

Recognizing, honoring those who sacrificed *City of Big Spring officially accepts Purple Heart City designation*

By AMANDA DUFORAT Contributing Writer



Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 72. South wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Wednesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 104. South wind 15 to 20 mph. Wednesday Night: Clear,

with a low around 71. Thursday: Sunny and hot,

with a high near 103.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History Ŏn May 17

1792: 24 merchants form New York Stock Exchange at 70 Wall Street.

1973: Senate Watergate Committee begins its hearings. 1920: Massachusetts becomes the first state to legalize same-sex marriage.

Daily Quotes

"My grandparents were from Kentucky - I'm related to Daniel Boone. He was my great-great-great uncle."

– Dennis Hopper

"I'm not religious, but I believe that what I have is a gift, and I respect it and live up to it."

- Sugar Ray Leonard

"I'm not one for walking the beaches humming a melody. I love the discipline of sitting in the studio, writing and listening. That is my domain."

has been cast; the City of Big Spring became a Purple Heart City with a unanimous vote from the City Council. With this approval, **Big Spring joins** the more than 200 cities across the nation in recognizing the sac-**Purple Heart** rifices made by these brave men and women. This

The

vote

designation puts Big Spring in align-

medal

ment with the State of Texas, which is designated a Purple Heart State. The state designation was approved on May 29, 2017 through the acceptance of HCR56.

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they are driving through and see that sign is what it is all about," veteran and Purple Heart recipient Mike Tarpley, said. "Plus, any time anybody sees that sign, it should make them think of the sacrifices that have been made for this country."

Howard County officially became a Purple Heart County in February 2021, after hearing from Chapter Commander for the Military Order of Purple Heart, Chapter 1919, Jim Bracken. As Bracken mentioned during the County Commissioners meeting, the purpose of the designations is to encourage people to reflect upon those who have given their lives to serve their country. The County designation allowed for the petition to go to TxDOT

to allow for "Purple Heart County" signs to go

along the sides of the roads, in Howard County. The County acceptance came around Purple Heart Day, which is Feb. 22. "Out of the awards that I received in my three years, three

"The pride it instills in a Purple Heart recipient anytime

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'Blood Moon' lunar eclipse



Photo courtesy Tony Claxton/Claxton Photography The moon moved through Earth's shadow Sunday night, creating a spectacular "Blood Moon" lunar eclipse.



Shown are Forsan valedictorian tennis, golf, cross Ella Hoff (left) and salutatorian country, and she Cayden Morgan. **By AMANDA DUFORAT**

Special to the Herald Forsan High School has announced the valedictorian and salutatorian for the

is Ella Hoff, daughter of Noel and Brenna Hoff. Salutatorian is Cayden Morgan, son of Ernie and Lori Morgan.

While high in school, Hoff was part of several extra-curricular activities in-Courtesy photos cluding: basketball, served as trainer for the football team. On

the academic side, she was part of Student Council and a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school,

– Enya

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A Moment in History **Home Sweet Home**



By TAMMY SCHRECENGOST

Heritage Museum of Big Spring

Between the years of 1900-1910, Big Spring was experiencing its first building boom. The town was building homes, churches, schools, and stores.

In 1907, there were five lumber stores that were trying to meet the town's demand. Building materials and lumber arrived in Big Spring on the T&P Railway.

The sounds of hammers banging could be heard all through the night. Some-

thing you would not hear was the buzz of a skill saw or hammer drill. Everything was cut with a handsaw and a lot of elbow grease.

Bascom Reagan was a local house builder and J.M. Morgan was one of the brick and rock masons. Some of their work is still standing in Big Spring today.

Most of the homes that were being built at that time were less than 1,000 square feet, pier and beam with pine or oak planked flooring. There was no insulation and very few had a bathroom. If they did have a bathroom, a bath is what it was used for.

"Who would want to do that nasty stuff in the house?" -a

phrase often heard. It made so much more sense to go to the outhouse for your private business. If the family had a bathtub, it was usually a large galvanized tub without running water.

