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Registration cutoff to vote in city elections nearing

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The last day to register to vote in the Big Spring or Coahoma city elections is Thursday.

Residents who want to participate in the upcoming May 6 city elections and are not already registered must

register by the end of the day Thursday at the Howard County Election's Office located on the first floor of the county courthouse, 300 S. Main St.. Voters who have moved to a different residence since the last election must also inform the election's office by Thursday in order to vote in the upcoming

election.

According to Howard County Election Administrator Jodi Duck, voters can drop by the office during business hours to fill out the necessary paper work. Residents also have the option to go online and obtain the form at www.votetexas.org. Once at the website, click the register to

vote button located at the top of the screen, download and fill out the form, sign it, and bring it by the election's office or place it in the mail by Thursday.

In the Big Spring City Council election, incumbent Raul Marquez is seeking his second term in office to represent District 1. He is being

challenged by Tracy Parker.

Only registered voters with primary residence located in District 1 can vote in the election.

If your Howard County voter registration card states Precinct 11, then you are eligible to vote in this race.

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Blood drive scheduled for Monday at HC

By AMANDA ELSTON
 Managing Editor

Howard College is teaming up with United Blood Services (UBS) next week to help save local lives. On Monday, April 10, Howard College will be hosting UBS in the Student Union Building Fireplace Room from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a blood drive.

In addition to knowing that donors have helped save lives with their blood donation, UBS is making sure that no one goes home empty-handed from the drive.

"Donors can get two Cinemark movie passes, 1,200 Hero Points that can be redeemed online for movie passes or restaurant gift

cards or iTunes gift cards and more," said Linda Grace, senior donor recruitment representative in an e-mail. "... Pizza, snacks, and water will be provided."

To sign up ahead of time, which is encouraged, those interested can call 877-UBS-HERO or go to bloodhero.com. Grace encourages those who are signed up ahead of time to complete the UBS questionnaire the day of their appointment for a quicker donation.

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Ready to Master the Mountain?



HERALD file photo

Despite the West Texas wind, runners and walkers hit the pavement during the 2016 Master the Mountain 5/10K run and walk at the Big Spring State Park. This year's 5/10K run and walk will take place at the state park on April 22.

By ROBERT BARLOW
 Staff Writer

Runners and walkers alike are preparing for the 19th annual Master the Mountain 5K/10K at the Big Spring State Park on April 22.

For almost 20 years, the state park has been home to the Master the Mountain fun-run and race which has brought a span of people from across the Permian Basin.

"We have such a different venue on the mountain. There's nothing like it in Midland or Odessa," said event organizer Cherise Felty. "People come from all around the area because the park is so unique."

This run is just one of many

that Permian Basin Events puts together to help people get outside and stay fit. Felty said the event is very family friendly and there are several families who do the run together. The event is open to everyone from young to old, no matter what your fitness level may be.

"People can bring strollers and small children, we (Felty's family) have done it three generations, and we all do it together," said Felty.

Felty also stressed the importance of the run and other events like it on how they have a impact on the community and get people outside and staying healthy.

"It helps by giving back to the community and encour-

ages people to take care of their health," said Felty.

The event usually draws in over a hundred participants and there will be prizes for first, second, and third place. However, everyone receives a medal for finishing as well as a t-shirt.

Each year the run has a benefit target, and this year the target was the Permian Basin Women's Resource Center.

Those interested in participating in the run are strongly advised to register ahead of time.

To register, participants can go online to www.permianbasinevents.com or runners/walkers can show up by 8 a.m. April 22, the day of the race.

Border turns quiet under Trump amid steep drop in arrests

MCALEN, Texas (AP) — Just five people were eating dinner on a recent weeknight at a Texas church that is a stopping point for newly arrived immigrants on the U.S.-Mexico border. On a typical night last year, hundreds of immigrants might come through the church.

Immigrants who are still coming say many people in their home countries are staying home amid fears about President Donald Trump's immigration rhetoric, putting off coming to the U.S. un-

til they see how his policies play out.

"There are mothers who heard that Trump might change the law to remove parents and keep the children here," said Jose Gonzalez, a 29-year-old father of two from El Salvador. "That stopped a lot of people."

The first months of the new administration have seen a huge drop in the number of people being caught by agents on the U.S.-Mexico border, raising the possibility that a

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For Dr. McDaniel, a new journey begins



Courtesy photo

A large crowd gathered at the historic Hotel Settles last Sunday to give well wishes to Dr. Clark McDaniel, pictured center holding an umbrella, who recently retired from clinic work. He will continue in the medical field in an advisory role for Family Medical Center. His patient records will be kept at the Family Medical Center office — 1605 W. Eleventh Place.

It's time to Relay

Registration is now being taken for cancer survivors/caregivers who will be attending the 2017 Howard/Glasscock County Relay for Life.

To register by phone or online call 1-800-227-2345 or go to www.relayforlife.org/bigspringtx. For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.



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Obituaries

Charlotte (Yoshiko Sasai) Brackett



Charlotte (Yoshiko Sasai) Brackett, 96 was called home by her Lord and Savior on March 28, 2017. She was born on March 22, 1921, in Hiroshima, Japan.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 8, 2017, at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband James Brackett in 1984; and a son, Steven Brackett in 2012.

Charlotte attended school in Japan and was also a survivor of the atomic bomb when it was dropped in Hiroshima during World War II. She would soon meet and marry James Brackett on Sept. 12, 1954. They had five children.

James was in the Air Force when they met. They ultimately moved to the states and were finally

transferred to Big Spring, where he retired from the military. Charlotte lived there until 2004. She then moved to Lubbock, Texas, to be closer to all of her children; and then to Granbury, Texas, in 2014.

Charlotte was a housewife during her children's formative years, and began work in 1967 at the Big Spring Country Club. She was a permanent fixture there and was loved by all who met her and knew her. She was known for her kindness, generosity, cheerfulness, and loving spirit. She retired in 2004.

Charlotte had a tremendous and undeniable love for her family and her biggest joy and happiness came from her children and grandchildren whom she adored! That love was always reciprocated!

She is survived by her children, Larry Brackett and his wife Nancy, Alice Borron, Patti Dishman, and her husband Chuck, and Carol Fleming and her husband Steve; 15 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury, Texas. www.wileyfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Mike R. Butler

Mike R. Butler, age 68, of Camp Wood, Texas, went to meet the Lord on March 30, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas.

Mike was born in Odessa, Texas, on Aug. 3, 1948. Mike was preceded in death by his father, Bill M. Butler; mother, Edith O. Woody; and brother, Billy Anthony "Tony" Butler.

Those left to honor and cherish his memory are his son, Michael Shane Butler of Conroe, Texas; and a niece, Martha King of League City.

Mike was a one in a million, who never met a stranger and always left you with a memory. He

will be greatly missed by family, friends, and the many individuals that crossed his path.

Visitation will be held Thursday evening 4 to 7 p.m. at Nelson Funeral Chapel in Camp Wood. Funeral services will be Friday, April 7, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the House of Praise, located on Hwy 55 in Barksdale and officiated by Brother Carroll. Grave-side service will follow at the Garden of Memories Cemetery on Hwy 377 just east of Camp Wood.

The family invites you to leave a condolence at www.nelsonfuneralhomes.net. Arrangements are under the personal care of Nelson Funeral Home of Camp Wood, Texas.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **SAMANTHA ODESSA-JEAN JOHNSON**, 27, of 2100 Morrison Dr. was arrested on a charge of abandoning or endangering a child with intent to return.

- **KATHRYN VIRGINIA HAMRICK**, 55, of 1801 Ave. X in was arrested on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson Street.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3100 block of South Highway 87, the 600 block of East Sixth Street, the 600 block of South Bell Street, and the 1700 block of East FM 700.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 33, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

- **LISA NICOLE GOMEZ**, 29, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram); on a warrant for credit card or debit card abuse; and on charges of aggravated assault against a public servant, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, abandoning or endangering a child, and fail-

ure to identify/fugitive intentionally giving false information.

- **AMANDA MARIE HEFFINGTON**, 37, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify/fugitive intentionally giving false information.

- **KAREN MESHELLE HORN**, 34, was booked by BSPD on warrants for expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **MELISSA MAY LINDSEY**, 41, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, and running a red light.

- **CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY LOPEZ**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct/fighting.

- **DANIEL NICHOLAS LO-**

PEZ, 20, was booked by BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **ANSELMO VICENTE RANGEL**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.); and on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

- **LINDA RENE TORRES**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.

- **LINDA CORTEZ WHITE**, 47, was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **ZACHARY RYAN ZAMORA**, 17, was booked by BSPD on charges of criminal mischief (less than \$100); and resisting arrest, search, or transport.

Take Note

- Forsan Elementary School has scheduled Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7 in the elementary office located at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas. The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. In order to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, the student must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Must be unable to speak or comprehend English; the household fully qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches; the family is homeless; one or more parents are on active-duty military service or have been injured or killed while serving on active duty; or the child is in foster care.

