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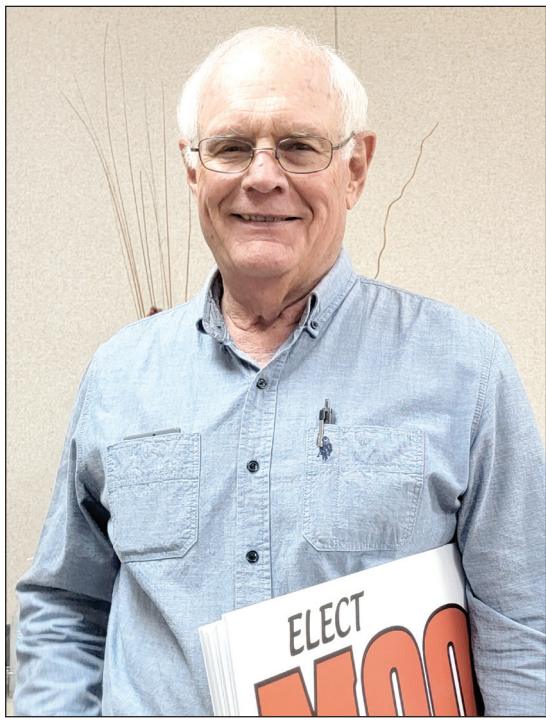
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Moore wins Big Spring mayoral election in landslide

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer



Robert Moore

Former 118th District Judge Robert Moore has won the position of Big Spring mayor over incumbent Shannon Thomason, receiving 1,452 votes to Thomason's 348, 79.87 percent to 19.14 percent. The two were the only candidates in the race.

Thomason will remain mayor until the votes are canvassed and the city council certifies the election.

Of the total 1,818 votes cast, 1,184 were early ballots, 185 were by mail, and 431 were cast on Election Day. There were 18 undervotes in the mayoral race - meaning voters were allowed to vote in the election but cast

no vote.

Following the announcement of results, Moore had this to say about plans for his administration:

"My platform is to try to better Big Spring. I'm concerned about how it appears to people coming through and how it appears to people looking at Big Spring as a possible investment opportunity for businesses," he said. "Big

Spring has a lot of natural resources. For its topography, we're the prettiest town in West Texas. An ideal location. We've just never seemed to capitalize on that. I want to work with Mark Willis, the Economic Development and the County and just all for the betterment of Big Spring. Try to make it a better place to live and better for families, and try to keep some of our young people here with opportunities. We have a great drain of resources when kids get up and can't find jobs and leave to go somewhere else. I'm just for everything Big Spring, and I want to be a part of it."

On his Facebook page, Mayor Thomason issued the following statement:

"The votes are in and the people have spoken. I will not be continuing on as your Mayor. Our Democratic process runs its course. This is the way.

"It has been my honor and distinct privilege to represent the Citizens of the City of Big Spring for the last three years. It is my hope and prayer that the

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Weather



Tuesday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1am. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. Southeast wind 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Wednesday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 92. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Wednesday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History

On May 10
1775: American paper currency issued for the first time, by "The United Colonies" to fund war expenses.
1940: Winston Churchill succeeds Neville Chamberlain as British Prime Minister.

Daily Quotes

"The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any."
 — **Fred Astaire**
 "We didn't have any instruments, so I had to use my guitar."
 — **Maybelle Carter**

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Council likely to table election canvass

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Sports Writer

According to the Big Spring City Council agenda for Tuesday evening's meeting, the council will canvass and declare the results of Saturday's election, naming Robert Moore Big Spring's new mayor and honoring Shannon Thomason as outgoing mayor.

According to Howard County Elections Administrator Jodi Duck, the meeting is being held too close to the election for the results to be canvassed.

"They will not be doing that," Duck said. "Our deadlines have not been met, and that's Friday, and so there's no way they can canvass. They're going to have to table it and have a special meeting."

The meeting, scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street, will begin with the call to order, invocation, and pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

Public comment is next on the agenda. Those wishing to address the council may do so either in person or by telephone by calling 432-264-2411.

The election canvass and recognition of Thomason's service, as well as administration of the oath of office to Moore and unopposed incumbent Councilman Troy Tompkins (District 5), are scheduled next; it is expected these will be tabled

and a special meeting will be scheduled to handle them.

The agenda also lists a presentation from Leading EDG, an organization providing a network of resources for assisting entrepreneurs and small businesses.

City Manager Todd Darden will give his report, speaking on the upcoming Large Item Pickup for District 5, scheduled May 18; and seasonal jobs.

The meeting's Consent Agenda consists of four items: Approval of the April 26 city council meeting minutes; final reading of an ordinance abandoning an easement in Lots 2-4, Blk. 4, Mc Ewen Addition; and final readings of two resolutions, one declaring Big Spring a "Purple Heart City" and designating Aug. 7 "Purple Heart Day" in Big Spring; and the other approving a petition to annex the north half of Sec. 8, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

The council has left an item tabled for the past several meetings which would be handled during an executive session with City Attorney Andrew Hagen. The item includes consultation with the attorney for pending or contemplated legislation, to deliberate on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the state bar conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, and deliberation regarding real property.