Eventually the city established a sew-



Obituaries

Alvin Clayton "Cotton" Mize Alvin Clayton "Cotton" Mize, 95,



[•] Alvin Clayton "Cotton" Mize, 95, of Big Spring died Friday, May 13, 2022.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Family visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Cotton was born on November 4, 1926, in Big Spring to Kelly and Bertie Mize as one of eight children. His surviving siblings are Joe Mize of Tulsa, Okla., and Shirley Holland of Abilene. He graduated from BSHS and was captain of the 1945 Basketball Team. While serving in the Air Force during WWII, he was stationed in Germany. He married Billie Y. Norris on Aug. 31, 1947. They were blessed with 3 children. He loved Fast-Pitch Softball, old cars and was an avid fan of the Texas Rangers. Cotton pitched, coached and sponsored softball for over 60 years. He was an All-State Pitcher and won the State championship several times, as well as three National Championships. He also coached the Howard County College Lady Hawks Softball team. Cotton's softball accomplishments were recognized by having the City Park Softball Field named in his honor.

Cotton owned and operated the Morton Foods Distributorship, a wholesale food and potato chip company for over 30 years. Later, he enjoyed owning and operating residential rental properties.

Cotton always loved his hometown of Big Spring

and served as Mayor from 1986-1989. He also enjoyed traveling and was thankful for the opportunity to experience Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, China, Mexico, Peru, Germany, France, Canada in addition to playing softball throughout the US.

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Cotton was an active member of the Nazarene Church for over 90 years and served on the Church Board as well as the Sunday School Superintendent. He participated in mission trips to several foreign countries. He was a member of the Lions Club and Gideons.

Cotton and Billie's children are Brenda Mize Toner (John) of Roundrock, Iva Carol Mize Pate (Joey) and Johnny Edwin Mize (Jill). Six grandchildren include Barachel and Jared Toner, Joie Marie Bailey and Clayton Pate, Justin and Jenna Mize. Additionally, four great-grandchildren, Saydee and Abbee Bailey, Callan and Kamdyn Pate.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Herman Mize, Kelly Jr. Mize, Zennuia Haston, Jane Patton and Robert Mize and spouse, Billie Mize.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Rachael Torres, John Toner, Phil Burchett and countless other friends for their care and friendship over many years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Nazarene Church or the charity of your choice.

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

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Support Groups

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.

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.

Armando Franco



Armando Franco, 86, of Big Spring died Friday, May 13, 2022.

Vigil service was Monday at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass is scheduled Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Armando was born September 24, 1935, in Marfa to Santos and Filomeno Franco. He grew up in Marfa and has lived in Big Spring for over

65 years. Armando helped build housing units at Webb Air Force Base. He worked for the City of Big Spring at Comanche Trail Park. He worked in road construction. Also, he had worked for the Co-op Gins at Fairview and Stanton. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Armando is survived by his wife, Paulita of Big Spring; four sons, Fernando Franco, David Franco, Robert Franco, and Jose Louis Franco Ontiveros; four daughters, Esmeralda Reyes, Diana Rodriguez, Gloria Melendez and Martha Hannum; one brother, Albert Franco; two sisters, Tomasa French and Catalina Flores; a number of grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and his pets, Chico and Tigger.

In addition to his parents, Armando was preceded in death by two sons, J.D. Franco and Armando Franco Jr.; and three brothers, Hector Franco, Oscar Franco Sr., and Gilbert Franco.

Pallbearers will be David Franco, Fernando Franco, Lil John Franco, Steven Franco, Frankie Reyes, Ernest Morales, and Joshua Ontiveros. Honorary pallbearers will be Tony Solis, Roland Anglin, Todd Van Loo, C.J. Solis, Jose Louis Ontiveros and Albert Franco.

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

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CAL**L was reported in the 1800 block of Hearn. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Allbrook. No transport was required.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. No transport was required.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2100 block of S Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 500 block of W 17th St. No transport was required.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 174 MM of I-20. No transport was required.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of Whipkey. No transport was required.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of 4th and Owens. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
BUILDING FIRE was reported in the 1900 block of Colorado City Hwy. Fire was contained.

