeling
- 25 Honolulu's island
- 28 ___-Day (vitamin brand)
- 29 Free ticket
- 30 Cleopatra's snake
- 31 Urban air pollution
- 32 Feeling of gloom
- 33 NBC weekend comedy show
- 34 Soft-boiled breakfast

- 35 Luggage-inspecting agcy.
- 37 Merit badge awarder: Abbr.
- 39 Teensy amount
- 40 Drain blockage
- 41 Chicken ___ mein
- 46 Happens
- 47 Fancy-schmancy
- 48 Today half-price, perhaps
- 50 Chowder chunks
- 51 Peninsula near Japan
- 52 Steel girder
- 53 Concave navel
- 54 Feel instinctively
- 55 Internet commerce
- 56 Red ticklish Muppet
- 57 Boulevard or avenue
- 58 To be, to Henri
- 63 Volcanic dust



SUDOKU

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

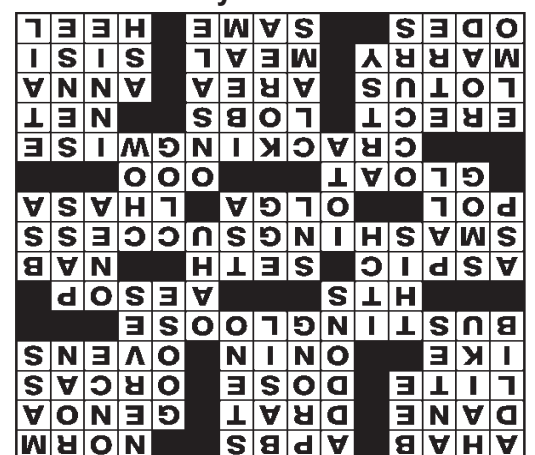
Level: Intermediate

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 gets to solve the puzzle!

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