

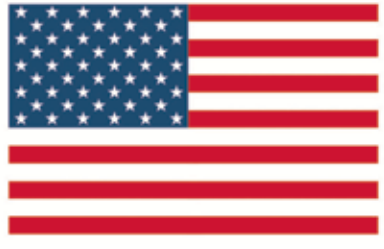
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Not a done deal

HC president assures concerned crowd no plans in the works to merge library services with county

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks spoke briefly of her passion of spreading literacy throughout the community and how important a community library is to foster reading when she visited with members of the Friends of the Howard County Library Thursday.

"It's about literacy for all ages," Sparks said. "I want to foster that love of reading. We all know it can open doors and what a high literacy rate can do for our community."

In January of this year, the college and Howard County signed an agreement to share a head librarian, who will oversee both the college academic libraries and the county's community program. The two entities are considering merging their library services into a hybrid academic/community program.

This has caused some concern with members of the community, who are afraid such a merger would mean fewer services and less access to the community as a whole.

As a representative of the college, Sparks was at the meeting to address the issue by giving some background on how talks began, the current funding constraints for taxing entities, and to affirm to the crowd the only agreement with college and county is to share expenses for a head librarian's salary.

"I want to ensure you there is not a plan. It is not already done. I want to be clear on that," Sparks said.

Talks about combining library services have been around since the 1980s, Sparks said. The college must maintain an academic library on its campuses. The county is not required to provide

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Let's get ready to Relay!



In this file photo from 2016's Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties, cancer caregiver Doug Lykken and cancer survivors Kevan Schooler, Paula Farquahar, Debbye Valverde, Jim Clemons, and Paul Townsend carry the Relay banner during the event's survivor lap. The local 2017 Relay will be May 19 at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Survivor sign-in starts at 5 p.m. while the opening ceremonies start at 6:45 p.m.

2017 Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties planned for May 19

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

This year's Relay for Life is coming up soon, and event lead Howard Stewart is ready to go. Recently, he outlined the various events that would be happening during Relay, located at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"Relay is May 19. It starts at 5 (p.m) with survivor registration, and it goes to midnight," he said. "Teams will be setting up all day. At 5:30 is

a survivor meal that's furnished by GEO. This year, it's gonna be in the main foyer at the coliseum. You'll come in off of Kentucky Way - survivors can park there on Kentucky Way. That's where we're going to set up to feed you, then after we feed you, you can take the elevator down to the bottom floor, and that's where most of Relay is going to be happening. 6:45 is really our opening, with the prayer, the

presentation of the flag, the mayor's going to make a proclamation." The survivor lap starts at 7 p.m., Stewart said. "Really, it's turned into a couple of laps, it's a survivor/caregiver lap," he said. "Then 7:30's our Basket Auction, and there's something going on the rest of the night. Ten o'clock is the Luminaria Service, and we've changed it up quite a bit. But we try to stay busy all the way to 12 o'clock."

Other fun activities will be peppered throughout the evening, Stewart said. "Mr. and Mrs. Relay, it's men dressing up as women and women dressing up as men, and going around collecting money," he said. "Team Baskets, that's where each team makes a basket, and Scott Emerson comes up and auctions them off."

One activity is See **RELAY**, Page 3

Lawmakers settle on \$1T plan to avoid US gov't shutdown

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers on Monday unveiled a huge \$1 trillion-plus spending bill that would fund most government operations through September but would deny President Donald Trump money for a border wall and rejects his proposed

cuts to popular domestic programs. The 1,665-page bill agreed to on Sunday is the product of weeks of negotiations. It was made public in the pre-dawn hours Monday and is tentatively scheduled for a House vote on Wednesday.

The catchall spending bill would be the first major piece of bipartisan legislation to advance during Trump's short tenure in the White House. While losing on funding for the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, Trump won a \$15 billion down payment on

his request to strengthen the military, though that too fell short of what he requested.

The measure funds the remainder of the 2017 budget year, through Sept. 30, rejecting cuts to popular domestic programs targeted by Trump such as medical research and infrastructure grants.

Successful votes later this week would also clear away any remaining threat of a government shutdown — at least until the Oct.

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Hawks clinch playoffs



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com) Howard College's Caleb Kyle slides safely into third base during the Hawk's 14-4 run-rule win over Luna in the first game of a doubleheader on Friday, April 28, 2017. See Howard College baseball and softball coverage, Pages 4, 10.



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Obituaries

Robert W. Greene



Robert W. Greene, 78, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 27, 2017, in a local hospital.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Greg Surles officiating. Inurnment will follow at Dunn Cemetery in Scurry County.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home.

Robert was born May 11, 1938, in Snyder, Texas, and married Danielle Robinson in 1962 in Roswell, N.M.

He was a graduate of Abilene Christian College as a chemist, and began work with Cosden refinery in 1966 and retired in 2008. He was also proud of his

Native American heritage and was registered with the Chickasaw Tribe.

Robert is survived by his wife, Danielle Greene of Big Spring; two daughters, Timary "Timi" Rosenbaum and husband Chuck of Lubbock, and Marta Danielle Simmons of Lewisville; and five grandchildren, Cody Rosenbaum, Caden Rosenbaum, and Cayla Rosenbaum, and Derek Simmons and Draven Simmons.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Scott and Lula Mae (McKnight) Greene.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Medina Children's Home, c/o Arms of Hope, 21300 State Hwy 16 North, Medina, Texas, 78055.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **RICHARD STEVEN BERMUDEZ**, 38, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MORGAN DIONE AUSBIE**, 22, of 2601 Langley Dr. was arrested on a charge of assault/fam-

ily violence (threat or offensive touch).

• **CECIL ANTHONY CARSON**, 25, of 609 S. Bell St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ISRAEL FLORES JR.**, 37, of 2202 S. Runnels was arrested on charges of burglary of a habitation/assault, and evading arrest

or detention with a vehicle.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Langley Drive.

Take Note

• The West Texas Marine Corps League will be having our first meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017, at 7 p.m. Meeting location will be at 705 FM 700 in Big Spring.

The Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines, retired, active duty, or reserve, FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains, who proudly wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor of the Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps League is Marines helping Marines in and around Howard County. For more info call Doc Rodman at 325-232-0665

• The Big Spring Salvation Army and the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care are holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those 55 and older in Howard County. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; or to the Center for Skilled Care at 3701 Wasson Rd. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seniors 55 and older who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 or the Center for Skilled Care at 432-606-5012 to register and receive the distribution date.