• 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.

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





Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 will host a Fish Fry on Saturday, May 21, at 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and serving on site will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each. Everyone is welcome.

• 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.

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months and seven days of combat in Vietnam, the one I am most proud of is the Purple Heart. It's the one award that I didn't do anything for; I was in the wrong place at the wrong time and because I was injured they gave me a medal for it," Steve Purdy, a Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient, said. "There is a special connection, more so for me than others I would say, with the Purple Heart medal. George Washington started the Purple Heart, and in the mountains in New York where I'm from, there is a museum named the Jacob Purdy Museum, which served as a headquarters for George Washington. The name is also a distant relation of mine who served as Captain under George Washington in the Revolutionary War."

The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration

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in present use. It was initially created as a badge of military merit by George Washington in 1782. It is the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier; specifically awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat. According to the Wounded Warriors Family Support website, there are an estimated 1.8

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tioned back to civilian life. "The real purpose behind getting Big Spring designated as a Purple Heart City is to honor those who didn't come home, to keep them alive. Yes, it is to honor those who sacrificed and are here, but it's really about not forgetting those who didn't get to come back home," Purdy said.

million Purple Heart recipients who have transi-

As Purdy continued speaking about the honor behind the Purple Heart, he mentioned that there is an inner strength that is discovered while in combat. Purdy described it as an inner strength that no one will ever fully know unless they are in combat.

"Vietnam is not a time that I like to talk about ... it makes me emotional ... It also helped form me into the man I am today. It provided an inner strength for me that I wouldn't have otherwise. I want to be known for the man I am today, which is why I often don't talk about Vietnam," Purdy said.

Now that the City of Big Spring and Howard County both have the Purple Heart designation, those who are wanting to order signs are able to do so through the Wounded Warriors Family Support website. According to Tarpley, in the near future, signs will be placed at the entrances of the city to display the designation of Purple Heart City. Local businesses who are wanting to show their support for Purple Heart recipients and their families are encouraged to order designated parking signs for their place of business. To order signs, for a donation, visit www.wwfs.org.

Lancaster, and Runnels. Soon a "suburban" neigh-

borhood was built on Bell, Aylesford, and Abrams

Once the children were grown and moved out,

rooms would be available to rent. Lodging was not

easy to find in Big Spring and if a lady's husband

passed away, she could earn a living by renting out

rooms and providing meal services for the boarder.

to raise her three young children alone. she made

a living by opening a school in her home at 6th and

Many of the homes built in 1900 are still standing

today. Some of the old homes were purchased and

moved to the country making the journey without

a crack developing or window breaking. Image.

jpeg Sadly, through the years, hundreds of these

homes were either torn down, vandalized to irrepa-

rable destruction, or burned. The craftsmanship

When Della Agnell was left a widow and forced

"I just want to thank everyone who helped me to get where I am. It would not have been possible without the help of amazing teachers and faculty," Hoff said.

While in high school, Morgan was part of the football, basketball, baseball and tennis teams. He participated in band and competed in UIL Academics.

After graduation, Morgan said he plans on attending Texas Tech University to obtain his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. The success he experienced in high school was through the support of his teachers, parents, and all others who poured into his life.

"I just want to thank everyone who helped me to get where I am. It would not have been possible without the help of amazing teachers and faculty," Morgan said.

Forsan High School will hold graduation ceremonies at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 6 p.m. on May 27.

Streets.

Lancaster streets.

she was an active participant of the First Baptist Youth Group. Her favorite subject while in school was math.

After graduation, Hoff plans to attend Texas A&M University to obtain her bachelor's degree in Biomedical Science. Her goal is to pursue a career in the medical field. Her quote that she lives by falls into alignment with her career path, "Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14."

"I want to pursue a career in the medical field so I can be in a position to serve and make a positive impact in their lives," Hoff said.

As Hoff prepares to close the chapter of her high school career, she is thankful for the support and guidance that was provided to her along the way.

HISTORY

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galvanized tub without running water.