- If your child meets one of the above criteria, please bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), proof of income (paycheck stub for ALL household income), and enrolling parent/guardian driver's license.

- Coahoma ISD Pre-K pre-registration is from April 18-21 at the Coahoma Elementary Office between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, parents must first go to administration building to obtain a proof of residency by taking a bill that has your address on it and then head to the elementary and fill out a pre-registration form. You must bring the following: a state sealed birth certificate (not the hospital issued one with footprints), the child's Social Security card and shot record, and the parent's driver's license. All documents must be originals, no copies. The student must meet the following qualifications:

- Transfers accepted for Pre-K.
- Students must be four on or before Sept. 1.
- Be unable to speak and comprehend the English language
- Be educationally disadvantaged, which means a student eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program.

- Be homeless, as defined by 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1143a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child

- Be the child of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; or is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty

- Be in, or have been in, the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code.

- The 19th annual "Master the Mountain" event will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Big Spring State Park. Master the Mountain will consist of both a 10K run and a 5K fun run/walk. Master the Mountain will help support the Permian Basin Women's Resource Center (The Life Center of Big Spring) and Big Spring State Park. Those interested in participating in the event can register online at www.permianbasinevents.com, by email at info@permianbasinevents.com or usatcraig@suddenlink.net; or in person at 8 a.m. on race day.



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Burl Elton Dennis

Burl Elton Dennis, 90, of Cedar Park, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, April 3, 2017, at his residence.

Graveside funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 2017, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

He was born March 9, 1927, in Nolan County, Texas, and married Elizabeth "Libby" Walker Sept. 5, 1944, in Big Spring, Texas. She preceded him in death April 19, 1995. He then married Evelyn Ray Love May 10, 1997, and she preceded him in death Dec. 17, 2007.

Burl came to Big Spring in 1944 at the age of 17. He went to work at the Big Spring State Hospital, where he met his wife, Libby. He worked as a barber for many years, and returned to work at the state hospital, retiring in 1988. Burl was a longtime member of the First Assembly of God Church, serving as a Deacon many years. He was an avid golfer and had many golfing buddies at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Survivors include his daughter, Merlee Walter and husband Jonathan of Cedar Park; and two grandchildren, Justin McWethy of Corpus Christi and Moriah Walter of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Lennie Mallon Dennis; and two brothers, Truman Dennis and Mallon Dennis.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Bonnie Cantu

Bonnie Cantu, 47, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at her home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5500 block of Walter Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3100 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of South Main Street.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of Morrison. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Virginia Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Drexel. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Dogwood.

- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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.

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VOTE

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Four candidates are vying for two at-large seats on the Coahoma city council. Voters have the choice of Jay Holt, Brandy Manning, — both incumbents — T.J. Rueda, and John Mulkey. If your voter registration card states Precinct 207C, then you are eligible to vote in this election.

Early voting for city elections begins April 25 and continues through May 2 at the Howard County Elections Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Voting hours will be extended from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 27 and May 2.

In order to vote, you must show one of the following ID:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS.
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS.
- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS.
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph.
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph.
- United States passport.

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

If you don't have any of the above forms of ID, you can apply for Election Identification Certificates at any DPS driver's license offices during regular busi-

ness hours. You can also provide one of the following supporting forms of ID: Valid voter registration certificate, certified birth certificate (must be an original), copy of an original current utility bill, copy of an original bank statement, copy of an original government check, copy of an original paycheck, and copy of an original government document with your name and an address (original required if it contains a photograph). You must also sign a reasonable impediment declaration. By signing this form, the voter swears under penalty of perjury that he or she is the person who is on the voter register rolls and has a reasonable impediment for not being able to obtain one of the seven acceptable forms of ID.

Several city and school board positions went uncontested this year. The following are a list of elections cancelled and their winners because the race was uncontested.

Big Spring City Council
District 3: Terry McDaniel
District 4: Howard Stewart

Big Spring ISD
District 1: Thomas Olague.
District 3: Julie Harris
District 6: Manny Chavira

Coahoma City Council
Mayor: Warren Wallace

Coahoma ISD

Three at-large positions: Kandy Alaman, Lori Martinez, and Michael Brooks.

City of Forsan
Three at-large positions: Mary Gressett, Ramon Holguin, and Fred Holguin.

Forsan ISD
Three at-large positions: Jimmy Miller, Beckie Wash, and Glen Graves.

North Korea may have tested new technology in latest missile

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The missile in North Korea's latest launch didn't fly very far, but it may have been the second test of a technology that worries experts.

The launch Wednesday into waters off North Korea's east coast came shortly before U.S. President Donald Trump's first meeting with Chinese leader Xi Jinping later this week, raising speculation that it might have been timed to get their attention.

Initial U.S. and South Korean assessments indicate it was a KN-15 medium-range missile, whose first known test by North Korea was in February.

The KN-15, known as "Pukguksong-2" in North Korea, uses pre-loaded solid fuel, which shortens launch preparation times, boosts its mobility and makes it harder for outsiders to detect ahead of liftoff. Most North Korean missiles use liquid propellant, which generally must be added to the missile on the launch pad before firing.

The South Korean military said the missile was fired from land near the east coast city of Sinpo and flew about 60 kilometers (40 miles). The earlier one in February flew about 500 kilometers (310 miles). Analysts were trying to determine if the shorter distance meant

Wednesday's launch was a failure.

One expert said it could have been a test of a new missile intended as a stepping stone toward developing a solid-fuel intercontinental ballistic missile that could reach the U.S. mainland. Kim Dong-yub, an analyst at Seoul's Institute for Far Eastern Studies, questioned why North Korea would do a shorter launch of the KN-15.

"There's absolutely no reason for North Korea to fire the KN-15 again this way; the launch measurements show something similar to when developing missiles are flight-tested for the first time for data-gathering purposes," he said.

The KN-15 is believed to be an upgraded version of the submarine-launched "Pukguksong" launched last summer. Many experts say a "Pukguksong-2" missile would be a greater security threat, because it can be launched anywhere from a mobile vehicle. While submarines are a stealthy way to do that, North Korea doesn't have enough of them.

Ralph Cossa, president of the Pacific Forum CSIS think tank in Honolulu, said he was expecting North Korea would do something to coincide with the Trump-Xi summit, perhaps

conduct a nuclear test. The missile launch may be a precursor, with more to come as the summit starts Thursday, he said.

"I've joked before that they don't mind being hated but they definitely hate to be ignored," Cossa said.

Recent satellite imagery shows possible preparations for a test at North Korea's main nuclear test site, including the laying of communication cables used to initiate a test and collect data.

North Korea's state media have said the world will soon witness what they called "eventful successes" in the country's space development. The United States, South Korea and others call North Korea's space program a cover for its long-range missile development program.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry called the North's latest missile launch a "reckless provocation" that posed a threat to international peace, while Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said his country lodged a strong protest over the launch.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson acknowledged the launch in a brief statement but said the U.S. had spoken enough about North Korea and would not comment further.

DRIVE

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"To speed up the donation process, they can fill out the Fast Track questionnaire on the day they donate," said Grace. "It's virtually done. They can do it on their computer or cell phone. It has to

be done on the same day. They can print out the bar code when they finish if they are on the computer or if they do it on their phones, they can screenshot the barcode. That'll help save time."

According to Grace, all blood types are welcome.

Donors must be at least 16 years old, weight at least 110

pounds, and be in good health to donate.

Donors between 16 and 22 must meet additional height and weight requirements. 16 year old donors must present a minor donor permit form signed by a parent or guardian. The permit can be found online at www.unitedbloodservices.org.

QUIET

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"Trump effect" is keeping migrants away.

Fewer than 12,500 people were caught at the southern border in March, the lowest monthly figure in at least 17 years and the second straight month that border arrests dropped sharply. Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, in testimony submitted to a Senate committee, called the decline "no accident" and credited Trump.

But those working in shelters and experts on migration say it will take several more months to judge whether any drop-off is lasting, and that the numbers could surge again as quickly as they've fallen.

Trump's vows to step up deportations and build his signature border wall were widely spread in Central America, according to three migrants who recently arrived in Texas and spoke to the Associated Press. Kelly also announced last month that authorities might start separating adults and children crossing the border, to deter families from trying to enter the U.S.

For years, tens of thousands of migrants every month would cross the United States' south-

ern border. Traffic has surged in recent years of people crossing into Texas from three Central American countries torn by gang violence and poverty: El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Former President Barack Obama's administration also publicized deportations and tried to dissuade Central Americans from heading north, particularly during the 2014 surge of families and children traveling alone to cross the border. Officials took credit when border arrests fell during his tenure, only to see the numbers rise again.

Some think the real "Trump effect" was pushing fearful people to move up their journeys and get to the U.S. before he took office. Border arrests in October, November and December increased by about a third compared to the same period in 2015, before falling this year.

"The election and the possibility that the wall, everything was going to happen, encouraged them to come now," said Sister Norma Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, which operates the shelter at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen.