• The Permian Basin Underground Water District for will host its 2017 Rainwater Harvesting Workshop, at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 4. The presentation will take place at the PBUWCD office at 708 W. St. Peter Street in Stanton, Texas and is free to the public. This year's guest speaker will be Extension Agent in Horticulture Jeff Floyd with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

• Registration is now being taken for cancer survivors/caregivers who will attend the 2017 Howard/Glasscock County Relay for Life. To register by phone or online call 1-800-227-2345 or www.relayforlife.org/bigspiringtx. For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from current A&M students. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. For more information and to find the application, visit <https://westexags.com/>. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

• The Howard County Fair thanks everyone who has picked up a crossstitch square for the annual quilt fundraiser. There are still a few squares left, so if you can do one, please see Cheryl at the Heritage Museum during regular hours, Tuesday through Saturday.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There

will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey at (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

Nell Wilson

Nell Wilson, 91, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 29, 2017. 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 2600 block of Larry Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of West Third Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Coronado. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Crestline. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• 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 start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in 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.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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.

• 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.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• 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.

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modeled on an American Cancer Society service, he said.

"Road to Recovery involves people making a cardboard-looking car, and it's got to be for two people because it's like you're taking people to chemotherapy or radiation," he said. "That's part of ACS, they provide that for real if you need it. It's not a race. It's more just a parade, like, who

made the best car."

One group will be celebrating their Hispanic heritage during Relay.

"Spanish Folklore," Stewart said. "That's a Spanish dance group. They're from the YMCA, and from what I've heard, they're good. They're going to do old Spanish-style dancing there on the floor."

The biggest reason for Relay is the survivors, Stewart said.

"I really want survivors to turn out. That's the main

reason we do this," he said.

"This is the end of a year-long fundraising, and then May 20, we'll start over again for 2018. We work at this all year round. A lot of the teams do. This is just kind of to end the year, where we can turn around and start a new year."

Keeping Relay running strong is important because it is having positive results, Stewart said.

"The Relay for Life is the biggest money-maker that the American Cancer Society has. We are the largest

volunteer organization in the world," he said. "Our money goes to the American Cancer Society. Seventy-five percent of it is research, trying to find a cure, not just for one cancer, but for all cancers. They have tests going on. They're the ones who connected smoking with lung cancer, obesity with cancer, not exercising with cancer. That wasn't the government. It's trying to keep people living longer, and where they're not just stuck in bed, to where they can actually get out and

do things. The medicine, you know, every year it gets a little bit better. Chemo, and radiation, or find something in common that causes cancer."

If you would like to purchase a memorial luminaria for the Relay, call Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

PLAN

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1 start of the 2018 budget year. Trump has submitted a partial 2018 budget promising a whopping \$54 billion, 10 percent increase for the Pentagon from current levels, financed by cutting to foreign aid and other nondefense programs by an equal amount. Negotiators on the pending measure, however, rejected a smaller \$18 billion package of cuts and instead slightly increased funding for domestic programs.

Democrats were quick to praise the deal.

"This agreement is a good agreement for the American people, and takes the threat of a government shutdown off the table," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., a key force in the talks. "The bill ensures taxpayer dollars aren't used to fund an ineffective border wall, excludes poison pill riders, and increases investments in programs that the middle class relies on, like medical research, education and infrastructure."

Some Republican conservatives, however, were wary. "I think you're going to see conservatives have some real concerns with this legislation," Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio said on CNN, citing domestic spending obtained by Democrats and other issues. "We told (voters) we were going to do a short-term spending bill that was going to come due at the end of April so that we could fight on these very issues, and now it looks like we're not going to do that."

Trump said at nearly every campaign stop last year that Mexico would pay for the 2,000-mile

(3218.54-kilometer) border wall, a claim Mexican leaders have repeatedly rejected. The administration sought some \$1.4 billion in U.S. taxpayer dollars for the wall and related costs in the spending bill, but Trump later relented and said the issue could wait until September.

Trump, however, obtained \$1.5 billion for border security measures such as 5,000 additional detention beds, an upgrade in border infrastructure and technologies such as surveillance.

The measure is assured of winning bipartisan support in votes this week; the House and Senate have until midnight Friday to pass the measure to avert a government shutdown. It's unclear, however, how much support the measure will receive from GOP conservatives such as Jordan and how warmly it will be received by the White House.

Democrats played a strong hand in the talks since their votes are needed to pass the bill, even though Republicans control both the White House and Congress. As a result, the measure doesn't look much different than the deal that could have been struck on President Barack Obama's watch last year.

But Republicans are eager to move on to other issues such as overhauling the tax code and reviving their moribund effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act, Obama's health care law.

"The omnibus (spending bill) is in sharp contrast to President Trump's dangerous plans to steal billions from lifesaving research, instead increasing funding for the NIH (National Institutes of Health) by \$2 billion," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-California, said in a statement that nonetheless fell short of

endorsing the bill outright.

While the measure would peacefully end a battle over the current budget year, the upcoming cycle is sure to be even more difficult. Republicans have yet to reveal their budget plans, and battles between Trump and Congress over annual agency budgets could grind this summer's round of spending bills to a halt.

Among the final issues resolved was a Democratic request to help the cash-strapped government of Puerto Rico with its Medicaid burden, a top Pelosi priority.

The California Democrat and others in her party came up short of the \$500 million or so they had sought but won \$295 million for the island, more than Republicans had initially offered.

Democrats were successful in repelling many conservative policy "riders" that sought to overturn dozens of Obama-issued regulations. Such moves carry less urgency for Republicans now that Trump controls the regulatory apparatus.

House Republicans succeeded in funding a private school vouchers program for students in Washington, D.C.'s troubled school system through 2019.

GOP leaders decided against trying to use the must-do spending bill to "defund" Planned Parenthood. The White House also backed away from language to take away grants from "sanctuary cities" that do not share information about people's immigration status with federal authorities. Trump's request for additional immigration agents was denied and the IRS budget would be frozen at \$11.6 billion.

LIBRARY

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a community program. Both entities are dealing with tight economic realities when it comes to their budget.

Some of that economic reality has played a factor in why neither has been able to fill the head librarian position for their respective programs.

That was the reason officials from both entities gave on why they agreed to share a the position. By sharing expenses, they can offer a higher salary package.

Without a new head librarian soon, the county library may lose accreditation this year.

