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Commissioners to consider burn ban

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

At their meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Howard County Commissioners will consider adopting a county-wide burn ban.

The commissioners will meet in the second-floor conference room of the Howard County Courthouse at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan will address the commissioners about the possibility of the burn ban.

In other business, the commissioners will:

- Hear the presentation of a Texas Judicial Academy Fellowship Award.
- Discuss contract matters.
- Discuss and consider approval of a radio contract with the city of Big Spring.
- Meet in closed executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- Approve the bi-weekly county payroll.
- Consider approving a list of equipment from several county departments for auction.
- Discuss and consider action on road maintenance.

If you would like to address the commissioners, plan to arrive prior to the start of the meeting to fill out a brief form letting them know of your intent to speak.

For more information, contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office at 432-264-2202.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Easter 2018



Pastor Sam Segundo preaches the good word of Christ's victory over the grave Sunday morning during Family Faith Center's annual Easter Sunrise Service at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. The church also hosted a 10:30 a.m. Easter service, an Easter egg hunt, and a softball game at the park Sunday.



Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center held a family-fun Easter event Saturday, March 31 for the public. At the event, attendees enjoyed refreshments, egg decorating, several egg hunts, and the opportunity to get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. The photo on the left shows Milo Garcia and Lyniah Sharpe as they show off their eggs collected during one of the egg hunts held by Parkview. The photo on the right shows Adrian Garcia and Milo Garcia posing for a picture with the Easter Bunny.

We Inspire, I Inspire



In the photo above, Ryan Ward stands at Camp Patriot, in Kuwait on Jan. 6th, 2018 during a mission in support of Operation Spartan Shield. Ward is holding the flag that he gave to Big Spring Intermediate.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

It takes an extraordinary person to join the army and fight for our county. Most join the army right out of school, but one Big Spring local felt a pull to do something he had never done before, so he had to do it. Though he already had an established life and career, he followed what he believed he was called to do, to become part of the U.S Army.

Ryan Ward used to teach 5th grade math at Big Spring Intermediate school (BSI), and even though he left his teaching career behind, he couldn't leave behind the support of the staff and students at BSI.

Feb. 21, 2018, Ward reminded his BSI family just

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Forsan solfege champs



The Forsan Elementary pre-k, kindergarten and first grade classes competed in a solfege competition last week during their music classes. Solfege is a musical system of hand signs and single syllables used to help the music student identify different pitches on the music staff. The students have been learning and practicing the hand signs and solfege syllables throughout the school year, and the competition was tougher to judge than imagined. One champion was chosen from each of the class periods in their age group. The winners include: Brynlee Bryant (left), Deegan Fulgham (center) and Barrett Grigg (right). Forsan ISD is immensely proud of all of their students for developing these skills at such a young age.

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Obituaries

Damian Leos



Damian Leos, 19, of Garden City, died Thursday, March 29, 2018. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Damian was born Aug. 31, 1998, in Big Spring, Texas, to Stephanie Ann Yanez Leos and Albert Leos. He was a lifetime resident of Garden City. He graduated from Garden City High School. He was employed by A&W Flow of Odessa. He was a member of St. Paschal's Catholic Church in Sterling City.

He is survived by his parents Stephanie and Albert Leos of Big Spring; his girlfriend Diana Oro-

zco of Sterling City; two sisters: Casandra Leos and Breanna Leos both of Big Spring; two brothers, Fabian Leos and Brandon Leos; his God Daughter, Mayte Orozco; his maternal grandparents: Billy Yanez of Midland and Nora and Joe Torres of Big Spring; his paternal grandparents, Eva and Charlie Leos of Big Spring; his great grandparents, Sally Yanez and Delfina Leos, both of Big Spring and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Damian was preceded in death by his great grandparents Aristeo and Ophelia Hernandez; one aunt, Gloria Hernandez and one uncle: Alfred Leos.

Pallbearers will be Billy Yanez, Jr., Jack Yanez, Daniel Leos, Adam Leos, Mark Hernandez and Miguel Hernandez.

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

Paid Obituary

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.

• **COURTNEY FELICIA AUSBIE**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of man deliverer.

• **PATRICIA BACON**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of bail jumping, six counts failure to appear, two counts theft of property.

• **ELDA MELINA BERNAL**, 47, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of forgery financial instrument.

• **JESSICA FAYE BROOKS**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana, driving while license invalid, and possession of controlled substance.

• **BOBBY ALLEN BRYANT**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of parole violation.

• **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana.

• **JOSE RAMON DELGADO-JIMENEZ**, 68, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOHNNY LEE FLOYD**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of no driver's license, expired registration, failed to main-

tain financial responsibility.

• **ANGELITA GARCIA**, 61, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of three counts failure to appear, no driver' license, Displayed expired registration.