Trump focused on the constant flow of mi-

grants from the start of his campaign, when he denounced border crossers as criminals and rapists, and repeatedly promised to build a wall and step up deportations. His administration has started taking bids to build a wall and requested funding for more immigration judges and Border Patrol agents.

Most agree Trump's statements affected migrant traffic. Four shelters along the Texas portion of the border, where most crossers enter the United States, say they've seen their numbers fall to a fraction of what they were seeing late last year. And La 72, a shelter near the Mexico-Guatemala border, saw its numbers in February and March fall by nearly half compared to the same months in 2016, suggesting that fewer people are leaving Central America.

Traffickers that operate in cartel-dominated parts of Mexico, known as "coyotes," were rumored to use the American election as a marketing tool. Rumors spread that if Democrat Hillary Clinton won, would-be migrants were told to make it to the U.S. ahead of the election to get a free pass to stay in the country. And if Trump won, they should rush north before he could build a border wall.

Higher demand allowed the smugglers to charge more to get to the U.S. last year, according to Guadalupe Correa Cabrera, a professor at the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley.

Experts say they want to see if migrant numbers stay low during the summer months, when migration generally rises. Those who have long worked with migrants predict that as long as parts of Central America remain in turmoil, people will try to head north — whether or not the U.S. builds a wall or separates immigrant parents and children.

"If things get worse in their countries, and the situation with gangs does not get better, we will see them come," Pimentel said.

Gonzalez said he left El Salvador because he feared the gangs and the constant threat of being robbed or attacked.

Relatives in the United States lent him \$15,000 to hire a smuggler for him and his children, ages 10 and 8. They rode in buses and a trailer through Mexico before safely sneaking across the Rio Grande in a month-long journey.

Sitting at Sacred Heart last month, Gonzalez and his children finished bowls of soup and waited for a bus to take them west toward relatives in California.

He hoped that if even if he was deported, his children would be allowed to stay and go to

school, while he tried to come back.

"You're conscious of taking that risk coming here," Gonzalez said. "But it's a risk you take to make things better for your family."

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Roger's Retro Reviews: *The Shining*

This is the third Stanley Kubrick film I have reviewed for Roger's Retro Reviews. Faithful readers may recall that I have previously reviewed "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned To Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" and "2001: A Space Odyssey" in this column. This week's Retro movie doesn't boast a fancy subtitle like the other two, but what it lacks in title length, it makes up for in good movie crafting.

"The Shining," based on Stephen King's novel of the same name is a psychological horror movie centered around the Torrance family as they spend the winter in the remote, sprawling Overlook Hotel in the Colorado Rocky Mountains. Jack Torrance (Jack Nicholson), a former school teacher and aspiring writer, takes a



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tel also has the "shining" ability.

The family is left alone at the hotel, and Jack begins trying to work on his writing. During explorations of the hotel on his tricycle, Danny sees several strange visions, including the two girls from his previous visions, who invite him to play with them... forever. Wendy learns that the phone lines are out and radios the nearby ranger station. The ranger advises her to leave the radio on just in case.

Wendy hears Jack screaming; he's fallen asleep at his typewriter and is having a nightmare. After she wakes him, he says he had a terrible nightmare in which he killed Wendy and Danny. Danny arrives with bruises on his neck, and Wendy accuses Jack of hurting him. Upset by the accusation, Jack wanders off. In the Gold Room bar, Jack finds nothing but empty liquor shelves until he says aloud that he'd sell his soul for a beer. Then he discovers an unexplained bartender (the hotel is supposed to be deserted except for



job as winter caretaker for the hotel. In the job interview, the hotel manager (Barry Nelson) lets Jack know that a previous caretaker, Charles Grady, went nuts and killed his wife and two young daughters with an axe before taking his own life with a shotgun. While Jack is interviewing, his wife Wendy (Shelley Duvall) and son Danny (Danny Lloyd) are in the family apartment. During their conversation, it's revealed that Danny has an imaginary friend (Tony) who doesn't want to go to the hotel for the winter. When Danny asks him why, he experiences a vision of two young girls and a deluge of blood flooding out from an elevator before passing out. Wendy calls a doctor (Anne Jackson) to check on him, but the doc can find nothing wrong. She suggests that strong emotions can cause fainting spells in children. During their conversation, Wendy reveals that Jack is an alcoholic who accidentally dislocated Danny's shoulder, but the incident shocked him into giving up alcohol and he's been sober for five months.

Jack gets the job and the family heads to the hotel. During the tour, are shown the hotel's "Snowcat" tracked vehicle and the gigantic hedge maze with 13-foot-high hedges. They meet hotel chef Dick Hallorann (Scatman Crothers), who takes Wendy and Danny to see the hotel kitchen, while Jack continues his tour with the manager. In the kitchen, Hallorann apparently speaks telepathically to Danny, asking if he wants some ice cream. Later, while his parents talk with the manager, Danny is treated by Hallorann to ice cream, while the man explains that they both have a psychic ability called "shining," which lets them communicate telepathically and see glimpses of the past and the future. Danny asks Hallorann if there's anything to be scared of at the hotel, and specifically asks about room 237. Hallorann tells Danny that there's nothing in room 237, but warns him not to go in there, saying that the ho-

tel (the Torrances) named Lloyd (Joe Turkel), who serves him bourbon on the rocks and listens patiently to his complaints about Wendy.

Strange events continue to fuel Jack's descent into madness. Hallorann, on vacation in Florida, apparently hears a telepathic call for help from Danny, and begins making phone calls. When neither he nor the forest rangers can reach the hotel, he begins making his way back to the Overlook by plane and a borrowed Snowcat.

And things continue from bad to worse.

There's a lot going on in this movie, and it's (intentionally) hard to tell at times whether events are actually supernatural or products of Jack's deranged mental state. Much of what occurs could feasibly be all in his mind. Nicholson plays an excellent madman, but then, Jack Nicholson always looks like a madman. It's a slight problem because he doesn't look quite...normal...enough at the beginning of the movie.

Duvall plays Wendy as a mousy thing always willing to look for the best in her husband until she simply can't ignore his insanity any longer.

The cinematography is amazing in this movie. The opening credits are laid over shots of Jack driving up to his interview at the Overlook, through the beautiful scenery of the Rocky Mountains. The audience follows his yellow Volkswagen Beetle in footage shot from a helicopter trailing the car, to the accompanying uncanny tones of Berlioz's "Dies Irae" from "Symphonie Fantastique."

It's a very stirring contrast between visual and audio. Kubrick also frequently makes use of slow dissolves from one scene to another, overlapping the two in the process, which creates some strange effects. At one point, the camera is focused on a photo of Jack. It then dissolves into a closer shot of the same photo, and during the transition, his

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Check this out at the Howard County Library

This week I will start with the western books.

In "The Western Double" by Max Brand (LP W BRA M), Samuel Cross was raised with a book always in his hands by his widowed mother. His uncle wanted him to be strong and able to fend for himself so he taught Sam how to fight and use a weapon. Sam proved to be as adept at these subjects as he had been at book learning. When Sam was eighteen, he took a job working for a trader as a well-paid clerk and watchdog of the business. When the district marshal confronts Sam about his notoriety and reputation as a safety killer, Sam decides to leave and learn how to live right. Sam's strength and skill with a gun make him both friends and enemies. One night he is saved from a fatal stabbing by Charles Granville. Recognizing a startling resemblance between himself and Sam, Granville proposes that Sam repay him by taking part in a daring deceit of posing as Granville when requested. Feeling indebted, Sam agrees but wonders if he can pull off the masquerade and fool Granville's family and friends.



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"Longriding Lawman" by Peter Dawson (LP W DAW P) is a Western sextet that includes:

"Back-Trail Bondage" about ex-convict Red Sutrow who is not legally allowed to carry a gun until the day two hardcases are shooting up the saloon and the sheriff hands him the gun.

"Death Ride Out of Yuma" is the story of Trent Stone, an older man released from prison who hopes he can prove he was framed and change his son's mind about him.

In "A Badge for a Tinhorn," Clay Whitehead is known for his quickness with a gun. A U.S. Marshal finally convinces Clay to carry a badge and get to the bottom of a murder.

"Even Money He Dies at Noon!" is the way a wager is going against small rancher Bill Nichols when he rides into town and into an ambush set by Guy Mooney, owner of the Slash M.

"Bullets Are My Destiny" is about rancher Steve Ash, whose partner is murdered.

Steve knows who committed the crime and devises a strategy to catch him without firing a shot.

In "Longriding Lawman," outlaw Blaze Hefflin recognized Sheriff John Branch as a man wanted on an open warrant from twenty years before and tries to use the fact to blackmail the sheriff.

In "Ride the Wild Country," by Cliff Farrell (LP W FAR C), the records of the United States Army state that Webb Jernegan was a murderer and a fugitive. He had been court-martialed for the murder of his commanding officer, Captain Sidney Raines and was convicted and sentenced to hang.