According to Howard County Commissioner Craig Bailey, the loss of accreditation doesn't mean the library will close its doors, but it does mean it will no longer have access to certain services like some shared magazines, newspapers, data bases, and inter-library loans.

Once the new county/college head librarian position is filled, that person will also be tasked to research the feasibility of merging the two programs.

With the ongoing accreditation issue of the county's library program, Friends of the Library member Nancy Michaelis told Sparks she worried neither the county nor the college are moving fast enough to address the issue before the community program loses its accreditation.

"I am getting nervous," Michaelis said. "If we wait to do all this research and if we can't do this, do we die? We need to move on this."

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Midwest, South recovering after deadly weekend storms

ATLANTA (AP) — Parts of the Midwest and the South were recovering Monday after a weekend round of storms, winds, hail and isolated tornadoes killed at least 14 people.

And a chance remained for more severe weather in the South. Parts of the Florida Panhandle, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi could be affected by severe thunderstorms, according to the National Weather Service.

Tornadoes hit several small towns in East Texas, killing four people.

Flooding and winds killed five people in Ar-

kansas, including a fire chief who was struck by a vehicle while working during the storm.

Two deaths were reported in Missouri, including a woman who drowned after rushing water swept away a car.

One of two deaths in Mississippi included a 7-year-old who died by electric shock and a 2-year-old girl died in Tennessee after being struck by a soccer goal post thrown by heavy winds.

The storms rolled through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama on Sunday with strong winds causing isolated pockets of dam-

age.

In Durant in central Mississippi, one person died in the storms. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency didn't give details.

Later Sunday the agency reported the death of a child from Rankin County, 20 miles (32 kilometers) east of Jackson, who died from electric shock in flood waters.

was stunned to emerge to trees down in her neighborhood in Clinton, Mississippi, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of Jackson.

In Texas, search teams were going door to door Sunday after

the tornadoes the day before flattened homes, uprooted trees and flipped several pickup trucks at a Dodge dealership in Canton.

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Lady Hawks win conference, sweep FPC and defeat Clarendon in doubleheader

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

It was a weekend of solid softball from Howard College as they came away with two shut out victories over Frank Phillips College on Friday and two dominant wins over Clarendon College on Saturday to clinch their first place conference finish.

Friday doubleheader vs. Frank Phillips College

Game One: Howard College 9 - FPC 0

Celeste Villigrana allowed only one hit and zero runs in Howard College's first shut out victory of the day vs. the Lady Plainsmen with a final score of 9-0 in just four and a half innings of play.

The Lady Hawks got off to a strong start with three runs in the first inning, five in the second and one in the third, all while displaying exceptional defense as they held FPC scoreless for the entire game.

Their scores were thanks to a steal of home by Madoline Seumalo, an RBI single by Evelyn Loyola and a score by Kaylynn Lopez on an error in the first inning, RBI singles by Seumalo, Lee and Loyola, a 2RBI double by Mackenzie Mitchiner in the second inning, and an RBI double by Lopez in the third.

Frank Phillips could not handle what Villigrana was dishing out from the mound as four out of five innings were quick one-two-three outs.

Howard College collected a total of nine runs on eight hits. Mitchiner led the way to victory with three runs batted in.

The Lady Hawks were sure-handed in the field as they did not commit a single error. Loyola had the most chances with ten.

Game Two: Howard College 10 - FPC 0

Self as she allowed the Lady Plainsmen to knock out only two hits for the entire second game, and with superb defense behind her and a strong presence at the plate, they were able to end it in just five innings.

Scores for the Lady Hawks were thanks to an RBI single and score on a groundout play, both by Mitchiner in the second inning, followed with a score by Jackie Mercado on a passed ball and a score by Mitchiner on an error in the fourth inning, an RBI home run by Mercado, an RBI single by Tiare Lee and a 2RBI home run by Loyola in the fifth.

Howard College collected a total of ten runs on 14 hits. Loyola led the team offensively as she went 2-2 at the plate with three runs batted in.

Saturday doubleheader vs. Clarendon College

Game One: Howard College 17 - Clarendon 2

Clarendon was able to grab an early lead in the top of the first with a solo home run by Danae Villarreal and a score on an error. That lead didn't last very long as a score went on an error. 17-run score streak all while holding the Lady Bulldogs scoreless for the remainder of the game. Their runs to put the game away were thanks to a 2RBI double by Lopez, an RBI home run by Lopez, a score by Mercado on an error and a score by Mitchiner on Madison Neff's sacrifice fly in the first, an RBI single by Mitchiner, a 2RBI single by Lee and an RBI home run by Neff in the second, a steal of home by Seumalo and

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Howard College sophomore Jackie Mercado gets a hit during the Lady Hawks' 13-5 win over Clarendon in game two of a doubleheader played on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Howard won the first game 17-2.



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The Howard College softball team honored their sophomores Saturday, April 29, 2017. Pictured from left to right are Megan Darling, Mariah Young, and Jackie Mercado in the front row. In back, from left to right, are Gabby Villarreal, Charlee Thompson, Kaylynn Lopez, Mickaela Brown, Honor Hilton, Celeste Villigrana, and Erin Bagnall.

Hawks clinch playoffs after taking three of four games vs. Luna Community College

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball team hosted Luna Community College in a four-game conference series over the weekend and came out with three victories which ensured their spot in the playoffs.

Game One: Howard College 14 - Luna 4 (Friday)

After a defensive stop to begin the game, the Hawks grabbed an early three-run lead in the first inning with an RBI single by Caleb Kyle and a 2RBI double by Andrew Beck.

Roughrider Dawin Santos kicked off the second inning with a solo home run out to left field, bringing the score to a 3-1 Hawk lead.

Howard College answered back with ten runs to give them a big twelve-run lead. The runs came on an RBI single by Kyle and a score by Robert Bullard Jr. on Trey Ochoa's sacrifice fly in the second, followed with an RBI single by Nick Colaccecchi, a 2RBI double by Connor Kroutil, a 2RBI single by Doug Facendo, and scores by

Ochoa and Facendo on wild pitches in the third.

In the top of the fourth inning, Santos responded with another solo homer out to left field for the Roughriders, followed with an RBI single by Rafael Marquez to decrease their deficit to 13-3.

The Hawks brought another run across in the bottom of the fourth when Brian Rodriguez grounded into a double play that drove Hunter Mendenhall in for a score.