• **NATHAN CARL DEAN GARRAD**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **PALDIO GARZA JR.**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of property.

• **MICHAEL RAYE GRISOM**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping.

• **ALEJANDRA ALICE LOPEZ**, 50, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **LORENZO ORLANDO LOVE**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

• **RODNEY MARTINEZ**, 22, was arrested by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

• **AMY JEANEE MATHES**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **KAYLA MARIA OSBORNE**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of no driver's license, two counts failure to appear, failed to maintain financial responsibility, assault by contact, seven counts on violate school rules.

• **NICOLAS FELIPE PEREZ**,

24, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 70, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MARK WAYNE SADLER**, 58, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LANCE PAT SEEDIG**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault cause bodily injury family.

• **COBE BRIAN SMITH**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of criminal mischief.

• **JOE SPENCER**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THADDEUS ONTATIO STRAUGHTER**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of robbery.

• **JARRETT ALLEN WEAVER**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of driving with license invalid.

• **KEVIN LAMONT WILIAMS**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on charges of failure to identify fugitive, criminal trespass, and on a warrant of parole violation.

• **MIGUEL ZUNIGA-PINEDA**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of harassment.

Take Note

• Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child supper and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on May 24, Aug. 23, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in

the Howard College Library.

• The Howard County Fair Board thanks all those who are working on a square for the 2018 quilt. There are still a few squares left to be done/ Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 395-5000 or come by the high school office. Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. See Brooks at theHSoffice for a packet.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **THADDEUS ONTARIO STRAUGHTER**, 27, of 1101 N Goliad St., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.

• **LANCE PAT SEEDIG**, 33, of 6806 CR 4156, was arrested on a charge of violation of protective order.

• **JOHNNY LEE FLOYD**, 21, of 1605 Bluebird St., was arrested on warrants of no driver's license, expired registration, failed to maintain financial responsibility.

• **KAYLA MARIE FOWLER**, 27, of 1508 Wood St., was arrested on warrants of no driver's license, two counts failure to appear, failed to maintain financial responsibility, assault by contact, seven counts on violate school rules.

• **NATHAN CARL DEAN GARRARD**, 25, of 605 Abrams., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BURLGARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 400 block of E 3rd St.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal St.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Abrams St.

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 be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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.

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Kentucky teachers rally at Capitol over state budget

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Thousands of Kentucky teachers filled the streets near the state Capitol in Frankfort on a cold, overcast Monday to rally for education funding.

Teachers and other school employees gathered outside the Kentucky Education Association a couple of blocks from the Capitol chanting "Stop the war on public education" and holding or posting signs that say "We've Had Enough."

"We're madder than hornets, and the hornets are swarming today," said Claudette Green, a retired teacher and principal.

The rally is happening after hundreds of teachers called in sick Friday to protest last-minute changes to their pension system.

Teacher unrest is not just limited to Kentucky. Educators in Oklahoma were gearing up Monday to march on their state capital as well. Earlier this year, teachers in West Virginia walked off the job for nine days to secure a 5 percent pay raise.

Teachers have rallied several times during this year's legislative session to protest the pension bill, but Monday's event is shaping up as their biggest event as many districts are on spring break.

Republican lawmakers passed a pension over-

haul Thursday that preserves benefits for most workers and does little in the short-term to address the state's massive debt. The move was done in response to one of the worst-funded public retirement systems in the country and in defiance of a powerful teachers union that vowed political retribution.

Republican Gov. Matt Bevin has not yet signed the bill, but last week tweeted his support, saying public workers owe "a deep debt of gratitude" to lawmakers who voted to pass it.

During Monday's rally, some teachers, angry at lawmakers who supported the bill, chanted "Vote them out."

Melissa Wash, a first grade teacher from Gallatin County who has been teaching for 19 years, said she voted for Bevin, but now plans to become a Democrat. To the lawmakers who voted for the pension overhaul, she said: "You better not count on another year in office."

Erica Sudduth, a 29-year-old elementary school teacher in Kenton County, said frustration has



AP photo

Hundreds of Kentucky teachers protest outside of Gov. Matt Bevin's office on Friday, March 30, 2018, in Frankfort, Ky. State lawmakers passed a bill late Thursday night that makes changes to the state's pension system. Bevin could sign the bill into law on Friday.

been building for years. "What used to be the way my grandmother used to teach, things used to be different, things used to be a lot simpler. And for years they have been adding more and more and more on to teachers and we have been putting up with all of it. We have held our tongue this whole time and now it is just coming to a boiling point."



Courtesy photo

Ward salutes as he is being presented an American flag that flew over Camp Patriot in Kuwait. He later sent this flag to Big Spring Intermediate as a token of appreciation.

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how much they meant to him.