His brother Terry was sentenced to twenty years in prison as his accomplice. Elias Barnes, his good friend and former sergeant, helped Webb escape. Twice they tried to get Terry out and failed. Believing Raines had set them up and was still alive, Webb figured out the only way to get Terry

out to find Raines and bring him back to face his crimes and clear their names. For three years, Webb and Eli evaded capture in a desperate search for Raines. Finally Webb caught up with his man, but they had dangerously underestimated the treacherous deceit of their quarry. The chase had only begun, and it would lead them through a shipwreck and down a desert trail called Hell's Highway.

In "Summer of the Gun" by Wil Henry (LP W HEN W), a pack of Confederate renegade came thundering in looking for captives.

They made easy prey of the McCalister women, but they hadn't reckoned on Bubba McCalister, the thirteen-year-old feisty boy who set out to save his mother and sister. Mounted on a brave old horse, armed with luck, guts, and a rusty Walker Colt nearly half his size, the boy could do plenty of equalizing.

"Wind River" by Les Savage, Jr. (LP W SAV L) is a Western Duo that includes:

"The No-Gun Marshal" where City Marshal Lee Britt is back on the job after having been wounded in the right hand by Ron Dary in an ambush. Britt had a reputation with that gun hand, but now the hand is useless. Any future confrontation with Dary will have to be without a gun.

In "Wind River," Frank Ives is pursued by Jack Border, who believes his brother was lynched because of an editorial Ives wrote. Ives intends to work as a cowboy, hiring on with Tom Russell who owns the Anchor brand. Unfortunately Ives puts himself right in the middle of a feud between Anchor and the Thaynes. With the death of Peter Thayne, the feud has become deadly. Ives has been avoiding guns, but now he may have to change his mind. Trying to run again is an option, but one that is hindered by Sabina Thayne, who stops him cold, holding a rifle on him.

"The Horse Thieves" by Giles Tippet (LP W TIP G) is a Warner Grayson Novel. A gang of Mexican bandits robbed Warner Grayson and left him to die. Warner spied his salvation: a proud, beautifully lined horse of a breed he had never seen before that was as lost and desperate as he was himself.

Only a consummate horseman like Warner could save the horse's life and his own in the bargain. If he survived, he swore he'd hunt down each of the bandits who had wanted him dead. With the horse's help, Warner found water and made his way to an old friend who helped him get back on his feet. After a few days of rest and recovery, Warner was ready to seek revenge on the bandits who had not only tortured him, but had also killed his partner. With his quest for vengeance came Laura Pico, the fiery, beautiful rancher made a widow by the same bandits, with her own bloody score to settle.

That will be all for this week so leave you with a quote from Mortimer J. Adler: "Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life."

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Trump revokes Alaska refuge rule; change may be symbolic

By DAN JOLING

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The state of Alaska's toolkit for increasing moose and caribou numbers includes killing wolf pups in dens, shooting wolf packs from helicopters, and adopting liberal hunting regulations that allow sportsmen to shoot grizzlies over bait.

But when state officials wanted to extend "predator control" to federal wildlife refuges, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said no. And after years of saying no, the agency late last year adopted a rule to make the denial permanent.

Alaska's elected officials called that an outrage and an infringement on state rights. The dispute reached the White House.

President Donald Trump on Monday signed a resolution approved by the U.S. House and Senate to revoke a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule banning most predator control on Alaska refuges. Alaska's lone U.S. representative, Republican Don Young, says Alaska was promised it could manage game animals. Refuge overseers have ignored the law, he said.

"Some of you will say, 'Oh, we have to protect the wolf puppies,'" Young told colleagues on the floor of the House. "That's not what it's about. It's about the law."

Congress explicitly gave Alaska authority to manage wildlife in the Alaska Statehood Act and two more laws, U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, an Alaska Republican, said after voting to revoke the rule.

Alaska's 16 national wildlife refuges cover about 120,000 square miles (310,800 sq. kilometers), an area slightly smaller than the state of New Mexico. Residents of rural villages living a subsistence lifestyle rely on refuges as hunting grounds. So do urban sportsmen.

Critics contend Alaska officials use unsportsmanlike techniques that would have horrified Teddy Roosevelt, creator of the first federal refuge, to boost moose and caribou numbers. Sportsmanship, however, is not a consideration, according to state



This March 13, 2009, file photo shows three moose browsing near Anvik, Alaska. President Donald Trump on Monday, April 3, 2017, signed a resolution approved by the U.S. House and Senate to revoke a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule banning most predator control on Alaska refuges, a program that state wildlife officials use to kill bears and wolves to boost caribou and moose populations. (AP Photo/Al Grillo, File)

authorities, when it comes to surgically removing certain numbers of predators to benefit prey populations.

Predators can kill more than 80 percent of the moose and caribou that die during an average year, according to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Alaska's mandate for killing predators comes from a law passed by the state Legislature recognizing that certain moose, caribou, and deer populations are especially important human food sources. When those populations drop too low, the Alaska Board of Game, which regulates, hunting and trapping, can authorize "intensive management."

The focus once was almost totally wolves. Since 1993, the state has killed hundreds along with lesser numbers of black and grizzly bears that prey on caribou or moose calves.

Federal wildlife refuges operate un-

der a different mandate. For example, the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, where the state in 2010 sought to kill wolves from helicopters to protect caribou on Unimak Island, was created by Congress with the mission of conserving animal populations and habitats "in their natural biodiversity."

Geoff Haskett, former Alaska regional director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said the agency adopted the rule for Alaska refuges after repeatedly fending off state attempts to extend predator control in direct conflict with refuge purposes. Some attempts up in court. For two years, he said, the state authorized an overharvest by hunters of grizzly bears on the Kenai Peninsula. The agency closed the Kenai Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge in response.

"Brown bear biologists from both the state side and the federal side had

real concerns about the amount of unlimited harvest and the amount of females that would be taken by what was proposed by the state," Haskett said.

Haskett left the agency and is now acting director of the National Wildlife Refuge Association. Even though President Trump signed the congressional resolution, Haskett believes it will not give the state of Alaska carte blanche to begin predator control on federal refuges.

"It doesn't change the laws and authorities and existing regulations that the service already has," Haskett said. "It's really back to square one."

Ken Marsh, spokesman for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, agreed. Without a blanket rule, federal refuge managers likely will consider predator control requests on a case-by-case basis, he said, under provisions of federal environmental law.

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hairline in one image forms a perfect little Hitler moustache on his upper lip in the other image. Stuff like that.

There's a bunch of weird stuff in the film that I'm convinced Kubrick did intentionally to heighten the audience's sense of unease and discomfort. For example, as characters move around the Overlook (especially Danny rumbling around on his trike), the audience begins to sense that the corridors and rooms and windows don't quite work right. There are windows from rooms to the outside where they couldn't be, guest room doors that couldn't possibly open onto actual guest rooms, and the like. In the opening aerial shot of the hotel, the huge hedge maze is nowhere to be seen. And there are little things too. Before Wendy and Danny even get to the hotel, we see the door of Danny's bedroom is covered with cartoon stickers, including one of Dopey, the dwarf from Snow White. The next time we see the door, Dopey is missing. In one scene Wendy and Jack are talking, and we see a highbacked chair in the background behind Jack; the camera cuts to Wendy, and then when it cuts back, the chair is gone. Just little things you might easily overlook (see what I did there?) but your unconscious mind realizes that something isn't quite right.

Prior to watching "The Shining" (again) for my review, I watched a documentary called "Room 237," which details a lot

of the making of the movie and outlines some fairly bizarre theories about Kubrick's intentions in making it. I have to admit that some of the stuff I mentioned in my review, I never would have noticed if not for this movie (and the internet research it inspired me to do).

Good, thought-provoking movie. Eight and a half stars out of 10.

The Shining
Director: Stanley Kubrick
Writer: Screenplay by Stanley Kubrick and Diane Johnson, based on the novel by Stephen King
Production company: The Producer Circle Company, Peregrine Productions, Hawk Films
R, 2 hrs. 26 min., Drama/Horror, June 13, 1980

Texas Legislature begins work on special education overhaul

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State lawmakers have begun working on a raft of bills overhauling special education in Texas.

The House Public Education Committee on Tuesday is discussing proposals prohibiting the state from capping the number of students eligible for special education instruction.

Other measures would increase funding for educating autistic and dyslexic children and tweak high school graduate requirements for special education students.

The bills come after a series of stories in the Houston Chronicle revealed that, in 2004, Texas quietly instituted an arbitrary, 8.5-percent enrollment cap on the

number of students eligible to get special education instruction.

The U.S. Department of Education is now investigating.

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Steers can't erase one run deficit in 3-2 loss to Snyder

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers varsity baseball team hit the road to Snyder for a district game against the Tigers last night where they found themselves down in the fifth inning unable to bounce back in a 3-2 heartbreaker loss.

The first two innings consisted of three quick outs from both sides and a Big Spring double play from shortstop Eli Munoz to second baseman Jazon Miramontes, to Matthew Tarrats to retire the second.