Eventually the city established a sewer and water system. All outhouses were ordered to be torn down. Home owners had to carve out a small space for a toilet, tub and sink if there was never a designated bathroom built. Often a small room was added onto the house for this purpose. It was nothing more than a lean-to with a short ceiling.

The houses had tall, steep roofs and high ceilings. It was important to have the air circulate in the hot summers. Raising a window and opening the transom over the interior doorways, was the only air conditioning available. During the cold winters, rags or newspapers were chinked into the cracks of the walls. Heat was from the fireplace or stove or it was generated by sleeping in the same bed with

all the siblings.

There was usually a large front porch. A place that was used often during the spring, summer, fall seasons, and sometimes put into use as a sleeping porch where the night air was cooler.

Big Spring did have some luxurious homes. The Brennands on Jack Street (renamed Lancaster) had a beautiful brick and sandstone trimmed house that was a showplace. Another lovely home was built for the John Birdwell family at 900 Goliad and made of sandstone blocks. There were two and three story homes built along East Second, Third, and Fourth Streets.

The Potton house was built in 1901 and had concrete porches and sidewalks and was made of solid sandstone blocks.

The newly built homes had a fresh coat of paint applied however, they were rarely repainted. Paint was expensive and a luxury.

The first homes were built along Main, Scurry,

Take Note (cont.)

• 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.

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

and memories gone forever.

 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

• 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.

 Ready for Home School or individualized education in school? Maranatha Baptist Academy, located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for the 2022-23 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, published in Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20 is our startup date, and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• 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.

• 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,

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.

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Steers blanked in playoff losses to Seminole





By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Sports Writer

If you can't score runs you can't win games. That's exactly what happened to the Big Spring Steers in their area playoff series against Seminole Indians. The Steers rolled zeros in both games and Seminole advances with a pair of 6-0 wins on Friday and Saturdav

. In Game one in Seminole, Indians pitcher Rowin Donaldson did a good job of shutting the Steers offense down and Seminole came away with the win Ricky Escovedo went the distance for Big Spring

Bagwell drove in another run for Seminole in the fourth. The Steers did mount threats in the fourth and sixth innings but Donaldson got out of the jams with strikeouts. Game two Saturday in Big Spring was more of the same. Seminole pitcher Obed Reyes did another job on the Steers bats, limiting them to two hits, striking out seven while going the distance. Reyes retired the first 11 batters he faced. He had his no-hitter ruined when Joshua Miramontes singled to right field with two outs in the fourth inning. The Steers other hit in the game was



Photos courtesy Tony Claxton/Claxton Photography

Top left, Big Spring third baseman Ricky Escovedo leaps high to catch a pop fly during the Steer's 6-0 loss to Seminole in the second game of the area round of playoffs on Saturday. The loss puts the Steers out of the playoffs; above, Big Spring's Braxton Sizenbach connects with a pitch during the game; bottom left, Joshua Miramontes tags out a baserunner at second.

and pitched relatively well. He just couldn't get any run support from his teammates. Donaldson scattered four hits. Seminole scored two runs in the first inning via three hits. The Indians gradually padded their lead, scoring three runs in the third thanks to a two-run scoring single by Culver Cramer. Jason

by Gabriel Baeza, a line shot that bounced off the pitcher's foot. The Steers lack of offensive firepower wasted a well pitched game by Austen Raines, who pitched six-and-two-third innings before being relieved by Isiah Diaz. The freshman rightly scattered 10 hits. He did get help from his defense however. The Steers turned three double plays in the game and catcher Marcos Paredez threw two runners out attempting to steal second. Seminole got its first run in the third inning. Right fielder Davin Rosalez doubled and scored from third on a Steer throwing error. Rosalez played a big role in the Seminole win. He also homered and singled in three trips to the plate. His three run blast in the fifth sealed the deal. Big Spring ends a successful season with a 22-12 record while Seminole advances with a 22-10-1 mark.

Second Game

Seminole - 001-030-1 - 6-12-1

Big Spring - 000-000-0 - 0-2-2

WP - Reyes, LP - Raines, LOB - Seminole 4, Big Spring 3, DP - Seminole 1 Big Spring 3; Errors - Seminole (Donaldson); Big Spring (Yanez, Escovedo); 2B - Seminole (Rosalez), HR - Seminole (Rosalez).