"I was surprised with a very special gift for our BSI family," said Patsy Sanchez, the principal at BSI. "In honor of BSI, Ryan Ward presented us with a flag that had flown over Camp Patriot, in Kuwait on January 6th, 2018 during missions in support of Operation Spartan Shield."

Also, Ward present a letter along with the flag to BSI that read:

"I would like to present BSI with this flag to show my appreciation for all the continuous support while joining the U.S Army. I walked away from a job I loved to do a job I was called to do. I am forever grateful for my time and memories at BSI. Your continuous support has made the transition from a teacher life to an army life much easier. Thank you for all the gifts, letters, prayers, love and support. 'We Inspire...I Inspire.'"

Ryan's heart has always been with Big Spring, and even when miles away he never forgets his roots.

"He's a graduate of BSHS and a shining example of the best of Big Spring," said George Bancroft, the Human Resources Director and Community Relations Coordinator of Big Spring ISD.

"He was and continues to be a very valued member of our BSI family. Mr. Ward decided to leave us for the army, and who can compete with wanting to serve our wonderful and honored USA," said Sanchez. "He has made us very proud, and we will continue to support him in prayer and supply/treat packages. Thank you and God Bless our Mr. Ward."

Texas man who invoked 'affluenza' defense released from jail



AP photo

In this Feb. 19, 2016, file photo, Ethan Couch is led to a juvenile court for a hearing in Fort Worth, Texas.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 20-year-old Texas man who as a teenager invoked "affluenza" in his defense after killing four people in a drunken wreck has been released from jail.

Tarrant County sheriff's spokesman David McClelland says Ethan Couch was released Monday from the county jail near Dallas after serving nearly two years for a revoked probation.

Couch was 16 in June 2013 when he struck and killed four pedestrians. A psychologist at his manslaughter trial blamed his irresponsibility on family wealth, dubbing it "affluenza." A juvenile court sentenced him to 10 years of probation.

Couch's probation was revoked in 2016 after he attended a party where alcohol was served.

His mother, Tonya Couch, awaits trial on charges of hindering apprehension of a felon and money laundering after she fled to Mexico with her son in 2015.

Studies link legal marijuana with fewer opioid prescriptions



AP photo

In this Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 file photo, a woman holds the prescribed medical marijuana product used to treat her daughter's epilepsy after making a purchase at a medical marijuana dispensary in Butler, Pa.

NEW YORK (AP) — Can legalizing marijuana fight the problem of opioid addiction and fatal overdoses? Two new studies in the debate suggest it may.

Pot can relieve chronic pain in adults, so it's been proposed as a lower-risk alternative to opioids by advocates for liberalizing marijuana laws. But some research suggests marijuana may encourage opioid use, and so might make the epidemic worse.

The new studies don't directly assess the effect of legalizing marijuana on opioid addiction and overdose deaths. Instead, they find evidence that legalization may reduce the prescribing of opioids. Over-prescribing is considered a key factor in the opioid epidemic.

Both studies were released Monday by the journal JAMA Internal Medicine. They examined state laws and statewide levels of opioid prescribing.

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Jeanie Ward, 64, died Thursday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Damian Leos, 19, died Thursday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Dixie Bannister, 74, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Authorities clear suspicious letter at Dallas megachurch

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say a suspicious envelope found at First Baptist church in Dallas has been cleared after a brief investigation.

Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans said that authorities were called to the church at about 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Evans said the letter was found to not have any powder or other signs of danger.

He said the letter initially caused suspicion at the church because it was dropped off in an area where letters are not typically delivered.

First Baptist Dallas is led by Pastor Robert Jeffress, a politically active conservative who is an outspoken supporter of President Donald Trump.

Soldier killed in Syria identified as 36-year-old from Texas

By **DEB RIECHMANN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American service member killed this week by a roadside bomb in northern Syria was a 36-year-old Army soldier from Texas, the Defense Department said Saturday.

Master Sgt. Jonathan J. Dunbar, of Austin, died Friday as a result of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol in Manbij — not far from the border with Turkey — during an operation against the Islamic State group, officials said.

A British armed forces member also was killed and five other people were wounded in Thursday's bombing—a rare attack since the U.S.-led coalition sent troops into the country.

"Coalition forces, in an advise, assist and accompany capacity with our partners, were conducting a mission to kill or capture a known (IS) member when they were struck by an improvised explosive device," the U.S.-led coalition said Saturday in a statement to The Associated Press.

Dunbar was assigned to the headquarters of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Manbij, a mixed Arab-Kurdish town, is under threat of a Turkish military operation. Ankara says the town is controlled by Syrian Kurdish militiamen that Turkish officials claim are "terrorists" and an extension of Kurdish insurgents inside Turkey.