Snyder brought their first run of the game across to take the lead when Roland Morin scored on an error in the bottom of the third inning.

The defensive battle continued as the following inning was scoreless for both sides, and the Tiger remained at a 1-0 Tiger lead heading into the top of the fifth.

Following a single by Aaron Olague and a double by Miramontes, Rylie Henson was able to drive the two runners on base in for scores with a line drive single

out to left field and take a 2-1 lead over Snyder.

Unfortunately, the lead did not last long as the Tigers answered right back with two runs of their own from a batter HBP and a walk by Henson with the bases loaded.

This brought the Tigers up 3-2 with two innings of play remaining.

After a scoreless sixth inning, the Steers managed to load up the bases in the top of the seventh with three free bases given up by Tigers pitcher, Aaron Escobedo, but could not capitalize on the opportunity as Kobe Gutierrez struck out to end the game.

"I am really proud of the boys. They have done everything I've asked and more," said head baseball coach Daniel Carrillo. "We have stayed off the emotional roller coaster, did a great job of eliminating the big inning, staying composed and simply just playing the game the correct way. I couldn't be more proud."

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Buffaloes come out on top of Rotan in 12-0 shutout

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes varsity baseball team faced off with the Rotan Yellowhammers in a district matchup Tuesday night and ended the game in just four and a half innings, shutting out Rotan 12-0.

After a scoreless first inning, Forsan established an early lead when Austin Darden singled to center field, driving Bryce Hergert across the plate for a score.

The Buffaloes retired the second with three quick outs and turned around and put the game out of Rotan's reach with a huge ten run inning. The big inning was thanks to a 2RBI double by Ehren Hillger, a score on a passed ball by Hillger, a score by Hergert on an error, a solo home run by Lane Schafer, an inside the park solo home run by Blaze Yeater, a 2RBI triple by Hillger, and an RBI single by Taylor Christian.

Following a fourth inning score by Conner Clarkson on an error, the Buffaloes sealed the game with a defensive stop against the Yellowhammers and earned the win with a final score of 12-0.

"I think we had another good game at the plate," said head



Courtesy photo

Forsan Buff pitcher Ehren Hillger throws a pitch from the mound in their game against Stamford earlier this season.

baseball coach Stephen East. "Lane Schafer's home run really gave us an extra spark."

Forsan collected a total of 12 hits for the game. While Hergert and Watson contributed multiple hits for the team, it was Hillger who led Forsan offensively as he went 2-3 at the plate and drove in four runs.

"Bryce Hergert did a great job on the mound tonight," said East. "I think we played a solid defensive game considering the wind blowing at what felt like 40 mph the entire time."

Hergert got the win for the Buffs. He pitched for four in-

nings, surrendering zero runs, four hits, walked one, and struck out five. He also led the team in stolen bases, contributing four of the team's nine.

"The guys are playing some great baseball right now and I am really pleased with their effort," said East. "We have six days off until our next game and that will give us a chance to clean a couple of things up and get a bunch more cuts with the bats."

Coming up, the Buffs will host Roby in a district matchup that will be held on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Lady Buffs shut out Tahoka 13-0



Photo by Jodi Mims

Lady Buff Hunter Seymore does work at the plate in yesterday's home game against Tahoka.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Forsan Lady Buff varsity softball team hosted the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs in a district match

yesterday where they came out on top as two pitchers teamed up to throw a 13-0 shut out in just five innings of play.

With an RBI single by Ashtyn Pearson and a steal of home by Destiny Mata, the Lady Buffs took an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

Forsan turned around and went on to shut down Tahoka's second inning offense with a strikeout delivered from Macey Evans, followed with a double play made by center fielder, Keelee White, to second baseman Ashlea Hardin to retire the inning.

The Lady Buffs drove in six runs in the third thanks to an RBI single by Mata, an RBI triple by Hunter Seymore, an RBI single by Keelee Morgan, an RBI double by Hardin and a steal of home, also by Hardin.

With the score at 8-0 heading into the fourth inning, Tahoka struggled to contain Forsan at the plate and they went on to add another five runs to their lead. The big inning came from a 2RBI triple by Hardin, a score by Hardin on a ground out, an RBI triple by Kendall Phillips, and another RBI single by Mata.

Forsan put the game out of reach for the Lady Bulldogs and pulled out three quick outs in the bottom of the fifth to end the game with a final score of 13-0.

Evans earned the win for Forsan as she threw for four innings, gave up only one hit, zero runs, walked two and sat four.

The Lady Buffs were a force at the plate as they racked up a total of 17 hits for the game. Pearson, Seymore, and Hardin all had three hits each to lead the team. Hardin led offensively with three runners batted in.

Running the base paths, Forsan stole a team total of 11 bases. Mata led the way with three.

Up next, the Lady Buffs will host Seagraves in a district match up on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m.

Bulldogettes fall to Clyde 2-0 on walk off

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogette varsity softball team made their way to Clyde, Texas to face off with the Lady Bulldogs in a district game where they fell short in the final inning in what turned out to be a tough defensive battle on both sides.

Both Coahoma and Clyde held each other scoreless through the first eight innings of play, shutting down the other at the plate with smart plays and quick outs. It wasn't until the bottom of the ninth when Clyde won the game with a 2RBI double by Haven Williams, bringing the final score to a 2-0 Clyde victory. Some offensive highlights for the Bulldogettes include two singles by Annie Chandler in the first and fourth innings, a single by Makayla Overton in the second, a single by Chloe Starr in the fourth, a double in the seventh, and a single in the ninth inning by Cassie Grant, and a sin-

gle by Kodi Howard in the eighth.

Daniels Madison took the loss for Coahoma, she had a very strong performance as she threw for eight and two-thirds innings, gave up two runs, six hits, walked zero, and struck out a whopping eleven batters.

"It really was a defensive battle and we played really well on that side of the ball. Offensively, we found a way to get on base, but we left runners on base throughout the game and could not get the base hit when we really needed it," said head softball coach Alex Orsoco. "Overall, we played really well and the girls did everything we asked them to do. There is a difference between losing a game and the other team winning it. We didn't do anything to cost us the game, Clyde just won it before we could."

Coming up, The Bulldogettes will host Colorado City in a district game that is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Hawks collect pair of wins in double-header vs. Frank Phillips

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks baseball team travelled to Borger, Texas Monday where they took on the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen in a conference double-header and came out on top in both games with final scores of 17-6 and 7-5.

Game One: Howard College 17 - Frank Phillips 6

With back-to-back RBI doubles by Doug Facendo and Andrew Beck, the Hawks managed to take the lead and

put two on the board in the top of the first.

The Plainsmen answered right back by driving two runs across of their own, also on a pair of RBI doubles, the first by Brett Esau and the second by JB Moran.

After a scoreless second inning, Frank Phillips managed to hold the Hawks from scoring in the top of the third and put up four more runs, bringing the score to a 6-2 Plainsmen lead. The scores were thanks to an RBI single by Slayde Ortiz, an RBI single by Duncan Chew, a run

scored by Esau on a sacrifice fly by Moran, and an RBI single by Taner Lathem.

The Hawks tied the game up in the following inning with a run scored by Nick Colacchi on a fielder's choice play, a 2RBI single by Trey Ochoa, which was followed by a score on a wild pitch by Ochoa.

Howard College retired the fourth inning with three quick outs and went on an 11-0 score streak, holding Frank Phillips scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Beck led off the top of the fifth with a go-ahead solo

home run, which was then followed by an RBI single from Reese O'Farrell to bring the Hawks up 8-6.

With a score by Caleb Kyle on an error and Ochoa brought across on a sacrifice fly by Beck in the sixth, O'Farrell was brought across on a ground out by Kyle, a 2RBI triple by Ochoa, an RBI single by Facendo, an RBI single by Mason Peterson, and a 2RBI double by Colacchi in the seventh, Howard College took the win over Frank Phillips in the first game of the double-header with a final

score of 17-6.

Isaac Guerrero earned the win for the Hawks. He threw for two and one third innings and allowed zero runs, two hits, two walks, and struck out three. Parker Towns recorded the last six outs to earn the save, as he threw for two innings, surrendered one hit, zero runs, zero walks and struck out two.

"We swung the bats really well. One of the main things that contributed to the win was our top of the lineup

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Saturn Retrograde

The lesson planet backs it up, the start of a pattern that will stretch over the next five months. Review what you know; test your ideas; challenge your thoughts. On the subject of thoughts -- are you aware that most of them aren't even yours? The impressionable human mind soaks up data from everywhere. Challenge all ideas before accepting them.