Hawks fall to defending national champion McLennon Community College By STEVE BELVIN GAME TWO

Contributing Sports Writer

MIDLAND - The Howard College Hawks drew a tough opponent in their opening game Friday afternoon in the Region V tournament at Christensen Stadium. How about opening up against defending national champion McLennan Community College?

The Hawks hung with the champs for a short while. In fact HC took a 6-5 lead in the third inning. But it wasn't enough to hold off the high flying Highlanders as MCC came away with a 15-7 run rule victory. Howard had one good inning in the game, that being the third inning with they scored six runs to take the lead. Howard pieced together six hits in the inning, the biggest blow being a three-run homer to right center. Aaron Manias had a two-run scoring single in the inning. But like it has so many times this season, the Howard pitching faltered. Four Howard pitchers combined to walk 10 baters in the contest. Cole Bramhall, who came in for relief of starter Elijah Parks, too the loss for Howard. Luke Krkovski and Max Lankford also took turns on the mound for Howard. MCC's 13-hit attack was fueled by designated hitter Hunter Grimes who blasted two, two-run homers and by shortstop Izzy Lopez who put the dagger in the Hawks with a grand slam in the sixth inning.

Howard staved off elimination in the second game by rallying to take an 8-4 win over Ranger Saturday. Howard trailed 1-0 going into the sixth inning. There Howard erupted for five runs in the inning and followed it by scoring three more runs in the eighth inning.

Howard got a good pitching performance from Greg Ross, who picked up the win. Ross allowed five hits and three runs in six innings work, striking

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out seven and walking one. Jack Quinn and Elijah Park pitched the last three innings. Right fielder Lee Matsuzaki hit a two run homer for Howard and left fielder Hunter Simmons doubled twice while centerfielder Austin Douglass hit a two run scoring triple.

GAME THREE

Sunday the Hawks were eliminated by Weatherford College 10-5, ending the Hawks season. Howard outhit the Coyotes 13-9, but Weatherford got the big hits when it needed it.

Austin Green carried the big stick for Weatherford, hitting a three-run homer in the first inning and another three run blast in the fifth inning. Howard took the lead for a short while when Aaron Manias hit a solo homer over the centerfield wall.

Howard was on top 4-3. Weatherford then scored seven unanswered runs to take a 10-4 lead after seven innings. The Hawks finish the season with a 25-29 record.

Odessa College beats Lady Hawks 12-4 By STEVE BELVIN

Contrbuting Sports Writer

LUBBOCK - The Howard College Lady Hawks spotted Odessa College nine runs in the first two innings, and it was too much to overcome as the Lady Wranglers defeated the Lady Hawks 12-4 in the championship game of the Region V West tournament. The win sends the No. 5 ranked Lady Wranglers to the JUCO World Series in Yuma, Ariz.

It ended a good season by the Lady Hawks, who finished the season 39-9, ranked No. 22 in the nation. It was a gutsy Odessa win. The Lady Wranglers had to play three games on Sunday and had to beat the Lady Hawks back-to-back games to win the title.

Thanks to some timely slap hitting, several Howard errors and some uncharacteristic wild pitches, Odessa scored four runs in the first inning and five more in the second. Howard simply had dug itself into too big of a hole.

The Lady Wranglers had balanced hitting, all but one of its starters got a hit in the game. On the other hand Howard could manage only four hits off Odessa pitcher Rayna Cruickshanks

DPENING GAME

The Howard Collège Lady Hawks got off to a slow start in their region tournament opener. But once they got started, they went on to steamroll the Midland College Lady Chaps 11-5 Friday.

Midland jumped out to a 5-2 lead on Howard for an inning-and-a-half. It took catcher Sasha Willems' bat to jump start Howard. With the bases loaded in the bottom of the second, Willems blasted MC pitcher Zoey De Baca's offering over the center field fence, driving in Kamryn Cottell, Oliva Kuzminski and Madison Dingman, giving Howard a 6-5 lead, a lead it would never relinquish.