In recent weeks, Manbij has seen an assassination attempt against a senior Kurdish official on the highway outside the town and a number of small explosions. Authorities imposed a curfew after 11 p.m., and in recent days barred motorcycles from moving around the town after sunset.

Dunbar is the fourth American service member to die in Syria since the U.S. began attacking Islamic State group militants there in September 2014, according to the Pentagon's Defense Casualty Analysis System.

Deputies in San Antonio shoot, kill homicide suspect

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities in San Antonio say they shot and killed a man they say was suspected of killing a woman.

According to the San Antonio Express-News, sheriff's deputies in Bexar County responded to a shooting report at about 5:15 a.m. Sunday. Deputies found the woman lying on the ground with gunshot wounds and moved her to another location, where she died. They later spotted someone in the nearby woods.

Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar said the deputies told the man to drop a handgun he was carrying. According to Salazar, the gunman "failed to comply" and deputies then shot him.

Salazar did not immediately identify the deputies, the suspect, or the woman who died. The deputies will be placed on leave pending an investigation of the incident.

Austin bombings put police squad under emotional strain

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — After a 16-hour workday investigating the Austin bombings, police Lt. Courtney Renfro arrived home to find Amazon packages on his doorstep.

Renfro paused, even though he had ordered the packages himself.

Members of the Austin police bomb squad investigated a series of explosions that killed two people and injured several others over a three-week period. They also dealt with the grueling toll of chasing thousands of reports of suspicious packages, and trying to locate a suspected bomber who turned out to have no criminal history.

Renfro told the Austin American-Statesman that the series of attacks left him "in utter shock that this was happening in our city."

"I have always told the guys to be prepared, but something told me it's never going to happen in little Austin," he said.

As the bombings were occurring, bomb technicians responded to more calls during one key week than they had the entire year before. One day, Renfro said he found a fellow officer, Cpl. Jesse Carrillo, sleeping on the floor of his office.

"They were sleeping in their cars, sleeping in their offices, getting an hour here or there," Renfro said.

Every explosion generated many more calls to police about suspicious packages or offering leads on the bomber.

"When a blast would happen, we would all have to respond," Carrillo said. "Just as things would slow down, there would be another explosion."

Beginning on March 2, police say 23-year-old Mark Anthony Conditt planted bombs in different parts of Austin, killing two people and severely wounding four others.

Trump says he wants skilled migrants but creates new hurdles



AP Photo

In this Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 photo, Akash Negi poses for a picture in front of his office in New York. Donald Trump says he wants more "merit-based" immigrants as opposed to those who arrive due to family ties, but his administration has taken steps to make life difficult for those skilled immigrants already in the U.S. "Any country wants to protect its own citizens, but you don't just end the program when you don't have your own population trained," Negi said.

By **NICHOLAS RICCARDI**

Associated Press

It may be a while before President Donald Trump gets another chance at creating a new, "merit-based" immigration system, a keystone of his four-part plan that Congress rejected last month. In the meantime, his administration is busy making it harder, not easier, for skilled migrants to come work in the United States.

The State Department has ended an Obama-era program to grant visas to foreign entrepreneurs who want to start companies in the United States. It is more aggressively scrutinizing visas to skilled workers from other countries. And it is contemplating ending a provision that allows spouses of those skilled workers to be employed in the U.S.

The administration and its backers contend it's trying to fix flaws in the existing, employer-centric skilled immigration system while advocating for a complete overhaul of America's immigration system.

"The stuff that they're actually doing is not so much restricting skilled immigration as enforcing the law," said Mark Krikorian of the Center for Immigration Studies, which supports reducing immigration. "They're rolling back some of the extralegal measures that other administrations have taken."

A primary avenue for skilled immigrants to enter the United States is the H1B visa for specialty workers, which is heavily used by the technology industry. About 85,000 visas are issued annually in a lottery system. Some critics argue they are a way for companies to avoid hiring U.S. citizens; Trump himself has said H1B recipients shouldn't even be considered skilled.

In 2016, two technology workers sued Disney, alleging 250 U.S. employees were laid off and many were forced to train replacements who were hired on H1B visas. A federal judge dismissed the lawsuit, saying Disney was following existing immigration laws.

The Trump administration has increased its scrutiny of H1B applications, requiring renewals be submitted in person and asking for additional proof the workers are needed and are being paid top tier.

"This increase reflects our commitment to protecting the integrity of the immigration system," said Joanne Ferreira, a spokeswoman for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. She added that 92.5 percent of the visas are still approved, only two percentage points lower than under the Obama administration in 2016.

Still, businesses have noticed a change.

"We've got employees that are going through the process, who have gone through such a level of scrutiny and interogatory that is unprecedented," said Dean Garfield, president of the Information Technology Industry Council, which advocates for H1B visas and has had one of its own workers have to move back overseas because of delays in approving the requisite visa.