ARIES (March

21-April 19). If it's meant for you, it will happen for you. You can certainly make things happen that aren't a good fit for you, but why would you? It's a wasted effort when there's so much wonderful stuff that suits you perfectly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't have a good plan? Don't have a plan at all? No worries. You'll have an adventure. And if your friend is in this with you, you'll also have a bonding moment for the ages.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're a fan. You don't expect anything in return for the veneration. In fact, you believe you're richer for giving it. Nonetheless, you'll get some love back from the realm of your

admiration.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You love the truth. It doesn't always love you back. In fact, sometimes you wonder if it was worth pursuing. In the end, you're better for knowing. This is all adding up to something important.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You quest to see what the sun sees. All of it. You want to know what's fully, brightly illuminated above the clouds, and you want to play in the shadows under the sea. In every way, you're ready to know and experience more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The speedy solution happens because you need it. The most important thing is that it gets done, not that it gets

done in any particular way. Much relies on your flexible approach.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today's situation is ideal not because of what it has but because of what it lacks. Creativity and resourcefulness will be born out of grave necessity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those who drive and those who go along for the ride will end up in the same place. A break from ambition will be healthy. A lazy mood might be just the thing you need. Insights emerge from a relaxed mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those with big egos will fight when challenged. When you come up against someone's pride, be

careful. Note that some people feel like their pride is all they have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know where you're going and you know how to get there. In fact, you know several ways: the main road, the alternate roads, the scenic route and the shortcut. Choosing is the hard part!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a review process underway. You can't always make sense of the past, but you can live right now in a way that makes sense to you and hope for the best.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You live to entertain. Today this includes not talking about what doesn't pertain to the

people around you -- although you might be surprised what people find relevant.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 5). Take your time in love. You'll never regret the hours of getting to know another person. A less-than-optimal situation will turn around in May. Freedom at last! June brings financial good fortune. July is your chance to risk and learn. This will require you to leave the safe confines of home. Capricorn and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 16, 44, 28 and 45.

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Annie's Mailbox

Depressed Over Family Rejection

Dear Annie: A few years ago, my son "Bill" and his family moved to a new state. They left me behind with no family or friends because they chose my ex over me

(because I'm disabled and they needed someone to help with the kids while they were at work). It broke my heart, to the point that I didn't care whether I lived or died.

I prayed to God to help me, and thanks to Him, I ended up

finding an apartment that I could afford in my son's new town. I was so excited that I'd be close to my grandbabies and my son. I got a Realtor, a moving company and a plane ticket.

Things started going badly as soon as I got there. My son and his wife didn't bring my grandbabies to the airport, and all we did was ride past their house. When I asked about going to see his new house, he told me that I was being overbearing and I'd go

to his house when he invited me. I started to question why I'd even moved.

I have a bunch of furniture I ordered online that is still sitting unassembled in boxes. Bill lives less than five minutes away but always has a reason for why he can't help me around the house -- e.g., his long hours at work, his three children and his housework. My ex-husband also lives with them, and my daughter-in-law has told me that he does the laundry.

To me, that is the most time-consuming chore. I don't see how housework could fill all your days off if laundry is already done for you!

I just want my apartment to look the way that I envisioned it. I live on disability and can't really afford to pay people to come help. My son and his wife have no problem coming over and borrowing money from me. (I took out a \$5,000 loan for them in my name.) I'm feeling alone and depressed. Should I give up on their helping me and including me in family events? -- Brokenhearted Mom

Dear Brokenhearted: All the outside help in the world won't help you if you don't first learn to help yourself. Achieving more personal independence will allow you to have a healthier relationship with your family. It will also empower you to have a healthier relationship with yourself.

Try getting involved with a local church or community activity to make some friends. Don't give your son any more loans. Instead, save

that money for you. As soon as you can afford it, hire a handyman for one day (ask a neighbor for a recommendation) to come assemble the furniture that's still sitting in boxes. It will be well worth the money for you to have the peace and rest that come with a happy nest.

Finally, you mentioned at one point not caring about whether you lived or died. Please, if you're ever in such a dark place again, reach out to a counselor, a religious adviser or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-8255). Do not give up. There is a light at the end of the tunnel; in fact, there's light all around it. You just can't see it yet.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A matter of self-preservation

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠9 4
♥6 2
♦A K 9 7 5
♣A J 10 5
WEST
♠5
♥J 9 7 3
♦Q 10 6 2
♣Q 8 4 2
EAST
♠A Q J 10 6 3
♥4
♦J 4 3
♣K 9 6
SOUTH
♠K 8 7 2
♥A K Q 10 8 5
♦8
♣7 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ 1♠ 2♥ Pass
3♣ 3♠ 4♥
Opening lead — five of spades.
Bad luck in bridge is something you can't control, but many losses attributed to bad luck are in reality the fault of the player himself.
Take this case where South went down one in four hearts. West led a spade to East's ace, and East returned the ten, covered by the king and ruffed by West.
West shifted to a low club, and declarer had no choice but to win and cash the A-K of diamonds, on which he discarded a club. When he then ruffed a club and attempted to trump

a spade in dummy, West ruffed with the seven. West exited with a diamond, and East found it impossible to avoid losing either a spade to East or another trump trick to West, so he finished down one.
In a sense, South was unlucky. To begin with, his king of spades got ruffed, and after that, it was also unfortunate that West had been dealt four trumps. If West had started with fewer trumps, South would have made the contract.
Yet South's defeat was of his own making. Given the bidding, it was a certainty that West's lead was a singleton and that the king of spades would be ruffed when it was played on the second trick.
All South had to do to make the contract was to let East's ten of spades win the second trick! Nothing could then have stopped him from making four hearts. It would not have mattered what East did next.
Let's say East led another spade. South would simply play low again, giving West the option of scoring a trump trick then or later. But that would be the defense's last trick.
South should have proceeded on the basis that he could not afford to have the king of spades ruffed. The king was his 10th trick and should not have been put on the block for decapitation.