The council will once again decide whether to take the item up and adjourn into closed session, or to leave the item tabled.

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Gas prices up 12.4 cents in the past week

Special to the Herald

Average gasoline prices in Texas have risen 12.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.97/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 28.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.30/g higher than a year ago. The price of diesel has risen 22.6 cents nationally in the past week and stands at \$5.518 per gallon.

As of Monday, the cheapest Unleaded gas in Big Spring was \$3.75 per gallon, while the most expensive was \$3.99.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$3.29/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$5.29/g, a difference of \$2.00/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.29/g while the highest

was \$5.29/g, a difference of \$2.00/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 13.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.31/g today. The national average is up 19.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.36/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Texas and the national average going back ten years:

- May 9, 2021: \$2.67/g (U.S. Average: \$2.95/g)
- May 9, 2020: \$1.52/g (U.S. Average: \$1.84/g)
- May 9, 2019: \$2.58/g (U.S. Average: \$2.87/g)
- May 9, 2018: \$2.60/g (U.S. Average: \$2.84/g)

May 9, 2017: \$2.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.33/g)

May 9, 2016: \$1.98/g (U.S. Average: \$2.21/g)

May 9, 2015: \$2.45/g (U.S. Average: \$2.66/g)

May 9, 2014: \$3.43/g (U.S. Average: \$3.67/g)

May 9, 2013: \$3.38/g (U.S. Average: \$3.55/g)

May 9, 2012: \$3.62/g (U.S. Average: \$3.74/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Midland Odessa- \$3.97/g, up 5.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.92/g.

San Antonio- \$3.92/g, up 21.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.71/g.

Austin- \$3.98/g, up 17.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.81/g.

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Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity. The Howard County Jail reported 87 inmates:

- **MICHAEL SHANE ALLEN**, 47, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.
- **MATTHEW LOUIS ALMAZAN**, 35, was booked by HCSO on warrants for no driver's license, following too closely, assault causing bodily injury, and bondsman off bond for theft of property \$750 to \$2,500; and on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- **NIKKI LYNN BERNAL**, 26, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property \$750 to \$2,500.
- **AKIRA NAPOLEON COX**, 22, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KENZIE TERESA EDMONDSON**, 29, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TIMOTHY RAY LUCIO**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ANTHONY CANCINO MARES JR.**, 19, was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of firearm.
- **JUANITA MUNOZ**, 46, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RUDY ORTEGA III**, 23, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property \$100 to \$750.
- **BOBBY PAIGE**, 23, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for ride not secured by safety belt.
- **SASHA SHANTELL PHILLIPS**, 31, was booked by BSPD on charges of assault class C and possession of a dangerous drug.
- **EVERARDO B. RODRIGUEZ**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence.
- **GILBERT A. RODRIGUEZ**, 26, was booked by BSPD on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana less than two oz.
- **KEENAN ANDRAE TURNER**, 40, was booked by BSPD on charges of unlawful restraint, resisting arrest, search or transport and failure to identify fugitive; and on a warrant for injury to child/elderly/disabled.

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.
- 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.

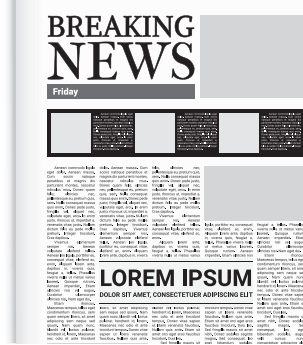
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Obituaries

Jonell Howell

Jonell Howell, 78, died Thursday May 5, 2022, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. A memorial service will be Monday at 6 p.m. at Eastside Baptist Church.

Jonell was born on March 8, 1944, in Big Spring, Texas to Ada and D.L. Knightstep. She married L.J. Howell on September 4, 1945, and he died April 3, 2015. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Eastside Baptist Church.

Jonell was a homemaker, she loved house cleaning, arranging furniture and in anything in the house, and painting. But most of all she loved time with the grandchildren.

Jonell is survived by her daughter: Tami Davis (Kenny) of Big Spring; son: Louis Howell (Eva) of Stanton; daughter: Lara White of Colorado; 5 grandchildren: Blain, Cassie, Debora, Christopher, & Caden; seven great-grandchildren: Kyla, Haylee, Marcus, Averee, Amberlee, Ariya, and Daniel.

In addition to her parents and husband, Jonell was preceded in death by one brother: Don Knightstep.

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

Paid obituary

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Highland. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4800 block of Wasson Rd. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17th St. No transport was requested.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported near Mile Marker 184 on Interstate 20. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Timothy Lane. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Maple. No transport was requested.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Tubb Loop Rd. No transport was requested.

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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city will continue to grow and develop and that her people will prosper.

“To my opponent, Mr. Moore, I offer my congratulations and wish him the very best as he takes office.

“To those who have supported me, you have my eternal gratitude and appreciation. Y'all rock!

“Finally, I want to say a very special thanks to my greatest supporter, my rock, namely, my darling wife Emily. You ma'am, are simply the best!

“As I said in 2019, I started off in politics as an ac-

tivist and win, lose or draw that would not change. It still won't.