With Howard College at a 14-3 lead, Luna needed to make something to happen in the fifth inning.

Mark Castelblanco stepped up to the plate to lead off the fifth inning and gave the Roughriders a glimmer of hope with a solo home run out to right field. That was quickly shut down as Hawk pitcher Grant Landry struck out the next two batters and induced a fly out to end the game, ensuring their 14-4 victory after just 4.5 innings of play in game one.

Brandon Young earned the win on the mound for the Hawks. He threw for four innings, allowed three runs on

six hits, walked two, and sat five. Grant Landry pitched the final inning of the game, allowed one run on one hit, walked zero and sat two.

The Hawks collected 14 hits in 21 at bats, had 11 RBIs, seven strikeouts, and only one strikeout. Bullard Jr, Kyle, and Beck each had multiple hits for the team.

Game Two: Howard College 6 - Luna 12 (Friday)

Santos of Luna kicked off game two with his third homer of the day, driving Castelblanco across the plate to put them at a 2-0 lead over the Hawks in the top of the first.

Howard College answered back with two runs of their own which came when Kyle knocked out a solo home run out to right field, followed with an RBI double by Beck to tie the game at two.

After a scoreless second inning, the Roughriders established themselves a six-run lead in the third thanks to



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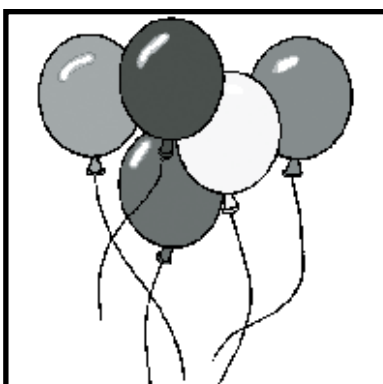
Howard College pitcher Brandon Young delivers a pitch during the Hawks' 14-4 run-rule win over Luna in the first game of a doubleheader on Friday, April 28, 2017. Howard lost the second game 12-6.

two scores by Marquez on errors, an RBI double by Santos and a 2RBI inside-the-park home run by Gregory Ozuna.

The Hawks put up two runs on the board in the bottom of

the fourth with a score by Mason Peterson on an error and a solo home run out to left field by Tate Ellison.

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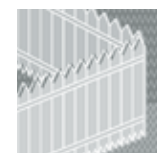
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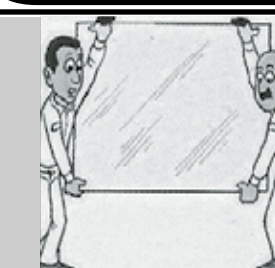
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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Maypoles and the Fires of Beltane

In the pagan tradition, May Day is celebrated with a tall maypole decorated with leaves, ribbons and flowers and erected as a festival centerpiece to dance and revel around. In the Celtic tradition, there's a bonfire instead, from which all light their home hearths. May your heart be made glad with the warmth and bounty of the season.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Though necessity is the mother of invention, many inventions are not directly linked to the exploration of a necessity. For example, light bulbs were not the result of a study of candles. Think broadly across many subjects and disciplines.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Shake-

spare said the best safety lies in fear, yet that kind of safety leads to cowering and hiding, whereas the safety found in preparation and a good defense will lead to far more adventurous experiences.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To set the rules of the environment will be in no way an inconvenience or affront to others; rather, it will have a most favorable effect. The limits you establish will help all to relax and dwell within the boundary of the place and moment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though the proceedings are friendly in tone, the interaction today is more about an exchange of practical knowledge than it is about relationship building. It goes best when you stay focused and stick to business.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've something very sincere and heartfelt to get off your chest. For this, you're better off avoiding the kind of conversational partner who thinks that the opposite of talking is

Tomorrow's Horoscope

waiting.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's just no time to be self-conscious, because you're so focused on experiencing all you can. You may even dare to spontaneously and publicly sing and dance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be inspired by a very self-made and highly motivated person. You'd like to direct yourself similarly, and in many ways you already do. You're already planning your future involvement with this good influence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may fret over what to wear, what topics of conversation to keep at the ready and what to eat. These are the worries of a classy person who cares about smooth interactions and winning impressions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the same way that it's silly to saddle the horse if you're not going to ride it, it's a waste of energy to make grand resolutions that are too hard to keep. You'll thrive setting small goals;

you'll conquer them quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Home is an emotional state. It exists as much in your imagination as it does in physical space. If you are at home but you do not feel at home, don't let the dynamics drag on. They can and should be fixed today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The situation you create and re-create is nothing more than a habit. It may feel like more of a knee-jerk reaction than a choice, but that's only because the pattern is so ingrained. You can keep or change any part of it you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are certain memories, keepsakes and traditions you draw on for sustenance. You'll do well to make the ritual more deliberate, perhaps by adding something to it or just by recognizing its importance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 1). It's a year of lifestyle upgrades, as you've aimed to live more in line with your values. There are also some

aesthetic changes you've been wanting to make. Friends and family will support you and then celebrate your success. The sweat you pour into an August project brings big money in November. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 22, 30 and 11.

HAPPY MAY DAY: The approximate midpoint between the spring equinox and the summer solstice tends to be a time when natural beauty is so obvious that hearts become joy-swollen and eager to join in the sharing of life's abundance. If your community lets the first of May go by without mention, it's not the only one, as this holiday was a much bigger deal in ancient times and is today only celebrated in certain regions. The Old World pagan activities include the community symbol of a maypole decorated with ribbons, fruits and flowers and erected in the center of the festival to dance, drink and revel around. Another tradition is to leave an anonymous bouquet at the door of

a beloved, neighbor or stranger.

Beltane is the Celtic form of the holiday, celebrated in rituals of fire. The old writings suggest that all of the households in a community would extinguish the fires in their hearths and ceremoniously reignite them with flames from the community fire.

The Cancer moon that rules today favors any intention to create the kind of warm bonds that fortify and unify a community in a sense of mutually belonging.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Tim McGraw is the star of a newly released fantasy film about a grieving man's invitation to meet God at a place called The Shack. The Grammy winner was born when the sun was in rootsy Taurus, the sign of the voice, and the moon was in Aquarius, the sign of altruism. Look for more film work in the future from the "Humble and Kind" country artist.

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Annie's Mailbox

Should Dad Get to Go to Graduation?

Dear Annie: My 17-year-old son will be graduating soon, and the question is: Does Dad get invited? My son's father moved back to the area in the past year, but they have had contact only about three times, mostly because my son does not answer his dad's texts or calls.