Tomorrow: Declarer dodges temptation.
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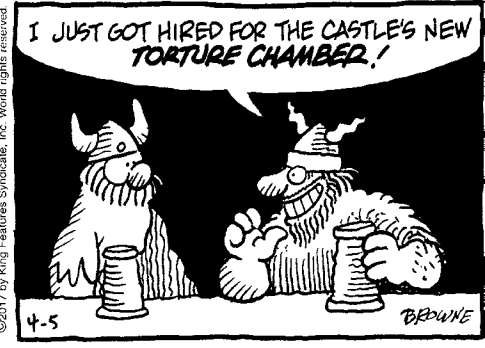
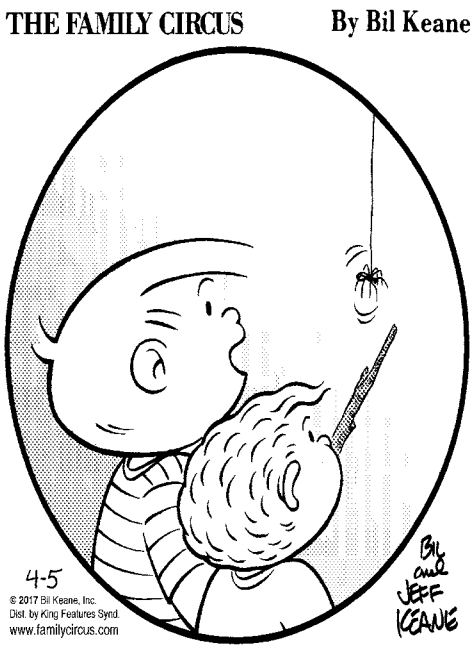
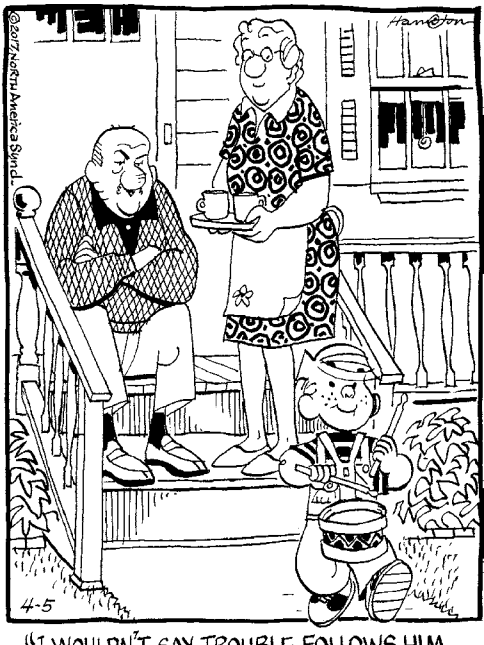
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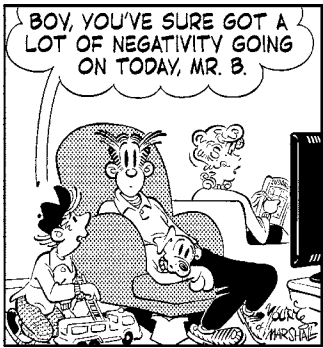
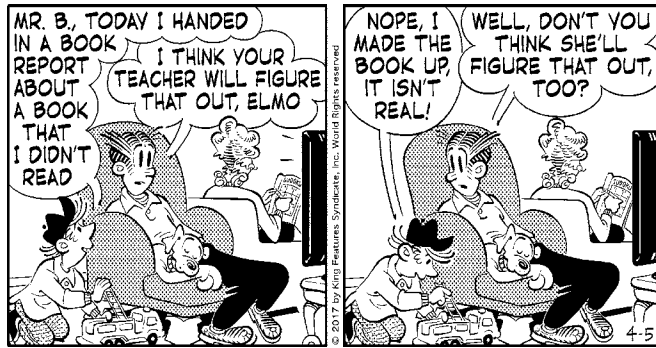
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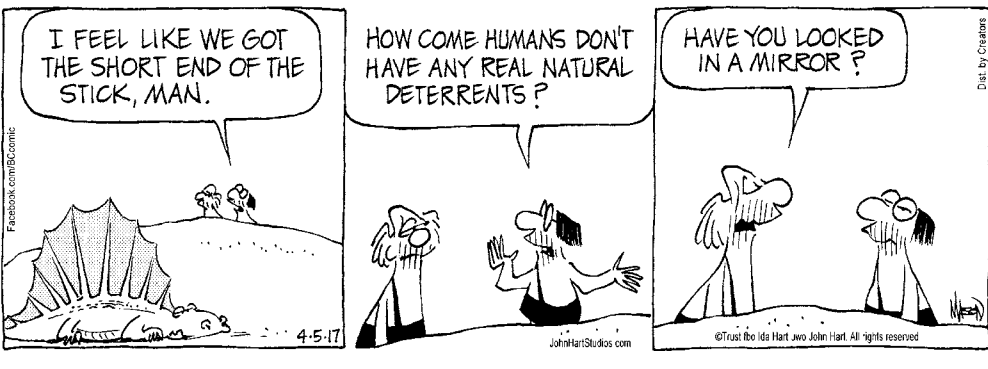
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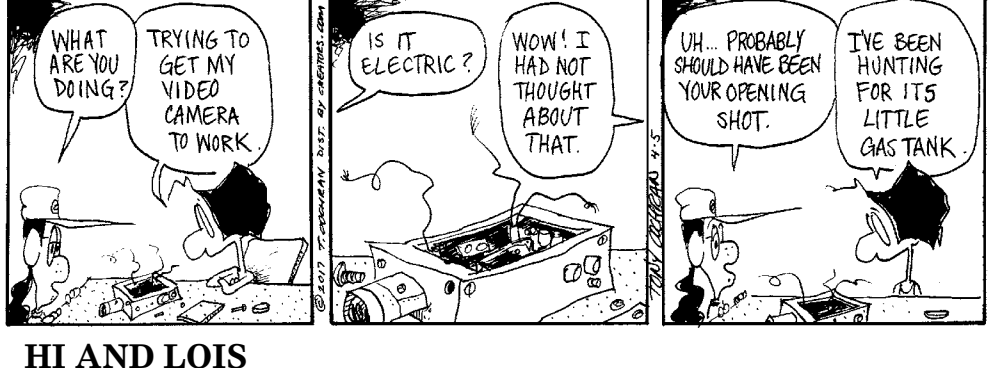
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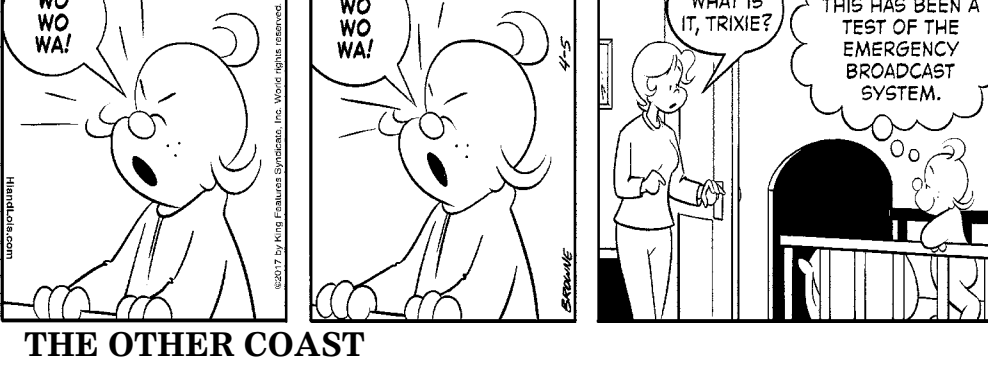
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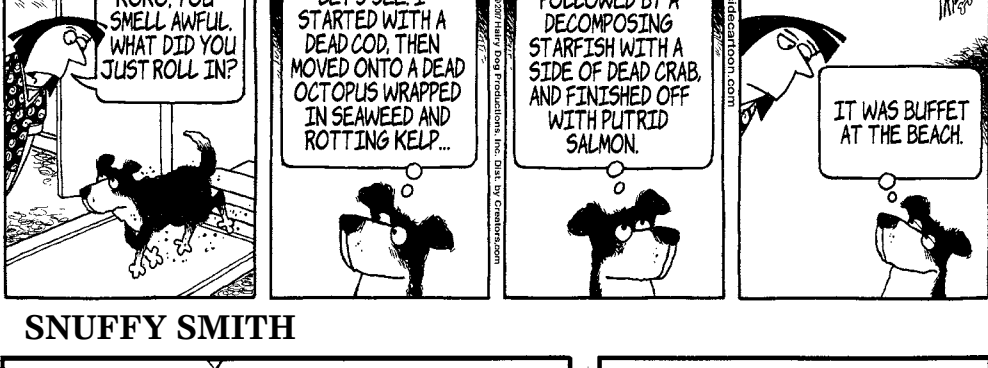
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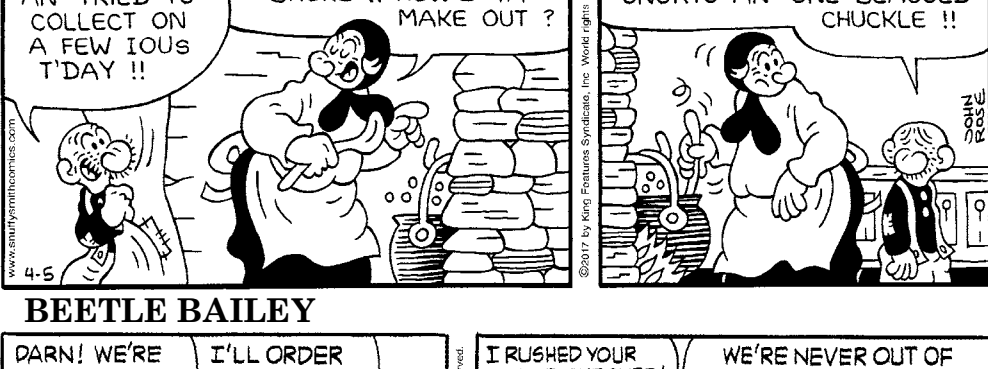
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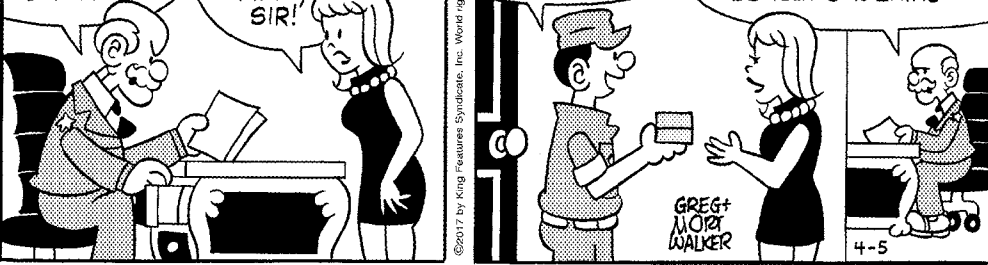
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 5, the 95th day of 2017. There are 270 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 5, 1792, President George Washington cast his first veto...

heavyweight title. In 1925, a tornado estimated at F-3 intensity struck northern Miami-Dade County, Florida, killing five people. In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order creating the Civilian Conservation Corps...

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Newsday Crossword

TO THE RESCUE by Charles Slack

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a list of answers for the crossword.

Answer to previous puzzle: A 10x10 grid with words like ALICE, GLOB, AFAR, SINAI, LOSE, MORE, TIMOFF, IDLE, ORES, FOREFINGER, EMIT, ETTIE, CABINS, BAFFLE, SALAD, ALOE, MASON, APE, CURED, CEO, OHBOY, HMM, OCTANE, ELSE, USERS, THREES, SALARY, TACO, AWAY, FORTHRIGHT, TOTS, ORAL, STAIR, UKES, USMA, EAGLE, PESO, LOPS, SLATE.