The extra time with H1B visas is only part of the administration's changes to skilled, work-based immigration.

Last year, Trump signed an executive order that directed all government agencies to "rigorously enforce and administer the laws governing entry into the United States of workers from abroad" to ensure the maximum number of U.S. citizens

have jobs. The order also called for shifting H1Bs from lower-paid workers to higher-paid ones who truly have skills that can't be obtained from the native workforce.

The administration also stopped an Obama administration program that was about to start last year to provide visas to let international entrepreneurs who start companies in the United States live in the country for renewable, 30-month stints.

In December, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security released its new regulatory agenda which included further, unspecified changes to the H1B program. The administration also indicated it will roll back the STEM OPT program expanded by President Barack Obama that lets international science and technology students work legally in the U.S. for up to three years.

Meanwhile, the State Department said last week it is seeking to further enhance vetting of potential immigrants and visitors by requiring all U.S. visa applicants to submit their social media usernames, previous email addresses and phone numbers — information that was previously sought only from applicants identified for extra scrutiny. The department estimates 710,000 immigrant visa applicants and 14 million non-immigrant visa applicants will be affected annually.

Akash Negi, 26, graduated last month with a master's in sciences and analytics from Pennsylvania's Harrisburg University of Science and Technology that he earned while working as a big data analyst at JP Morgan Chase. Negi moved to the United States after his father got a diplomatic visa as part of a job at the United Nations, but his legal residency doesn't include a work permit.

He was able to work while a student but is waiting for his STEM OPT visa to remain employed, and is concerned Trump will gut the program.

Negi noted he understands Trump's stated goals of protecting U.S. workers but says he's going about it incorrectly.

"Any country wants to protect its own citizens, but you don't just end the program when you don't have your own population trained," Negi said.

The Trump administration has also signaled it may end another Obama-era program that allowed spouses of H1B visa holders to work legally in the U.S. Many of these people have been in the U.S. for years, sometimes long enough to have children who are now U.S. citizens, yet can face a decades-long wait for a green card. The prospect of being unable to work is a shock to them.

"I would like to make my own living. I am qualified and skilled," said Anushri Maru, 35, a business analyst in Houston, adding she's baffled her new home doesn't want her talents. "I'm not sure they understand that we are skilled immigrants."



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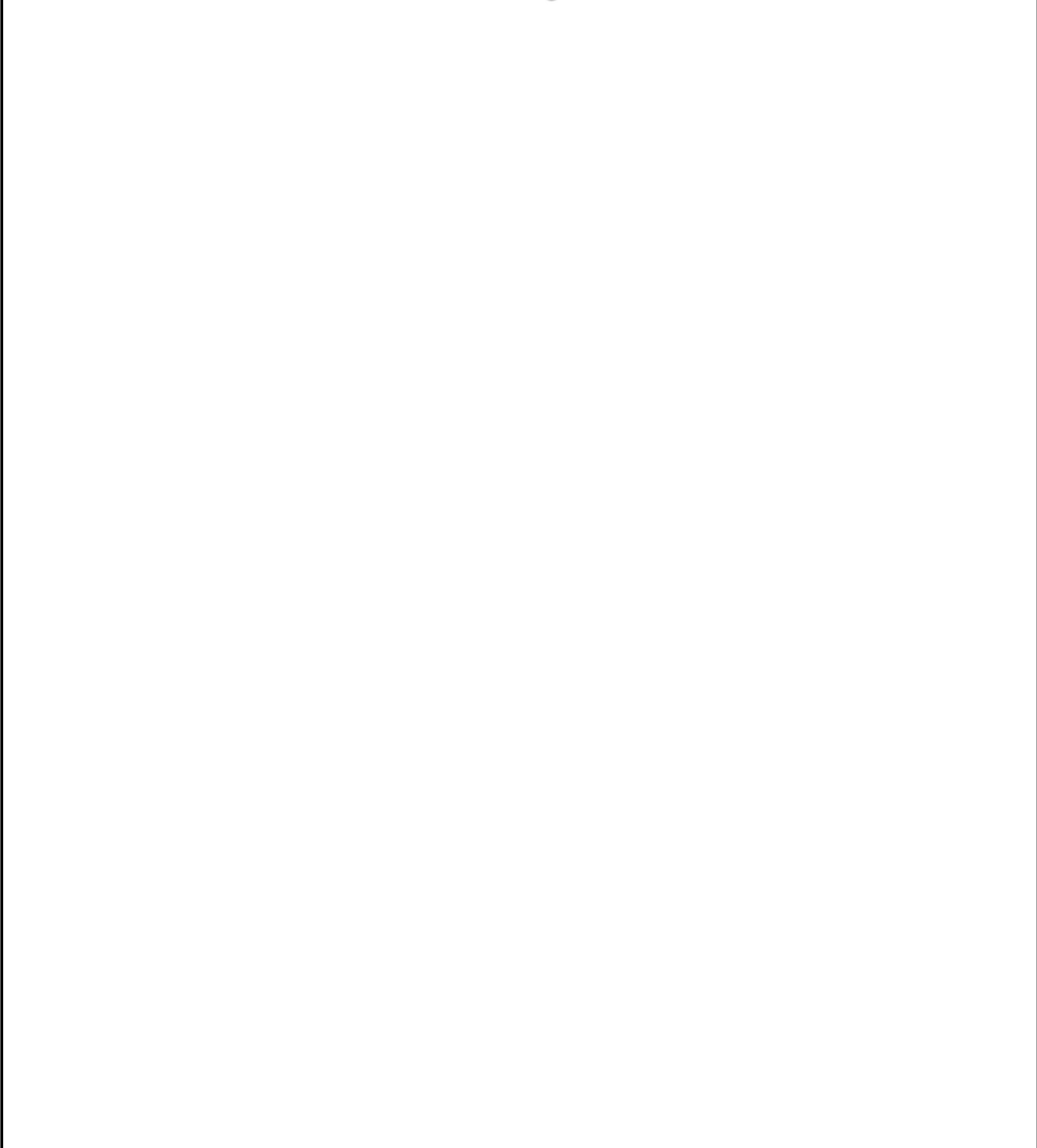
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Hawk softball continues to soar