“Take care, God bless, and may God bless Big Spring.”

In other local races, Bryan Stokes will take over as Big Spring ISD school board member in District 6, obtaining 132 votes (58.67 percent) over opponent Krystal Borggren's 61 votes (27.11 percent). Of the 225 votes cast in the election, 121 were by early voting, 17 were by mail, and 55 were cast on Election Day. There were 32 undervotes.

In the Forsan ISD school board election, incumbent Chris Evans and challenger Matt Buske emerged victorious. Evans received 182 votes (28.71 percent and Buske got 126 votes (19.87 percent). Oth-

er candidates included Brenda Tubb (102 votes or 16.09 percent), incumbent Beckie Wash (99 votes or 15.62 percent) and Tandi Stockton (66 votes or 10.41 percent). of the 634 total votes, 402 were cast during early voting, 34 were mailed in, and 139 were cast on Election Day. There were 59 undervotes.

In Coahoma, three candidates were running for two seats on the Coahoma ISD school board. Incumbents Brandon Atkins and Kenni Kay Wright were re-elected. Wright received 126 votes (31.34 percent) while Atkins garnered 124 votes (30.85 percent). Challenger Jackie Mulkey received 72 votes (17.91 percent). Of the 402 votes cast, 122 were in early voting, 39 were received by mail, and 161 were cast on Election Day. There were 80 undervotes.

COUNCIL

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Following consideration of the tabled item, the council will consider approval of vouchers in the amount of \$41,800 for April 25, \$399,409.43 for April 28, and \$1,072,806.91 for May 5.

In new business, the council will acknowledge receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's minutes from its March 15 meeting, as well as the Planning and Zoning Committee minutes from its March 15 meeting.

The council will consider first reading of a resolution authorizing the COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Recovery Plan, with the implementation of the City of Big Spring American Rescue Plan Act and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocation.

The Council will consider authorizing an event funding request through the

Convention and Visitors Bureau to the Coach Roy Training/ACES Nation.

The Council will consider authorization to negotiate an agreement for asbestos abatement and demolition of the Interstate Unit prison located at 1801 Interstate 20.

The council will consider possible action to execute an affidavit of fact releasing the city's reversionary interest in property transferred from the city to Main Street Inc.

The Council will consider an agreement with West Texas Opportunities to assist low-income households with water bills.

The Council will consider appointments to the Colorado River Municipal Water District's Board of Directors for the term June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2024. Current appointees are Richard Steel and John Myers.

The Council will consider possible action concerning retirees' green fees.

Members of the city council will have an opportunity to offer input prior to the meeting's adjournment.

Take Note (cont.)

• 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 go 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.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard Coun-

ty residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs.

Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Jacqueline Roland at 432-213-1221.



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Steers win pitching battle, defeat Hereford in Bi-District

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Sports Writer

LITTLEFIELD - Pitching was the name of the game and the Big Spring Steers rode it to take the bi-district series over the Hereford Whitefaces, two games to one.

The Big Spring rotation of Ricky Escovedo, Austen Raines and Eli Cobos pitched Big Spring to a series win. The three hurlers limited the Whitefaces to only three runs in the series.

In the deciding game three, junior Cobos pitched Big Spring to the next stage. Cobos carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning.

Hereford's Tell Bryan ruined that with a single in the inning, but Cobos only allowed three hits while going the distance. In fact it was Cobos who scored what would turn out to be the winning run for Big

Spring in the first inning. He walked to lead off the inning and eventually scored from third base on a passed ball.

Maverick Yanez's single helped move him to third.

The Steers got an insurance run in the fourth when Raines' base hit scored Isiah Diaz, who had singled.

In Game One it was a pitchers' duel between Escovedo and Hereford's Carlos Duran, and it resulted in a 2-0 Hereford victory.

Big Spring fought to live another day with a 2-1 win in the second game, freshman Raines pitched a 12-strikeout gem to keep Big Spring's hopes alive.

The lanky lefty capped it off by working out of a jam in the seventh. With two runners on, he fanned Bryant and Marcos Zamora to end the game.

In Game One's pitchers' shootout, Duran got the

best of Escovedo. Both brought their 'A' game, but it was Duran who got more help from his teammates as Hereford escaped with a the win. Escovedo had his usual consistent game. He allowed eight hits and struck out six. Duran was a little bit better, tossing a two-hitter, striking out seven.

The Steers mounted one serious scoring threat in the sixth. Joshua Miramontes walked, went to second on a passed ball but was left stranded when Isiah Diaz popped up for the third out.