Howard pitcher Alicia Estrada shut the MC bats down the rest of the way. Howard got a run in the third when Addison Marquez singled and eventually scored on a Midland throwing error. Howard got another run in the fourth thanks to a double by Oliva Vargas. Cottell drove in a run with a single in the fifth inning; Samantha Cervantes put the icing on the cake when her base hit drove in two runs in the sixth.

SECOND GAME

In game two on Saturday Howard earned its way into the championship round by defeating Odessa

College 4-2 thanks to a two-run walk off homer by Olivas Vargas in the bottom of the seventh.

Vargas' homer to left field, drove in Willems, who had doubled. It was Vargas' 12th dinger of the season. The shot ended a pitching duel between Howard's Estrada and OC's Aydenne Brown. OC took a 2-0 lead in the fifth on a two-run homer by Kawehi Ili. Howard tied the game in the bottom of the inning with a two-run double by Willems.

THIRD GAME

This set up a rematch with Odessa Sunday afternoon. A great game that saw Odessa wIn it in the bottom of the sixth when Brooke Nauman hit a two run homer off Estrada.

Howard jumped out two a 2-0 lead in the first thanks to a two run single by Vargas. Odessa tied it with a run in the first and a run in the third. Dingman put Howard back in the lead, 3-2, with run scoring single in the fourth. Odessa took a 5-3 lead with three runs in the fifth via five its and one Howard error.

Howard regained the lead at 6-5 in the sixth on a two run homer by Kuzminski and solo homer by Willems, That set the stage for Nauman's two out, two run homer in the sixth.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS 118™ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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Courthouse, located at 312 Scurry Street Big Spring, Texas, 79720 the undersigned Special Commissioners appointed by the Judge of the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, will convene a hearing to assess the damages occasioned by the condemnation by the City of Big Spring, as Condemnor, to acquire the thereon in the manner direcsubject property described ted by law. below in fee simple for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a sewer lift station to be installed, operated, and maintained upon and across the property iden-2022. tified as a 1.417 acre tract of land, out of the Northeast Quarter of Section 44, Block 32, T-I-N, T. & P. Railroad Company Surveys, Abstract No. 631, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, and being out of a tract of land described in a deed from J.G. Amett etux to G.W. Neill, dated January 28,1924, and recorded in Volume 54, Page

215, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas, said tract having a municipal address of 1505 East 2nd Street Big Spring, Texas 79720.

These are proceedings in eminent domain in a case styled: CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS v. GEORGE WILMASNEILL, III, RALPH JAMES NEILL, JR., THEDA JOANNE NEILL, TERRY DEAN NEILL, WILLIAM REID WHEELER, MARY LYNN CAYLOR, BRYAN ALLEN WHEELER, KRISTINA JOY NEILL SHUGART, AND ALL UN-KNOWN PERSONS WITH AN INTEREST OR CLAIM AGAINST THE SUB-

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by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil

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and gas waste into the Grayburg and San Andres Formations, Shelby SWD Lease, Well No. 2. The proposed injection well is located ±15 miles Southwest of Garden City, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Glasscock County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,400 to 4,700 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas. P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792)







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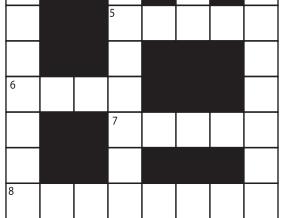
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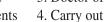
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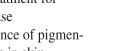
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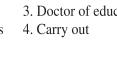


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Today in History: May 17, Brown v. Board of Education ruling

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Today in History

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On May 17, 1954, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court handed down its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision which held that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal, and therefore unconstitutional. beating Black insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq apologized for the attack, calling it a mistake, and paid more than \$27 million in compensation.)

In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed a measure requiring neighborhood notification when sex offenders move in. ("Megan's Law," as it's known, was named for Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old New Jersey girl who was raped and murdered in 1994.) for tests.