By **JORDAN PARR**
Sports Editor

Despite losing their second game to Clarendon on Friday, which ended the Hawks' impressive 14 game winning streak, Howard College responded with back-to-back wins on Saturday over Frank Phillips College to get back on track in dominant fashion. On Friday the Hawks split a double-header with Clarendon College winning the first game 7-3 and dropping the second 5-4. The loss was the first loss for Howard College in over a month. Against Clarendon the Hawks outhit the Bulldogs 21 to 17 in the double-header but got outhit 14 to 10 in the game two loss. In the double-header against Frank Phillips College on Saturday Howard College responded to the loss with an unbelievable 27-1 victory over the Plainsmen. The Hawks followed that up with a 9-1 win in the second game of the double-header. Howard College outhit Frank Phillips 36-6 in the two games and started off their new win streak in dominant fashion.

In the first game of Friday's double-header against Clarendon, the Hawks took over in the second inning of the 7-3 victory. Howard College scored two runs in the second inning off RBIs from Kylie Shay and Mackenzie Mitchiner to take the early lead. After throwing a quick three-up three-down top of the third, the Hawks scored three more runs in the bottom of the inning to take a commanding 5-0 lead. Paige Hallam and Evelyn Loyola each drove in runs in the game to put the game out of reach early.

Clarendon responded with two runs of their own in the top of the fourth to close the gap to three. Then in the bottom of the inning Howard College scored again on a solo shot by Mitchiner to put the pressure right back on Clarendon the next inning up 6-2.

The Hawks again made short work of the Bulldogs in the top off the fifth before adding another run to their lead. K. Shay drove in the run on a line drive to center-field with two outs and two on to extend the lead back to five (7-2).

Clarendon scored a run in the sixth to bring the deficit to four, but it was little to late as the Hawks held on for the win.

Kylie Shay started at pitcher for Howard College in the game. She pitched seven innings and allowed just three runs off three hits in the contest and struck out six. She also led the Hawks on offense, she went two for three at the plate with two RBIs.

Howard College had three homers on the day, with Hallam, Mitchiner, and Loyola each taking one deep for the Hawks in their 14th straight win.

In the second game of the double-header against Clarendon College, the Bulldogs came out swinging and scored runs in the first and second innings to take an early lead. Clarendon outhit the Hawks 14 to 10 in the game and despite a valiant three run seventh inning rally by Howard College the Bulldogs were able to hang on to snap the Hawks' 14 game win streak with a narrow 5-4 victory.

After Howard College gave up one run to Clarendon in the first they responded with a score off their own in the bottom of the inning on a sacrifice RBI by Loyola. The Hawks were then held scoreless till the bottom of the seventh despite giving up one run in the second, two runs in the fourth, and another run in the sixth to be trailing 5-1 headed into their last at bat. Despite getting double digit hits in the game Howard College couldn't seem to string them together at the right time.

In the bottom of the seventh trailing by four the Hawks put up one heck of a fight with a three run two out rally that came up just short. Madoline Seumalo got the rally started with a single to center-field. Paige Hallam doubled on the next at bat followed by a three run blast by Evelyn Loyola to bring the game to a one run deficit. Unfortunately the Hawks just couldn't keep in going and grounded out for out number three on the next play to end the game just one short of the mark and to end the impressive win streak in heartbreaking fashion.