STEERS

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Henson took the loss for Big Spring as he threw for five innings, surrendered two hits, three runs, six walks, and struck out three. Tarrats came to the mound in the bottom of the sixth inning, surrendered one hit, zero runs and struck out three of the four batters he faced. "Henson and Tarrats did a great job of giving us a chance until the very end," said Carrillo. "Yes, we kind of lost it on the fifth but both of them stayed composed and didn't let the big inning happen." The Steers collected a team total of seven hits for the game as Henson led the way offensively with two

runs batted in. Big Spring was sure-handed in the field and did not commit one error. Tarrats made the post plays on defense with nine. "My hat goes off to Snyder. They did a great job of keeping us off balance and pitched really well. Yes, we had some bad approaches, but overall we created traffic all night. We just couldn't find a hit when we needed it the most," said Carrillo. "Tonight was definitely playoff atmosphere and it truly was fun to coach these guys the way they competed tonight. And as always, bring the boat!" Up next, the Steers will face the Abilene Wylie Bulldogs in a district game at home this Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Louis' Piscotty taken out after being hit in head



AP Photo

St. Louis Cardinals' Stephen Piscotty, scores past Cubs catcher Willson Contreras during the fifth inning of a game Tuesday, April 4, 2017, in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis outfielder Stephen Piscotty has left the Cardinals' game against the Cubs after he was hit in the head by a ball while sliding into home. Piscotty departed in the fifth inning with a head contusion, and the team says he will be evaluated again on Wednesday. Piscotty reached when he was hit by a pitch from Jake Arrieta. He was hit again by catcher Willson Contreras' throw when he stole second.

Piscotty then scored from second on Kolten Wong's infield hit to the right side of the mound. Cubs second baseman Javier Baez threw home, but the ball went off Piscotty's head. Piscotty, who agreed to a \$33.5 million, six-year contract a day earlier, was down on the field for several minutes after being hit Tuesday night. He eventually walked off the field.

HAWKS

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hitters. They really set the tempo for our middle guys," said head baseball coach Rob Martinez. "They took advantage every time they had a runner in scoring position and came through to drive them in."

Howard College racked up a total of 15 hits for the game, with Ochoa and O'Farrell leading the way as they contributed three hits each.

Ochoa also led the team in stolen bases with three of the team's seven.

Game Two: Howard College 7 - Frank Phillips 5

Once again, the Hawks grabbed an early lead in the top of the first when Facendo drove Robert Bullard Jr. in to score on a sacrifice fly.

The Plainsmen responded with three runs brought across to take the lead from Howard College, which came when Ortiz was drove home on a ground out by Moran, followed by an RBI homer from Chew that brought the score to a 3-1 Frank Phillips lead.

With an RBI single by Grant Golson in the top of the second inning and a solo home run by Facendo in the third, the Hawks tied up the score at 3-3.

The fourth and fifth innings were strong defensively, as both teams recorded three quick outs to keep each other from crossing the plate.

The Plainsmen grabbed the lead with a solo home run by Chew in the bottom of the sixth inning, putting them up one run over the Hawks.

Howard College managed to drive in four runs with an RBI double by Beck and an RBI single from Colavecchi in the eighth, an RBI double by O'Farrell, and an RBI single by Peterson in the ninth.

With the score in the Hawks' favor at 7-4 in the bottom of the ninth, the Plainsmen attempted a comeback to

stay in the game but could not get it done as they managed to only bring across one run on an RBI single by Zachary Odden.

With a final score of 7-5, Howard College took the second win of the day and swept the Plainsmen in the four-game conference series.

"We played really well and really clean defensively all weekend. I think we made two errors the entire day which is huge," said Martinez. "It was really a team effort on everybody's part. The pitchers all really stepped up and did well, and I think all of the guys are really starting to buy in and begin to realize what we are trying to do."

Denny Bentley earned the win for the Hawks, as he pitched for seven innings, allowed four runs, seven hits, walked zero, and struck out eight.

Andrew McInvale threw one and one-third innings, as two relievers helped Howard College finish off the victory. Chris Fearon recorded the last two outs to earn the save.

It was another 15 hit game for the Hawks. Facendo went 2-3 at the plate and led the team with two runs batted in.

Up next, Howard College will battle it out with Western Texas College in another four-game conference series.

"Western Texas is a good ball club and are running hot right now. They are coming back from a big weekend as they just beat Odessa three out of four, which is big for them," said Martinez. "I think it is going to come down to who makes the least amount of mistakes and who figures out a way to avoid beating themselves."

The first two games of the series will take place in Big Spring on Friday with the first game to start at noon and the second to immediately follow.

The last two games will be held in Snyder, Texas with the first game to start at noon and the second to immediately follow as well.

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Report: Slain Texas lawman felt threat from target of probe

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — A newspaper report said Tuesday that a Texas law enforcement officer shot and killed moments after arriving for work had told officials he felt threatened by a man he'd once targeted in a corruption investigation.

The Houston Chronicle also reported Tuesday that Harris County Precinct 3 Assistant Chief Deputy Clinton Greenwood was shot at close range by a man who stepped out from behind a dumpster and that when officers arrived at the scene, Greenwood pointed in the direction of where the gunman had fled before collapsing.

Greenwood, 57, had shared his concerns about the man he had investigated with the Harris County Attorney's Office last week, a source who asked not to be identified because of the nature of the investigation told the newspaper. Greenwood was fatally shot Monday outside a county courthouse building in Baytown, east of Houston.

"I believe (this person) poses a real threat to my and my family's safety," Greenwood said in an email sent Thursday to the county attorney's office, according to the newspaper. The county attorney's office was handling an administrative matter related to the corruption investigation.

The source told the newspaper that Greenwood's concerns about the corruption case were passed along to law enforcement.

Baytown police Lt. Steve Dorris didn't immediately return phone calls seeking comment Tuesday. Robert Soard, with the Harris County Attorney's Office, declined to comment.

A source close to the investigation told the newspaper Tuesday that after arriving at work, Greenwood was trying to retrieve some items from the passenger side of his county vehicle when the gunman came out from behind the dumpster and shot him.

"This guy just walks up... and pops him two times," the source told the newspaper. "Clearly, this guy was there for one purpose."

Greenwood, who wore a bulletproof vest, was shot once in the chest and a second time in the neck. The source told the newspaper that two shell casings from a 9mm handgun were found at the scene.

Greenwood was able to radio for help, saying, "I have been shot and I'm bleeding out," sources told the Houston Chronicle.

Officers who responded to the shooting found



Authorities investigate the scene where Harris County Precinct 3 Assistant Chief Deputy Clinton Greenwood was fatally shot outside the Baytown courthouse, Monday April 3, 2017, in Baytown, Texas. *AP photo*

Greenwood standing by his vehicle, holding the wound on his neck and pointing in the direction the gunman fled.

He collapsed at the scene and was taken to a Houston hospital, where he died.

The Baytown Police Department has released surveillance video showing a vehicle investigators suspect was involved in the shooting. In the video, a dark-colored car is seen backing out of a parking space and leaving the parking lot across from the courthouse where Greenwood was shot.

Investigators have said

they're seeking a 6-foot-to-6-foot-3 (1.8-to-1.9 meters) white or Hispanic man with short hair and a medium-to-stocky build. The man might have been wearing a dark jacket with sleeve patches.

A reward of up to \$65,000 has been offered for information that would lead authorities to arrest and charge someone in the case.

Greenwood, who was a 30-year law enforcement veteran, had also worked with the Harris County District Attorney's Office and with the county's sheriff's office.

Mayor who led Ferguson through turmoil is re-elected

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FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)

Voters in Ferguson, Missouri, opted for experience over change in re-electing a mayor who has led them through a tumultuous 32 months since the fatal police shooting of Michael Brown thrust the St. Louis suburb into the national debate over race. James Knowles III won a third term, holding off a challenge Tuesday from city Councilwoman Ella Jones, who was seeking to become Ferguson's first-ever black mayor. It will be Knowles' final term in office, due to term limits.

Voters also approved a ballot measure adding strict police body camera requirements to the city charter. Officers already use cameras, but the new policy will require them to be on virtually all the time and seeks to make footage more accessible to the public.

Knowles, 37 and a lifelong Ferguson resident, was first elected as a councilman at age 25,

and was just 31 when he was elected mayor. Jones, 62, a retired Mary Kay executive, was elected to the council in 2015, her first elected position.

Ferguson was thrust into the national consciousness after white police officer Darren Wilson fatally shot Brown on Aug. 9, 2014. The shooting of the unarmed, black 18-year-old led to months of sometimes violent protests and was a catalyst for the "Black Lives Matter" movement. Wilson was cleared of wrongdoing and resigned in November 2014.

But the investigation led to a U.S. Justice Department lawsuit over racially biased police and court practices. A settlement calls for significant changes in operations, including sensitivity training for officers, adoption of community policing techniques, court reforms and other measures.

The process is expected to cost more than \$2 million and could take years. However, Attor-

ney General Jeff Sessions announced Monday that he'll review the effectiveness of existing and proposed consent decrees, including in Ferguson.

Knowles told The Associated Press he has had no contact with anyone at the Department of Justice.

"Nobody's talked to us," Knowles said. "We're not asking to have it changed."

Knowles said Ferguson has "voluntarily made a tremendous amount of reforms in our police department. We're not going back on those reforms."

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