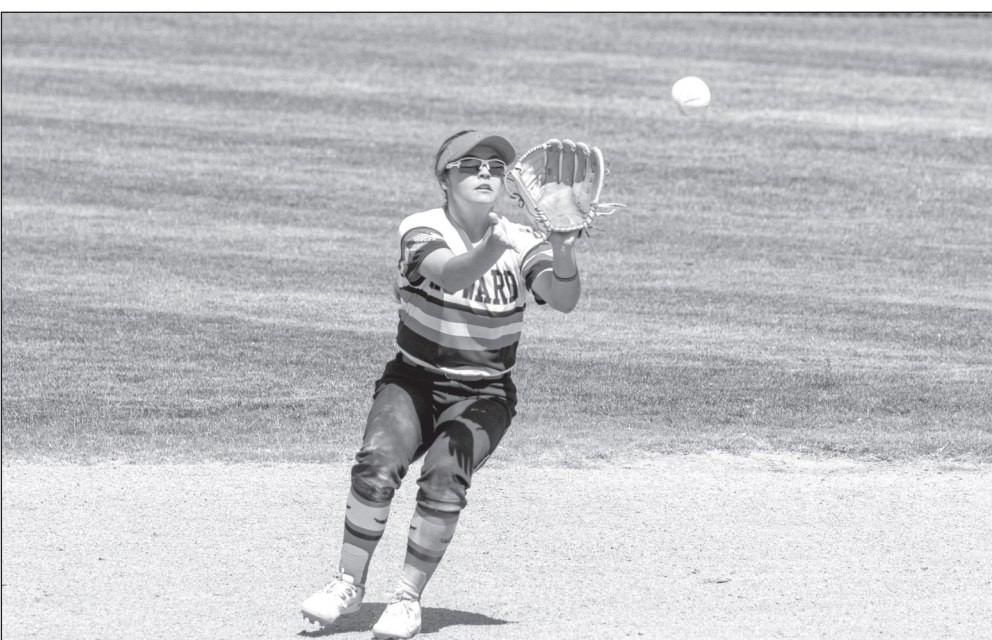
Hereford scored a run in the second when Noah Zamora's single drove in Bryant. The Whitefaces scored an insurance run in the fifth when Zamora drove in another run.

The Steers head to the area round this week. Big Spring is 22-10 for the season. Hereford ends with a 14-4 mark.

Lady Hawks win over Lady Plainsmen in home series



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Top left, Howard College's Brianna Sibrian slides safely into third base with a steal during the Lady Hawk's 10-3 win over Frank Phillips in the first game of a double header played on Friday, May 6, 2022; above, Howard College's Kamryn Cottrell hits a home run during the game; bottom left, Howard College second baseman, Addison Marquez, catches a line drive during the Lady Hawk's 5-4 win over Frank Phillips in the second game of Friday's double-header.

ers Jorja Barrett and Cassie Elliott combined for a two-hitter. Barrett got the win by going the first three inning and striking out four and walking one. Elliott pitched the last two innings of hitless ball They were aided by a couple of fine plays by shortstop Olivia Kuzminski, robbing the Lady Plainsmen of hits.

Madison Dingman got Howard going in the first inning with a single and two stolen bases. She scored the first run of the game when she stole home via a double steal with Sasha Willems who stole second. Willems scored on a base hit by Oliva Vargas.

The hard-hitting Lady Hawks sealed the deal by plating seven on seven hits in third inning. Vargas, Samantha Cervantes, Kamryn Cottell and Willems all doubled in the inning, including Dingman, Briana Sibrian and Christabelle Aguirre each singled in the inning.

Dingman had three base hits in Howard's 13-hit attack. Willems, Cervantes, Sibrian and Vargas each had multiple hit games. Howard, 37-9 for the season will play in the Region V tournament beginning Friday in Lubbock.

Game Three

Frank Phillips - 000-00 - 0-2-0

Howard - 207-0x - 9-13-0

WP - Barrett, LP - Banegas, LOB - FP - 3, HC 4, SB - Howard (Dingman 3, Willems, Sibrian); 2B - HC (Cervantes 2, Willems, Vargas, Cottell).

By STEVE BELVIN

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The Howard College Lady Hawks pronounced themselves fit for the regional tournament as they swept the Frank Phillips Lady Plainsmen in the home finale for Howard.

Howard won Friday's games 5-4 and 10-3 and Saturday's contest 9-0 and 9-1.

In Saturday opener, Howard made quick work of Frank Phillips, ending the game in one hour, 15 minutes with a run rule in the fifth inning. Howard pitch-

Steers Track headed to state meet in Austin this week

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Sports Writer

The experience is what Brandon Clemmons wants his athletes to get. That is the experience of going to a state track meet.

This week the Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers will get that chance at Mike A. Meyers Stadium in Austin. Five members of the Steers and one Lady Steer will be competing against the best in Class 4A in Texas. The 4A competition will be Thursday.

"Some of these kids have never even been to Austin, much less a state track meet. I told them to be ready for the experience. It's like something you've never experienced before. I want them to take it all in and enjoy it," said Clemmons. The Steers contingent consists of 800-meter runner Adrian Solis and 800-meter relay members Vincent Ortiz, Gavin Greathouse, Sa' Quan Fizer and Abram Jackson. Chris Martinez will go as an alternate on the relay.

The Lady Steers will be represented by running-jumping sensation Niomi Wines who will compete in the 200 meters and high jump. Wines, who's originally from Abilene, has been the talk of the West Texas track world. She's had more media interviews than anyone because she is so good, and a freshman.

The quiet-spoken 15-year-old is taking it all in stride.

"It's kind of fun," she said. "I kind of like the attention. I try to stay in the mode that I need to win.