In the first game of the Hawks' double-header with Frank Phillips College on Saturday, Howard College came out looking like a team that wanted to prove that their 14 game win streak was no fluke. The Hawks scored 27 runs on 26 hits in one of the most dominant offense performances I have ever seen at the collegiate level. Howard College turned their first game coming off a disappointing loss into a statement game. The Hawks exploded on offense and locked it down on defense in the 27-1 victory over the Plainsmen.

Howard College opened the game with a three-up three-down top of the first followed by a four run five hit bottom of the inning to take a commanding lead right off the bat. Seumalo, Hallam, Mitchiner, Salinas and Graft

all had big hits in the first inning with Hallam, Mitchiner and Graft all getting RBIs in the big lead off inning to go up 4-0.

In the second inning the Hawks again forced another three-up three-down top of the inning before completely blowing the top off the game with a 12 run 12 hit inning in which everyone on the team was involved. With the big inning putting the game on ice right from the get go, the Plainsmen folded and went three-up three-down in back-to-back innings again in the third and fourth. Howard took advantage and scored 11 more runs in the next two innings making it a complete blow out. Frank Phillips did eventually score one run in the top of the fifth to prevent the shut-out but it did little to help the moral of the team as they watched the Hawks bat around in three different innings.

Kylie Shay got the start for Howard College. She pitched three innings and gave up no runs on no hits and struck out one. Madoline Seumalo led the Hawks offense for five at the plate with six RBIs and a long ball to top it off. Alexis Velazquez and Addison Lewis also went deep in the game for Howard College with almost everyone on the team driving in runs. The Hawks' win streak may have ended the day before but they sure know how to start a new one with flare.

In the Hawks' second game of their double-header with Frank Phillips on Saturday Howard College came back down to Earth a bit and scored "only" nine runs on ten hits in the 9-1 victory over the Plainsmen. With the fireworks from game one still echoing in the ears of the Frank Phillips players the Hawks jumped out to another early lead scoring three runs in the first two innings while holding the Plainsmen scoreless.

Neither team could get anything going in the third and Frank Phillips finally got on the board in the top of the fourth to make it a 3-1 game. After holding the Hawks again in the bottom of the inning it looked like the Plainsmen might have a chance to make it a game. However, in the top of the fifth Howard College, like they had done most of the weekend, forced Frank Phillips into a three-up three-down side before pushing across six runs of their own in the bottom of the inning to make it another decisive win for Howard College.

Graft, Hallam, Mitchiner and Seumalo all had mul-



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Howard College head softball coach Kelly Plainsmen and pitcher Kylie Shay relax during a Lady Plainsmen pitching change during the Lady Hawk's 27-1 win during the first game of a double header played with Frank Phillips on Saturday, March 31, 2018.



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Howard College's Alyssa Graft hits the ball during the Lady Hawk's 5-4 loss to Clarendon College in the second game of a double header on Friday, March 30, 2018.



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Howard College left fielder Madoline Seumalo fields a hit during the Lady Hawk's 5-4 loss to Clarendon College in the second game of a double header on Friday, March 30, 2018.

tiple hits in the game with Mitchiner, Seumalo, and Garcia each driving in two runs a piece. Seumalo and Garcia both went yard in the game as well to start the Hawks' new two game winning streak in an overwhelming display of offensive fire power.

Julia Grib got the start on the rubber for Howard College. She pitched five innings, gave up one run on three hits

and struck out three in the win. Howard College's response to their first loss in a month was loud and clear. The explosion of offense and the lock down on defense showed that another streak is all but inevitable with this team.

The Hawks look to extend their new two game win streak Friday against Western Texas College.

Howard College wins three of four in series with Frank Phillips



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Howard College's Brett Cain puts the bat on the ball during the Hawk's 12-0 win over Frank Phillips in the first game of a double header played on Friday,

By **JORDAN PARR**
Sports Editor

The Hawks continued to play impressive baseball in a four game series Friday and Saturday against Frank Phillips College. Howard College won three of the four games losing 6-5 in the second game of the double-header on Friday despite putting together a late inning rally. The

Hawks outhit the Plainsmen 41 to 27 in the series and outscored Frank Phillips 53 to 15 in the four games as well.

In the first game of the series on Friday, Howard College defeated the Plainsmen 12-0 in a dominant performance on both sides of the ball. Chandler Coates pitched a complete game shutout for the Hawks. He pitched five innings allowed three hits and struck out two in the game with great defense behind him to hold the Plainsmen scoreless.

Howard College hit three deep balls in the game. Coll Stanley took one deep in the third, Bryan Sturges went yard in the fourth, and Alex Ronnebaum swatted one deep in the first to get the Hawks offense started. Reese O'Farrell, Brett Cain and Ronnebaum all had multiple hits in the game. O'Farrell led the team with three hits in three at bats and two RBIs in the game. Stanley led the team in RBIs with three on the day.