My ex had moved away in a hurry after he was caught stealing from his only friend and roommate. Once

he left town, he was also caught stealing from his own father and stepmother.

I used to hide these indiscretions from my child, but now that he is older, I've had to be truthful with him, especially when I was recently concerned that his father might try to come get him from school without permission. Because his dad has mental illness diagnoses, people do not press charges or he somehow manages to get himself out of sticky situations. I'm

not even really sure what's going on with him, as I have stopped concerning myself with his many issues.

So, with graduation around the corner and a finite number of tickets -- only five -- I would rather have my mom and my brother's family of three use the tickets, as they have all been the supportive people in my son's life. Is there an obligation to Dad? -- Proud Momma

Dear Proud: There are a few milestones large enough for us to see when we zoom way out from our own lives and look at the bigger picture -- weddings, births, funerals and graduations chief among

them. This is a big deal for your son. It is his day. I would ask your son his thoughts on whether he wants his dad there. As long as there's no risk of his dad's disrupting the celebration, I would lean toward allowing him to come if your son wishes.

Having your mother and brother there (along with one other member of his family) would be great and helpful, too. The more support for your son the better. If your ex comes to the ceremony, you need not invite him to celebrate afterward if you would be uncomfortable with it or feel it might be too much. A hug and a thank-you would

suffice.

Dear Annie: The recent letter you received from "Finally Sleeping," about the difficulties of fibromyalgia, has saved my body. Within a period of two years, I had three back operations that had to be performed by a neurosurgeon. Because of spinal cord issues, I suffer from permanent nerve damage and developed neuropathy and a condition called complex regional pain syndrome. Our mattress, which is a Tempur-Pedic, can be very cold, and every morning when I would wake up, I felt as if a truck had run over me. It would take at least an hour for my body to adjust. Thanks to "Finally Sleeping," my problem was solved: I got a heated mattress

pad. I figured that if it helps her to sleep, it might help me feel better in the morning. And it has changed my world. So kudos and many thanks to "Finally Sleeping"! -- Mornings Are Better in PA

Dear Mornings: I print readers' stories and solutions in this column with the hope that they help at least one person out there, and you're living proof. That is wonderful. Thank you for sharing, and keep sleeping soundly.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 5 2
♥ Q 6 5
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ Q 7 4

EAST
♠ A 10 9 4 3
♥ —
♦ 7
♣ A K 10 9 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A K 9 7 4 2
♦ A K Q J 10 5
♣ 6

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ Pass (!) 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♦ Pass (!!) 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ 6 ♦ Dble

Opening lead — jack of clubs.
Many years ago, The Bridge World magazine ran a series of articles called "Favorite Hands." The top experts were invited to submit one or more of their favorites, and a sizable collection of interesting deals was published as a result. Most of the articles showed the experts in a favorable light, but Charles Lochridge found his favorite to be one where he came to a sad end.

Lochridge was South; Ted Lightner, North; Mrs. Louise Wainwright,

East; and Sam Fry, West. They were playing at New York's Regency Club, and, according to Lochridge, when he leapt to six diamonds, Fry was so startled that he doubled without a moment's thought.

Lochridge's partner, the ever-lugubrious Lightner, gazed at Lochridge as though he had been stabbed in the back. The rest of the story is best told in Lochridge's own words:

"West led the jack of clubs, and when I saw dummy I was so awed by my brilliance that I forgot to cover. This play qualifies me as a full-fledged moron. When the jack held the trick, Fry went into a coma.

"How long this might have continued there is no way of telling, but I could see that Lightner was suffering unbearably (and, besides, my time at the bridge table is extremely valuable), so I spread my hand and claimed the balance. No one has ever accused Sam of being unable to count to 13; he shifted to a heart and his partner trumped.

"I grabbed Lightner before he jumped out the window, and tried to console him with the fact that the opponents could have made six spades. But even today, after all these years, when Lightner sees me, his mumbled greeting sounds suspiciously like, 'You big jerk.'"

Tomorrow: A stitch in time saves nine.

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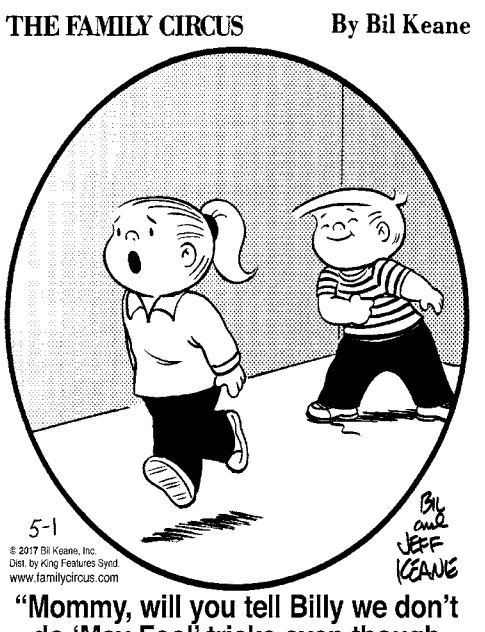
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"MOM, HOW DO YOU EXPECT THE COOKIES TO LAST IF YOU ONLY BUY A COUPLE BOXES AT A TIME?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, will you tell Billy we don't do 'May Fool' tricks even though it's May 1?"

HAGAR



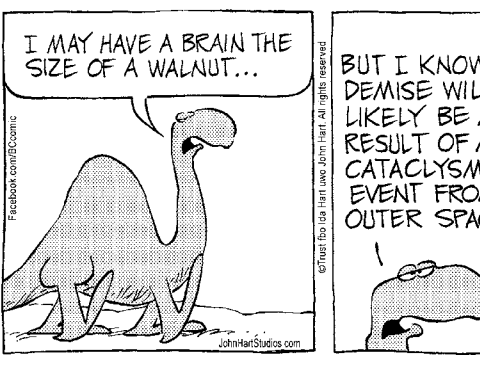
I WAS HOPING I WOULDN'T FIND YOU IN THE BAR, HAGAR!