Last year in the eighth grade, I was thinking, 'I want to be in Austin.'"

Her first year against high school completion, she has certainly won. She hasn't lost a high jump competition this season and says she can't remember the last time she was beaten in the event. She'll be one of the favorites in Austin.

Her winning regional jump of 5-5 would have won last's year state 4A competition. At regional she upset Argyle's Shelby Reed, who had jumped 5-7. In Austin the competition will be tight; there are three jumpers who have jumped 5-6.

In the 200 the road will be steep. Wines has a best of 25.40. Ja'Naria Jackson of Terrell, Kennedy DeHorney of Dallas Carter and Bre'anna Lacy of Like Waxahachie all run under 24 seconds.

"I expect I will be nervous, but I do want to be up on that podium," Wines said.

It was highly unlikely that the Steers 800 team would get to Austin. Greathouse and Martinez didn't run track last year, they were all-district guards on the Steers basketball. Fizer, also a basketball player, ran, but his season was cut short by a pulled hamstring. Jackson and Ortiz ran last season. Jackson made it to the finals in the regional last year as a freshman. Greathouse credits Fizer with helping to put the team together.

"He (Fizer) kind of talked me into coming out," said Greathouse. "I ran in junior high But I was focusing on basketball. I thought, 'This is my last year. These guys (teammates) gave me hope. Now

look where we're going.'"

With their time of 1:28.71, the Steers are in the thick of the running. Decateur has the best qualifying time of 1:26.87. The thing about the Big Spring relay, it is improving by leaps and bounds. It has knocked two seconds off its time in the last three weeks.

"It comes down to the handoffs," said Clemmons. "The guys have gotten their track legs now and our handoffs have improved, although we did have a bad handoff on our last leg in regional. I really think we can run in the 1:26s. Anything can happen."

Solis, a junior, got a valuable lesson at the regional meet last year in the 800. In the finals he got himself boxed in by runners and couldn't get out.

"I fixed the problem this year. I try to stay close to the pack. I let the other runners lead, and the last 200 I start my kick," said Solis.

The strategy has worked well for Solis. He, Chris Moreno of San Elizario and Blake Hyatt of Van Alstyne all have runs in the low 1:56 range. Ortiz said the early season success has proved vital to the team.

"Once the season started, we started P'ring (setting personal records) every week. Once we started district the more confident we got. I had a feeling we were going to state," Ortiz said.

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

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10 :30	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso	Today-Hoda	The China Words of	Go Luna Curious	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends	Supernatural				Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Gold Rush: F. Dodge	
11 :30	Jeopardy! News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Good Dish	The Gath Israel	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Gold Rush: F. Dodge	
12 :30	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	Cennet (SS)	Days of our Lives	News Hidden	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot Hot	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter		NHL Hockey: Flames at Stars	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Deadliest Catch	
1 :30	General Hospital	Contigo sí	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	House	Cyber	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Movie: RoboCop, Samuel L. Jackson (DVS)	This Just In	SportsCenter		Last Man Premier	Storage	Deadliest Catch	
2 :30	Rachael Ray	S.O.S. me estoy	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	La mesa caliente	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink Elinor	Monk	Jerry	Friends		NBA Today	This Just In	Ninja Warrior	Premier League Soccer	Storage	Deadliest Catch	
3 :30	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Curious	Divorce	Sheldon	Movie: Terminator: Dark Fate (DVS)		NFL Live	Jalen	Polaris		Storage	Deadliest Catch	
4 :30	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7	En casa con	News	Retro	Almas	25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Sheldon		Around Pardon	This Point	Live on the Line	Goal	Storage		
5 :30	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Tele	News	MMTV	Molly	King	Nick Cannon	Leadoff		SportCir	Wager		Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Deadliest Catch	
6 :30	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Sheldon	CBS 7	ET	News	Freedom	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves.	Pregame	NHL Hockey: First Round: Teams TBA.	NHL Hockey: First Round: Teams TBA.	Rangers	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Deadliest Catch	
7 :30	Holey Moley	Soltero con hijas	The Resident	FBI		Mr. Mayor	Eye on	Odd	Chicago Fire	Naomi			NHL Hockey: First Round: Teams TBA.	NHL Hockey: First Round: Teams TBA.	MLB Baseball: Kansas City Royals at Texas Rangers.	WWE NXT	Storage	Deadliest Catch	
8 :30	The Chase	Mi fortuna es	Name That Tune	FBI: International	Hasta que la plata nos separe (SS)	This Is Us	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Chicago Fire	Naomi			NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Phoenix Suns.	NHL Hockey: First Round: Teams TBA.	NHL Hockey: First Round: Teams TBA.	(:08) WWE Evil	Storage	(:01) Deadliest Catch	
9 :30	Who-Believe?	Madre	FOX 24 News at 9	FBI: Most Wanted		New Amsterdam	Light of Southwest	Cyber	Mike	News	Gold	MLB				Postgame	Miz & Mrs	Storage	(:01) Deadliest Catch
10 :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Pawn	Late Show-Colbert	Programa pagado	Seth Meyers	Creation	Tiger	Minute	black-ish	Sheldon		SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Miz & Mrs	Storage	Deadliest Catch	
11 :30	Nightline	Las tontas no van	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Programa	Top Story With	Light of Southwest	Hero	Springer	Gold	George		SportsCenter	Pardon	NHL Hockey: First Round: Teams TBA.	MLB Baseball: Kansas City Royals at Texas Rangers.	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	(:01) Deadliest Catch
1 :30	Home Meet	Soltero con hijas	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	De'siones	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Prostate	Wipeout		SportsCenter	NHL Hockey: First Round: Teams TBA.	SportsCenter	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	(:01) Deadliest Catch	
2 :30	(:06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Pelicula: La camioneta gris	Minute	A Prom	Gr8	Paid Prg.	HairClub. Let's Talk	Wipeout		NHL Hockey: First Round: Teams TBA.	SportsCenter	Postgame	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Bering Sea Gold	
3 :30	Home	El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU		Programa	Early Tdy	The Is	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Disease	Matters	Charmed	NHL Hockey: First Round: Teams TBA.	SportsCenter	Postgame	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Bering Sea Gold	
4 :30	Momina	Noticiero	Funnv	News	Programa	Early Tdy	The Gath	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Caught	Matters				Postgame	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Bering Sea Gold	