Ten years ago: Washington's envoy to Israel, Dan Shapiro, told the Israel Bar Association the U.S. had plans in place to attack Iran if necessary to prevent it from developing nuclear weapons. Donna Summer, 63, the "Queen of Disco," died in Naples, Florida. Frank Edward "Ed" Ray, the California school bus driver hailed as a hero for helping 26 students escape after three kidnappers buried them underground in 1976, died at age 91.

Five years ago: The Justice Department appointed former FBI **Director Robert Mueller** as a special counsel to oversee a federal investigation into potential coordination between Russia and Donald Trump's campaign during the 2016 presidential election. Pvt. Chelsea Manning, the soldier who was sentenced to 35 years in a military prison for giving classified materials to WikiLeaks, walked free after serving seven years behind bars, her sentence having been commuted by President Barack Obama. Chris Cornell, who was lead singer with rock bands Soundgarden and Audioslave, took his own life in a Detroit hotel room; he was 52.

airstrikes and rocket attacks. AT&T announced a deal to combine its massive media operations, including HBO and CNN, with Discovery, the owner of lifestyle networks including the Food Network and HGTV.

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Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Gerety is 82. Singer Taj Mahal is 80. Rock musician Bill Bruford is 73. TV personality Kathleen Sullivan is 69. Boxing Hall of Famer Sugar Ray Leonard is 66. Sports announcer Jim Nantz is 63. Producer Simon Fuller (TV: "American Idol") is 62. Singer Enya is 61. Actor-comedian Craig Ferguson is 60. Rock singer-musician Page McConnell is 59. Actor David Eigenberg is 58. Singer-musician Trent Reznor (Nine Inch Nails) is 57. Actor Paige Turco is 57. R&B musician O'Dell (Mint Condition) is 57. Actor Hill Harper is 56. TV personality/interior designer Thom Filicia is 53. Singer Jordan Knight is 52. R&B singer Darnell Van Rensalier (Shai) is 52. U.S. **Commerce Secretary** Gina Raimondo is 51. Actor Sasha Alexander is 49. Rock singer-musician Josh Homme (HAHM'-ee) is 49. Rock singer Andrea Corr (The Corrs) is 48. Actor Sendhil Ramamurthy (SEN'-dul rah-mah-MURTH'-ee) is 48. Actor Rochelle Aytes is 46. Singer Kandi Burruss is 46. Actor Kat Foster is 44. Actor Ayda Field is 43. Actor Ginger Gonzaga is 39. Folk-rock singer/songwriter Passenger is 38. Dancer-choreographer Derek Hough (huhf) is 37. Actor Tahj Mowry is 36. Actor Nikki Reed is 34. Singer Kree Harrison (TV: "American Idol") is 32. Actor Leven Rambin is 32. Actor Samantha Browne-Walters is 31. Actor Justin Martin is 28.

By Steve Becker **In-depth analysis**

ready-made tricks — two spades,

two hearts and two clubs - and

Declarer can lead a diamond to

the queen and lose to the ace —

which East, on the bidding, is likely

to have — but this will give South

only two additional tricks and leave

him one trick shy of his goal. Or

declarer can play the A-K and another

club, hoping the opposing clubs are

divided 3-2, but this will also bring

Since both methods of play lead

to a dead end, South should start

looking elsewhere for a way to

develop his three additional tricks.

And if he studies the situation care-

fully enough, he should spot an

approach that will give him an excel-

At trick two, he leads a club to the

king and returns a low diamond from

dummy. East can't afford to rise with

the ace, which would hand declarer

three immediate diamond tricks, so

let's say East ducks and allows South

Having "stolen" this trick,

declarer now abandons diamonds and

plays the ace and another club. When

the suit breaks normally, he has nine

A little in-depth analysis at the

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Opening lead — eight of spades.

Most deals require no more than simple, orderly thinking for declarer to achieve the best result possible. A tendency to focus on how to play a specific suit rather than on how to play the hand as a whole is a fairly common failing that causes many contracts to be lost.