BLONDIE

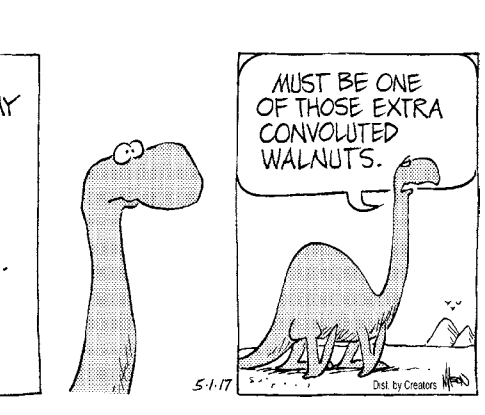


DON'T WORRY, BROTHER OLAF! I WON'T TELL ANYONE I SAW YOU HERE!

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I MAY HAVE A BRAIN THE SIZE OF A WALNUT...

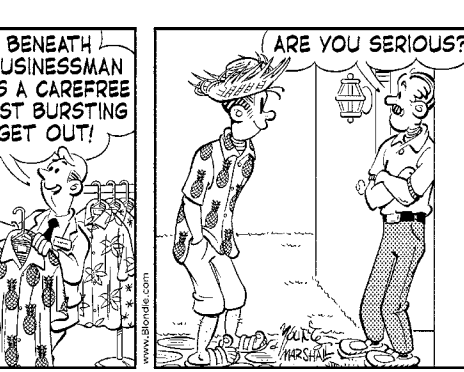


MUST BE ONE OF THOSE EXTRA CONVOLUTED WALNUTS.

BLONDIE



I DON'T THINK SO... I'M NOT REALLY A HAWAIIAN SHIRT KIND OF GUY

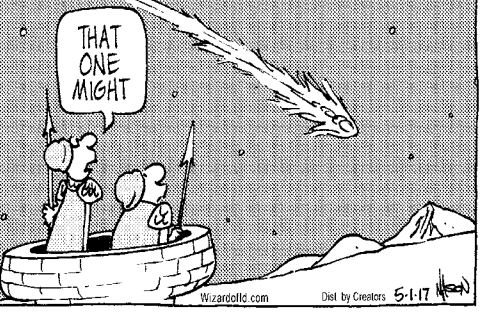


I'M GUESSING BENEATH THAT SERIOUS BUSINESSMAN EXTERIOR, THERE'S A CAREFREE GUY JUST BURSTING TO GET OUT!

WIZARD OF ID



WOW, DO YOU THINK THE STARS REALLY CHART OUR DESTINY?

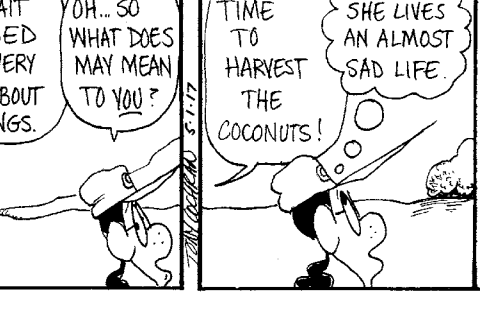


THAT ONE MIGHT

AGNES



IT'S MAY! YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, DON'T YOU?



SCHOOL'S OVER IN A MONTH!

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, May 1, the 121st day of 2017. There are 244 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On May 1, 1915, the SS Gulflight, an American tanker near Britain's Scilly Isles, even though the United States was still neutral in the conflict.
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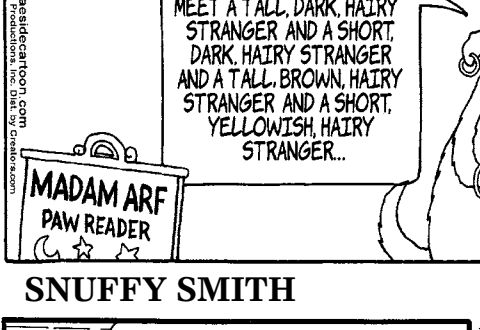


I DON'T UNDERSTAND "SELL BY" "USE BY" OR "BEST BY" DATES.



I IGNORE THAT STUFF.

THE OTHER COAST

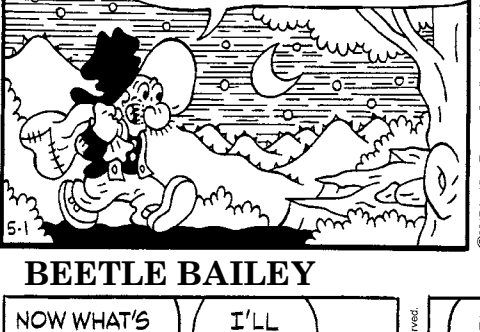


YOU WILL GO TO THE DOG PARK, WHERE YOU WILL MEET A TALL, DARK, HAIRY STRANGER AND A SHORT, DARK, HAIRY STRANGER AND A TALL, BROWN, HAIRY STRANGER AND A SHORT, YELLOWISH, HAIRY STRANGER...

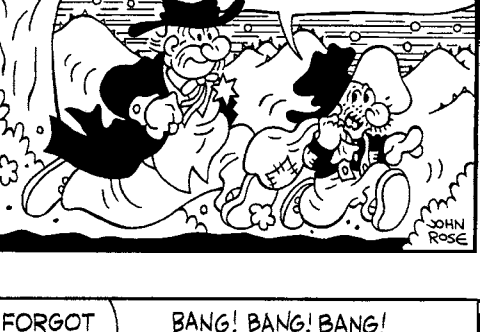


THAT'S ALL I EVER MEET AT THE DOG PARK, I'M JUST HERE FOR THE LOTTERY NUMBERS.

SNUFFY SMITH



WOW !! MOTHER NATURE IN ALL HER GLORY !! SUCH A BODACIOUS VIEW !!

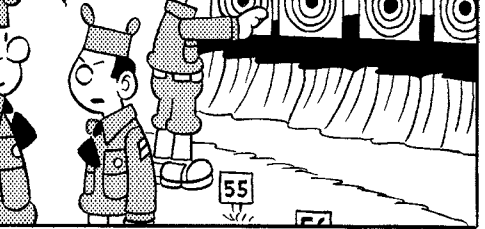


AN' THEN SUMPIN' ALWAYS COMES ALONG TO RUIN IT !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



NOW WHAT'S BEEBLE DOING?