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 10, the 130th day of 2022. There are 235 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 10, 1940, during World War II, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. The same day, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

On this date:

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, New York.

In 1818, American patriot Paul Revere, 83, died in Boston.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was captured by Union forces in Irwinville, Georgia.

In 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was named acting director of the Bureau of Investigation (later known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI).

In 1933, the Nazis

staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, parachuted into Scotland on what he claimed was a peace mission. (Hess ended up serving a life sentence at Spandau Prison until 1987, when he apparently committed suicide at age 93.)

In 1994, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office in Pretoria to become South Africa's first Black president. The state of Illinois executed serial killer John Wayne Gacy, 52, for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

In 1995, 104 miners were killed in an elevator accident in Orkney, South Africa.

In 2002, a tense 39-day-old standoff between Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem ended with 13 suspected militants flown into European exile and 26 released into the Gaza Strip.

In 2013, the Internal Revenue Service apologized for what it acknowledged was "inappropriate" targeting of conservative political groups during the 2012 election to see if they were violating their tax-exempt status.

In 2014, Michael Sam was picked by the St. Louis Rams in the seventh round of the NFL

draft, becoming the first openly gay player drafted by a pro football team. (Sam retired after an unsuccessful stint with the Rams and the Dallas Cowboys.)

Ten years ago: Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney apologized for "stupid" high school pranks that might have gone too far and moved quickly to stamp out any notion that he'd bullied schoolmates because they were gay. In Syria, twin suicide car bombs exploded outside a military intelligence building, killing 55 people. Legendary car designer Carroll Shelby, 89, died in Dallas.

Five years ago: All but ignoring the unfurling drama over Russia and the U.S. election, President Donald Trump sought to advance prospects for cooperation between the former Cold War foes in Syria and elsewhere in a rare Oval Office meeting with Vladimir Putin's top diplomat, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov (sir-GAY' lahv-RAWF').

One year ago: Eleven days of fierce fighting between Israel and Hamas broke out when Hamas fired a barrage of long-range rockets toward Jerusalem in response to what it said were Israeli provocations; Israel quickly responded with a series of airstrikes. U.S. regulators expanded the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine to children as young as 12. The White House said it was monitoring fuel supply shortages

in parts of the Southeast resulting from a ransomware attack that shut down a major pipeline system.

Today's Birthdays:
 Author Barbara Taylor Bradford is 89. R&B singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 84. Actor David Clennon is 79. Writer-producer-director Jim Abrahams is 78. Singer Donovan is 76. Singer-songwriter Graham Goldman (10cc) is 76. Singer Dave Mason is 76. Actor Mike Hagerty is 68. Sports anchor Chris Berman is 67. Actor Bruce Penhall is 65. Former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., is 64. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith, R-Miss., is 63. Actor Victoria Rowell is 63. Rock singer Bono (BAH'-noh) (U2) is 62. Former Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., is 62. Rock musician Danny Carey (Tool) is 61. Actor Darryl M. Bell is 59. Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks is 59. Model Linda Evangelista is 57. Rapper Young MC is 55. Actor Erik Palladino is 54. Rock singer Richard Patrick (Filter) is 54. Actor Lenny Venito is 53. Actor Dallas Roberts is 52. Actor Leslie Stefanson is 51. Actor-singer Todd Lowe is 50. Actor Andrea Anders is 47. Race car driver Helio Castroneves is 47. Rock musician Jesse Vest is 45. Actor Kenan Thompson is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jason Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 42. Actor Odette Annable is 37. Actor Lindsey Shaw is 33. Actor Lauren Potter is 32. Olympic gold medal swimmer Missy Franklin is 27.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Haste makes waste

South dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ J 6
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A K 9 3
 ♣ A 9 7 6 5 2

WEST
 ♠ Q 8 7 2
 ♥ J 8 7 5 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K J 3

EAST
 ♠ K 9 4
 ♥ 10 9 6 3
 ♦ Q 8 7 4
 ♣ Q 10

SOUTH
 ♠ A 10 5 3
 ♥ A K Q
 ♦ J 10 5 2
 ♣ 8 4

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass
 2NT Pass 3♦ Pass
 3NT

Opening lead — five of hearts.