Take this case where many declarers would go wrong. West leads a spade, and South wins East's nine with the queen. How should declarer play the hand? He is gazing at six

> **Tomorrow:** Bidding quiz. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

On this date:

In 1536, Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn invalid after she failed to produce a male heir; Boleyn, already condemned for high treason, was executed two days later.

In 1940, the Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying ,Åî but not preventing ,Åî a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.

In 1973, a special committee convened by the U.S. Senate began its televised hearings into the Watergate scandal.

In 1980, rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City after an all-white jury in Tampa acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally In 2004, Massachusetts became the first state to allow same-sex marriages.

In 2010, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that young people serving life prison terms should have "a meaningful opportunity to obtain release" provided they didn't kill their victims.

In 2015, a shootout erupted between bikers and police outside a restaurant in Waco, Texas, leaving nine of the bikers dead and 20 people injured.

In 2017, the Justice Department appointed former FBI Director Robert Mueller as a special counsel to oversee a federal investigation into potential coordination between Russia and the 2016 Donald Trump campaign.

In 2020, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo was tested for the coronavirus on live TV as he announced that all people in the state who were experiencing flu-like symptoms were eligible

One year ago: The Supreme Court, with a 6-3 conservative majority, agreed to consider a major rollback of abortion rights by hearing a challenge to a Mississippi abortion law that would ban abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. (A decision in the case is expected next month.) The White House said President Joe Biden expressed support for a cease-fire in a call to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after eight days of Israeli-Palestinian

Please thoroughly wash your hands to keep us healthy!



Horoscopes By Holiday

TUESDAY May 17, 2022

Faithful Conjunction

Happy relationships start with a good match. This includes the relationship with work, domestic life and more. The Mars and Neptune conjunction calls for a little faith that the future will bring better matches. Life has a way of making room for them. Minor losses signal major gains to come. Roll with the changes and believe it's going in your favor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As a rule, friends lift one another. If you don't feel lifted by a friendship, it may not be a friendship. Seek alternative company so you may have the benefit of contrast to inform your choice of company.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). They'll say there is no right or wrong way. Your skepticism is warranted. There are definitely ways that will work better for you, and you'll try at least three suboptimal ones before you find the charmed method.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Success in relationships depends on understanding people's pre-ferred currencies. Some want praise; others want playfulness. Affection is not the same as admiration. Today brings insight to the exchange.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You sense that you matter profoundly to loved ones, but you might be surprised at the impact you have in the lives

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of complete strangers. Seemingly casual interactions will have more impact than you might imagine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though it's counterintuitive, by taking on more, you save yourself from being overwhelmed. When you're running at full capacity, everything orders itself because it must.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're very dear to others, and they consider you more often than you might guess. In quiet moments, sometimes you can feel them thinking about you, an assurance of your connection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Things that get off to a shaky start will improve as you go. Hold on to hope and focus on fun facts. The future will brighten with every positive vibe you radiate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Speculation is part of the fun of getting to know people. Curious about the lives of others, your creative mind will sometimes fill in the blanks in ways that are much more exciting and glamorous than reality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When the red flags wave, you will be tempted to ignore them. There are things you want that make it hard for you to follow your own rules about such things. Buy time; hesitate; bring trusted advisers into the situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are so used to the work you do that

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you may underestimate how valuable it is to those who need it. This is why it's good to have representation -- so someone else can negotiate on your behalf.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The universe will be persistent with a message. If you don't take a hint, it becomes a suggestion. If you don't take the suggestion, it changes to a challenge, then a demand. Life is more pleasant when you take hints.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll deal with a lurking fear by defining the problem and imagining possible ways to deal with such an occurrence. Then, instead of anxiety, you will have a plan.

TODAY'S **BIRTHDAY** (May 17). The key to the universe is inside you. You alone declare the meaning and relevance of the contentCELEBRITY PROFILES: Today we celebrate Bob Saget's legacy of love and laughter and mourn the passing of the beloved entertainer. Saget was a prime example of the down-to-earth Taurus comedian. From "Full House" to "Fuller House" and all the funny home videos in between, Saget was born to the zodiac's first earth sign, connected to nature's rhythms and has what all comedians need: timing.

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