I'LL ASK HIM

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Constructed
 - 6 Sleep in a tent
 - 10 Wagers
 - 14 Winfrey of TV
 - 15 Opera solo
 - 16 Very hard to find
 - 17 Oregon or Florida
 - 18 On ___ and neighborhoods
 - 19 Neighborhood
 - 20 Film's gown creator
 - 23 Point opposite WNW
 - 24 Family room
 - 25 Show to a 72 Across, informally
 - 28 In addition
 - 31 Most confident
 - 36 University sports org.
 - 38 Lubricates
 - 40 From then
 - 41 One who chooses a film's actors
 - 44 Female choir voices
 - 45 Roll-call response
 - 46 Ship captain's spot
 - 47 Human beings
 - 49 Football officials, for short
 - 51 Highways: Abbr.
 - 52 Pub serving
 - 54 Sci-fi characters: Abbr.
 - 56 Film's camera-crew chief
 - 65 Black-and-white cookie
 - 66 Melody
- DOWN**
- 1 Pear variety
 - 2 Capable of
 - 3 Keogh plan relatives: Abbr.
 - 4 Espresso with milk
 - 5 Uncle Sam's country
 - 6 ___ Canaveral, FL
 - 7 Dry as a desert
 - 8 Dug for gold
 - 9 Free tickets
 - 10 Boast
 - 11 Be deserving of
 - 12 Elm or maple
 - 13 Scorch
 - 21 Honeydew or cantaloupe
 - 22 On, as a machine
 - 25 Open up, as toothpaste
 - 26 Weighing device
 - 27 Must
 - 29 Wistful sound
 - 30 Born earlier
 - 32 Well-to-do
 - 33 "Come in!"
 - 34 Give a reprimand to
 - 35 Contract's details
 - 37 Perched on
 - 39 Kingly address
 - 42 Religion of the Koran
 - 43 Allude (to)
 - 48 Make very happy
 - 50 Orders of pancakes
 - 53 Piano practice piece
 - 55 Shopping binge
 - 56 ___ in handy (be useful)
 - 57 Clothes-pressing appliance
 - 58 Geek
 - 59 Ages and ages
 - 60 ___-day (vitamin dose, often)
 - 61 Courteous fellow
 - 62 Honeybee's home
 - 63 Give off
 - 64 Nevada city

FILM VIPS

by Sandy Fein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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HAWKS

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Luna took back what progress Howard College had made with two more runs in the sixth inning to add to their lead.

With an RBI double by Luis Perez and an RBI single by Castelblanco, the Roughriders found themselves up 10-4 heading into the seventh inning.

Ellison of the Hawks tried to give the team some momentum when he stepped up to the plate and knocked out a solo home run to left field, which was then followed with a score by Bullard Jr. on Ochoa's groundout.

Continuing the back-and-forth exchange of two runs, Luna recorded the last two runs of the game from an RBI single by Castelblanco and a score by Ozuna on an error.

Howard College couldn't get anything going in the eighth and ninth innings, and the Roughriders took game two with a final score of 12-6.

"Although we won the first game by a lot, we still did not play very well in the first two games of the series," said head baseball coach Rob Martinez. "It was just one of those games where we were fortunate that it ended up going our way, because we really just were not on top of our game on Friday."

Denny Bentley started the game on the mound for the Hawks.

He tossed five and two thirds innings, surrendered nine runs on eight hits, walked two, and struck out three. Tristan Tom pitched the final three and one thirds innings, gave up three runs on five hits, walked zero, and sat five.

Howard College didn't have the same success at the plate as they did in game one with six runs on seven hits for the game, five RBIs, four walks, and three strikeouts.

Ellison led the team offensively with two hits and two runs batted in.

Game Three: Howard College 5 - Luna 2 (Saturday)

The Hawks displayed strong defense as they held Luna scoreless for the first four innings of the game, all while putting up four runs from an RBI double by Ochoa in the first, an RBI single and a score on a groundout play, both by Reese O'Farrell in the second, and a score by Colacecchi on a groundout play in the fourth.

Garret Garcia of the Roughriders managed to put their first run on the board in the top of the fifth inning with an RBI single out to left field, but that was quickly answered with an RBI single by Peterson in the bottom of the sixth to put the Hawks up 5-1.

Santos knocked out his fourth home run of the series with a solo shot out to left field in the top of the seventh, but that wasn't enough for the win, and Howard College took game three with a final score of 5-2.

"Anything can happen when you play Luna. They don't have anything to lose. They are loose and are very dangerous offensively," said Martinez. "We were able to clean it up and turn things around today compared to how we played yesterday. McInvale set the tone quickly for us in the first one, and threw a complete game within 75-80 pitches. He absolutely commanded every single pitch. He has thrown well for us twice in a row now, so hopefully that continues through to next weekend."

Andrew McInvale had a great game on the mound as he earned the win for the Hawks. He threw for seven innings, surrendered two runs on six hits, walked zero, and struck out seven.

Bullard Jr, Ochoa, Peterson, Colacecchi, O'Farrell, and Jordan Stephens each made up the teams to-

tal of six hits with one a piece.

Game Four: Howard College 21 - Luna 12 (Saturday)

The Roughriders were able to grab an early lead with an RBI single by Santos, but Howard College quickly snatched it from them in the bottom of the second inning with a run scored by Beck on a walk from Luna pitcher, Brandon Douglas, with juiced bases, and a score by Peterson on Stephens' sacrifice fly to center field.

Santos knocked out a solo home run in the top of the third, his fifth homer for the series, to tie the game at two. De La Cruz followed with a home run of his own to drive Ozuna across home, putting Luna up 4-2 over the Hawks.

Beck notched the game at fours when he doubled out to right field and pushed Ochoa and Facendo in for a pair of Howard College scores.

The Roughriders reclaimed the lead when Castelblanco stepped up to the plate and lifted a home run out to right field, bringing Marquez and Perez across to put them up 7-4.

The lead did not last long for Luna as the Hawks continued to make it a back-and-forth affair by driving in five runs in the bottom of the fourth. The scores were thanks to an RBI single by Ochoa, a 2RBI double by Beck and an RBI home run by Peterson.

The Roughriders responded with an RBI single by Perez and a score by Michael Avilucea on Castelblanco's sacrifice fly to tie the game at 9-9 in the top of the fifth.

The Hawks came right back at them with four more runs, which came when Stephens knocked out a solo home run, followed with an RBI double by Ochoa, an RBI single and score on an error, both by Facendo.

After a scoreless sixth inning and falling to a four-run deficit to Howard, Luna made up for it with three runs

in the top of the seventh when Castelblanco hit another home run out to center field, which drove Avilucea and Perez in for scores and brought the score to 13-12, Hawk lead.