Bridge is, first and foremost, a game of probabilities. Certain bids are made rather than other bids because they figure to produce the best results in the long run. A certain line of play is adopted because it has a greater chance of success than an alternative approach.

Today's deal provides a case in point. North-South arrived at three notrump, and West led a heart. Declarer won and could count seven sure tricks — a spade, three hearts, two diamonds and a club.

A finesse was available in dia-

monds, and if West had the queen, nine tricks would be there for the taking. So South led the jack of diamonds at trick two and let it ride. East won with the queen and returned a heart, and declarer was now in deep trouble. He had no way of establishing a ninth trick before the opponents could collect five, and he finished down one.

In effect, South gave himself about a 50% chance — the probability that West had the diamond queen. But before attempting the diamond finesse, he should have asked himself whether another approach was available that might improve his chances. This might have led him to consider the possibility of trying to establish dummy's clubs, a move that was, percentage-wise, far better than the one he chose.

All that is needed to establish three extra club tricks is a 3-2 division of the missing clubs — a 68% probability. Furthermore, if the clubs fail to divide, he still has the diamond finesse in reserve, giving him better than an 80% chance of success all told.

In the actual deal, South would duck a club at trick two, win the presumed heart return and lead a club to the ace. When the suit broke normally, he would concede a club to West's king and finish with 10 tricks without breaking a sweat.

Tomorrow: It pays to be pessimistic.
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Horoscopes By Holiday

TUESDAY
MAY 10, 2022

Mercury Retrograde

There are forms of communication that allow for undoing. It is possible to unsend on a Slack channel or Instagram message, but it is not possible to unsend what was spoken face to face, texted or emailed. An excellent match of medium to mood can be a saving grace this Mercury retrograde. Consider what to say twice then say it once.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You and a certain someone share a private and unique language. It's the same words you use with the rest of the world, but to the inside group they have special, secret meaning and are a signifier to a growing bond.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Hearing what others think will help you get in touch with your own feelings and thoughts. The opinion you form will be different from the others, which is proof of intellectual rigor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). At one point, you and your friend were strangers finding the common ground. It's something to keep in mind as you deal with the general public now. Among them could be your next good friend.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Once you see where the friction and incongruent parts are, you can make the changes necessary to get everyone and everything working smoothly, unimpeded and moving in the same direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The lines of business and friendship may blur to make it seem as though generosity are bestowed and no one is keeping track. But you are not completely naive to this illusion. When it comes to money, everyone keeps track.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are actions and patterns that were fine for you in the past that you're not willing to repeat. Don't waste time judging who you were. Accept that you're on to something different and enjoy yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a host of reasons for diving into an endeavor, and the money involved is the least significant factor, if it holds any influence at all. Knowing you've made a difference fulfills your heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's like you're trying to put together a puzzle of a maddeningly monochrome picture. Nothing seems to fit. But through trial and error, bit by bit, it all will come together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Although you might not feel what you're doing is all that special, you're too close to the work to know. Besides, such determinations are not up to you. The market determines value. Usefulness is determined by the user.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your belief has a way of making things real, so be very careful where you place it. What would you like to magnify, amplify and/or multiply in your life? Point your faith in that direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you didn't know the lay of the land, it seemed that certain areas were off-limits for you. This was an illusion, and now you know better. You'll go where you please and you'll please where you go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel a little out of place, but you are more qualified for this position than you may think. It's not because of your impressive moves but because of your modesty and compassion, rare qualities in this world.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 10). You'll often be an instrument of the cosmic justice system this year with heaven's bounty at your disposal. How you'll delight in the dispersal of rewards and seeing people thrive as a result. Love in many forms is also a theme of your year. New faces in your social circle keep it lively. Family will make you proud. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 41, 36, 27 and 5.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Taurus is the first earth sign of the zodiac, known for quite literally singing the nature's praises, as Taurus is also the sign that rules the vocal cords. Bono brings together both cosmic gifts. He was one of the first musicians to link environmental and political causes directly to his concerts. Bono also has natal moon and Neptune in secretive Scorpio, the elusive glamour of which are captured in his perennial sunglasses.