Howard's sticks caught fire as they went on an eight-run score streak from an RBI single by Beck, a 3RBI double by O'Farrell and an RBI homer by Stephens in the seventh, followed with a game-ending RBI homer by Facendo in the eighth.

The Hawks put on a show at the plate late in the game and came away with the 21-12 win in game four of the series and clinched their spot in the playoffs.

"Today we played completely opposite of how we did on Friday and really just played better as a team," said Martinez. "It feels really good to clinch the playoffs. Although we will be playing for seeding next weekend, we can still go in a little more relaxed knowing that we are in."

Ryan Williams started the game on the mound for Howard College. He tossed for three innings, surrendered seven runs on nine hits, walked two, and sat five. Parker Towns earned the win from the mound as he pitched for four innings, allowed three runs on five hits, walked one, and struck out four.

The Hawks were a force at the plate as they collected a total of 21 hits for the game. Beck led the way to victory with five runs batted in. O'Farrell and Stephens were right behind him with 4 RBIs each.

Next weekend, Howard College will take on New Mexico Junior College in a four-game conference series that will determine the seeds for playoffs. The first two games will take in New Mexico starting at 12:00 p.m. The last two will be held in Big Spring at Jack Barber field and will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Bulldogette softball closes with 8-3 playoff loss to Early

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The Coahoma varsity softball team made their way back to Abilene Christian University on Saturday for the second game of their first playoff series against Early. After losing in game one on Thursday, the Bulldogettes fell short once again in game two with a final score of 8-3, eliminating them from the playoffs and bringing their season to a close.

Coahoma was able to grab a quick two-run lead in the first inning when Lexie Montelongo scored on a wild pitch from Longhorn pitcher Makayla DeLeon, followed with a score by Madison Daniels on a sacrifice bunt from Makayla Overton.

After three back-to-back second inning strikeouts from DeLeon to shut down Coahoma at the plate, Early tied up the contest at two with an RBI triple and a score on a sacrifice fly, both by Ashlyn Kirby.

Coahoma struggled to get anything going in the top of the third, as DeLeon induced three consecutive groundouts to Early first baseman Kirby.

While continuing to put on a strong defensive performance, Early showed they can also get it done at the plate as they drove in four runs in the bottom of the third inning, which put them at a 6-2 lead.

Their big inning came from a 2RBI double by

DeLeon, a score by Sydnee Shea on a sacrifice fly from Kaiken Reagan, and a score by Morgan Luckie on a ground out play.

Both teams brought one run across the plate in the fourth with an RBI single by Caitlyn Corley for the Bulldogettes, and an RBI triple by Shea for the Longhorns.

Following a scoreless fifth inning, Early added one more run to the board with an RBI double by DeLeon, and the team went on to hold Coahoma scoreless for the remainder of the game to ensure their 8-3 victory and playoff sweep over the Bulldogettes.

"It is always tough to end on a loss. While we didn't win district and didn't win all of the playoff games that we wanted to, I told the girls that in no way did we underachieve because I felt like it might seem that way to them," said head softball coach Alex Orosco. "We managed to get into the playoffs and play some extra softball and that alone is something to be proud of and something that not everyone gets to do. We kept the Coahoma playoff appearance tradition alive for the 23rd consecutive year, and for the girls to continue that is huge. We didn't go out there and lose to a bad team. We played hard and lost to a very good team in Early, and that is okay."

Cassie Grant started the game on the mound for Coahoma. She

threw for two and one thirds innings, allowed six runs on five hits, walked two, and struck out one.

Daniels, who was tagged with the loss, pitched for three and two thirds innings. She surrendered two runs on three hits, walked three, and struck out seven.

Montelongo and Corley each had one hit, making up the team's total of two.

This loss concludes the 2017 softball season for Coahoma. Breanna Grant, Annie Chandler, and Kodi Howard make up the team's seniors that will be graduating this year.

"I am proud of the girls and all of their hard work they put in this year. They always had a great attitudes at every practice and every game, and did everything we asked of them, which was a lot," said Orosco. "Hopefully they can come into the off-season and prepare themselves for another run next year."

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a pair of RBI home runs by Loyola and Lee in the third.

Howard College took game one with a final score of 17-2 in just four and a half innings of play.

Kylie Shay started the game on the mound for Howard College as she threw for three innings, allowed two runs on two hits, walked three and struck out one. Allison Tomson entered the game in the fourth inning, allowed zero runs on two hits, walked four, and sat one. The Lady Hawks had a heyday at the plate, knocking out a total of 15 hits. Lee led the way to victory with five runs batted in. Neff and Loyola were right behind her with four RBIs each.

Game Two: Howard College 13 - Clarendon 5

The Lady Hawks dominated in game two as well as they held the Lady Bulldogs scoreless for the first four innings of the game while putting 12 runs on the board. Their runs came with scores by Megan Darling and Lopez on separate errors in the first inning, an RBI home run by Mercado, RBI singles by Neff and Loyola, a score by Neff on a passed ball, and an RBI homer by Lopez in the third, and back-to-back RBI singles by Loyola and Seumalo in the fourth.

Clarendon attempted to make a comeback in the top of the fifth, but could only manage to bring five runs across with a 2RBI single by Kayla Hill, a score by Emily Benitez on a

passed ball, and an RBI home run by Villarreal.

Lady Bulldog pitcher Ally Allen gave Howard College their game-winning run when she walked Seumalo with the bases juiced in the bottom of the fifth inning, enforcing the eight-run rule and ensuring the Lady Hawks a 13-5 victory in game two.

Brown started the game on the mound for Howard College. She tossed for three innings, surrendered zero runs on one hit, walked one, and sat one. Villigrana entered the game in the fourth inning, surrendered five runs on four hits, walked zero, and struck out zero.

It was another 15 hit game for the Lady Hawks, with Seumalo, Lopez, Mercado, and Loyola leading the way offensively with two runs batted in each.

Howard College finished first place in their conference with a record of 26-2, and an overall record of 42-11.

"I am so proud of this team. We only lost two conference games and were undefeated at home," said head softball coach Kelly Raines. "These last home games were great, and the girls played so awesome. I couldn't ask for more from them and I hope we can carry that into next week."

Up next, the Lady Hawks will move on to the regional tournament this weekend where their first game will be held at Lubbock Christian University at 5:30 p.m. If they win the first game, they will play Saturday at 5:30 p.m. If they win the second game, they will advance to the championship game which will take place on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Opponents are TBA.

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