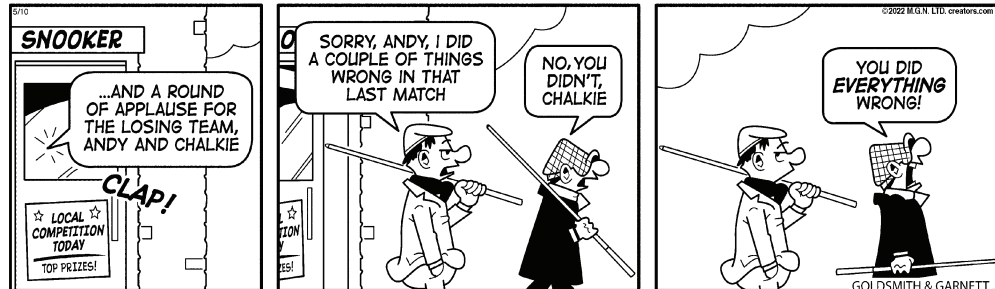
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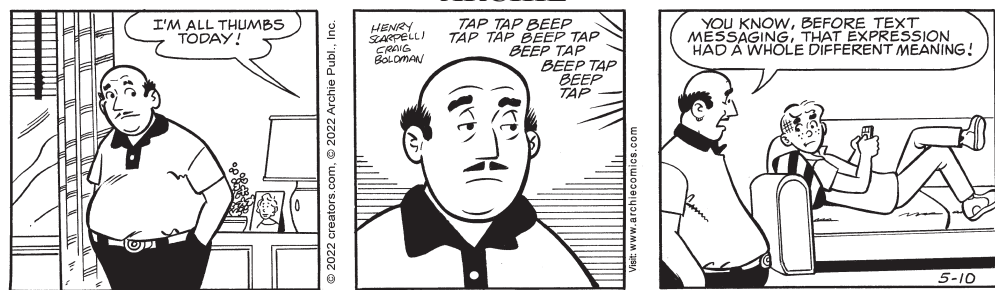
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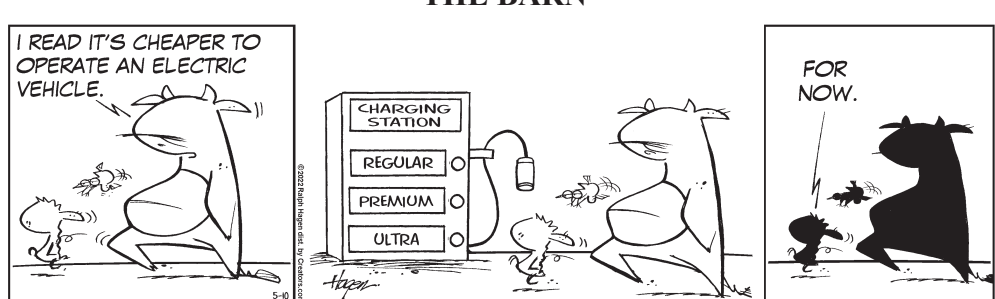
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ONE BIG HAPPY



THE BARN



Newsday Crossword

JOCKEY GEAR by Billie Truitt
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Flex, as biceps
 - 5 Point toward
 - 10 Petty quarrel
 - 14 Aroma
 - 15 ___ minister (British leader)
 - 16 Rail-riding vagabond
 - 17 Fairy tale fiend
 - 18 Sultan's group of wives
 - 19 Not doing anything
 - 20 Cuts costs
 - 23 Male scoundrel
 - 24 Rock extracted from a mine
 - 25 Feeling a need to scratch
 - 28 ___ Beta Kappa
 - 31 Activated, as an alarm
 - 35 In an angry mood
 - 36 Flowers and weeds
 - 38 Make a blunder
 - 39 Receive a suggestion with hostility
 - 42 "___ only as directed"
 - 43 Stubborn and mean
 - 44 Minor shaving mishap
 - 45 The present time
 - 47 "So, without further ___ . . ."
 - 48 Indiana or Idaho
 - 49 Bar bill
 - 51 Family vehicle
 - 52 Place a burden on one's conscience
 - 61 Hawaiian feast
 - 62 Aladdin's magical pal

- 63 Person of action
 - 64 Colored part of the eye
 - 65 Presses clothing
 - 66 Volcano in Sicily
 - 67 Face hider on Halloween
 - 68 Small salamanders
 - 69 Speak hoarsely
- DOWN**
- 1 Rude person
 - 2 Border of a tabletop
 - 3 "Me, neither"
 - 4 Soaking wet
 - 5 Rose-eating insect
 - 6 Teheran's country
 - 7 Marshy ground
 - 8 MasterCard rival
 - 9 Musical pace
 - 10 Black eye, informally
 - 11 Pea holders
 - 12 Having the know-how
 - 13 Tips of boots
 - 21 Blurt out
 - 22 Wipe clean
 - 25 "Life ___ a dream"
 - 26 Sculpture of a body
 - 27 Wept
 - 28 First strategy to try
 - 29 Despised
 - 30 Emcee's opening speech
 - 32 Social ___ (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)
 - 33 Standing upright
 - 34 Male mallard
 - 36 Part of MPH
 - 37 "Love ___ neighbor"
 - 40 Faithful
 - 41 Uninvited visitor
 - 46 When twilight begins
 - 48 Droop
 - 50 Make a start
 - 51 Game with queens and knights
 - 52 Thin in physique
 - 53 Subtle glow
 - 54 Banquet stage
 - 55 Used to be
 - 56 "___ pronounce you . . ."
 - 57 Slight coloring
 - 58 Tiny amount
 - 59 Glass in a monocle
 - 60 Sandy golf hazard

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SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

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!

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

P	S	V	R	A	S	S	I	S	N	E	M	S	K	A	S	K
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Today's Answers

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