Howard College really looked to be firing on all cylinders making short work of the Plainsmen in the first

game of the series and setting the tone for the next two days.

In the second game of the series the Plainsmen started off the game with a big four run five hit inning to take a decisive lead before the Hawks made a key pitching change to get out of trouble. Howard College didn't give up another run until the top of the seventh following the big offensive output by Frank Phillips in the first.

Howard College scored one in the bottom of the first off a solo dinger by Bryan Sturgis to cut the lead to three. Both teams played outstanding defense and pitched great through the middle innings. Neither team scored any runs in the second through the sixth innings.

In the bottom of the sixth, after forcing the Plainsmen to go three-up three-down in the top of the inning, the Hawks scored again on an RBI single by Doug Facendo to cut the lead to two (4-2). In the top of the seventh Frank Phillips answered with a run of their own to push the lead back to three. Howard College scored two



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Howard College second baseman Marc Gonzalez fields a sharp grounder during the Hawk's 12-0 win over Frank Phillips in the first game of a double header played on Friday, March 30, 2018.

more in the bottom of the seventh on a two run shot by Mason Peterson to try to keep pace and close the gap on the Plainsmen and to cut the lead to one.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0309063
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Status/Permit No. 835488
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 20, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SABALO OPERATING, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 741939] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 33, Bk. 32 T3N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-291, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 2.69 miles SE direction from VEALMOOR, Texas. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Af-

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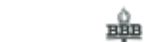
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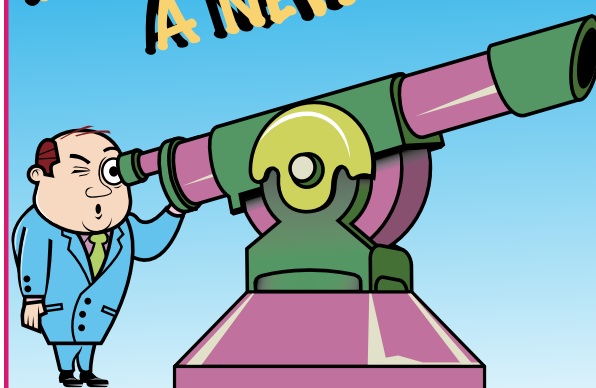
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Lease lines: 275.0 F SE L.

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#9749 March 19, 26, April 2 & 9, 2018

Annie's Mailbox

Husband Packing on Pounds

Dear Annie: My husband has gained about 15 pounds in as many months. "Robb" has been a naturally thin person all his life, or at least in the 10 years I've known him. I know he realizes he's gained weight, because he's mentioned how his clothes aren't fitting well anymore, and recently his brother visited and gently teased him about how he was getting a little belly. Robb sheepishly agreed and said he needed to start working out more.
He's been going to

the gym twice a week for the past few months -- which is great. But the weight isn't going anywhere. I think it's because his eating habits are the culprit. Over the past couple of years, he's been snacking more and more. We eat a big dinner, and an hour later he's munching on chips. I stopped buying unhealthy snacks for the house, but he just started buying snacks himself. I started stocking up on fruits he likes, and he'll eat those, but then he eats unhealthy snacks on top of them.
I love him and am still attracted to him; it's not about that. I just want

him to feel good about himself, and I can tell he hasn't been. It hasn't helped that he's also been in a slump with his career during this time. He is unhappy at his job but has only applied to a few other places.
Should I tell him I'm concerned about the weight gain? I don't want to hurt his feelings, but I also don't want to sit by quietly and let this get out of hand to the point that it causes more serious health problems for him. -- Weight Watcher
Dear Weight Watcher: To focus on the weight gain is to look at the symptom and not the underlying issue. He is in

a slump with his career. It never feels good to be stuck in a rut, and eating is most likely just his way of numbing that discomfort. Talk to him about career goals, and come up with a plan together for him to get his wheels turning again.
That said, mental, emotional and physical fitness are interconnected, and a better diet and exercise routine would almost certainly boost his mood. You can encourage that by way of example. Invite him to go for a run, play tennis or just go for a walk with you.
Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to "Ethan in Hanover" about dating.

I am also on the autism spectrum. When I was his age, I developed an unrequited crush on a woman named "Colleen." She had no understanding of autism spectrum disorder and said that I was "too weird to be liked." Her remarks affected me so much that I ended up losing 10 pounds in two weeks. It took me four years to get over this woman. I wised up after that experience.
If I were Ethan, I would give "Erin" (who is also on the spectrum) a chance. -- Bob in Upstate New York
Dear Bob: Anyone who would tell someone he is "too weird to be

liked" is too heartless to love. How sad. I'm sorry this woman hurt you, but I'm glad you saw her true colors right off the bat and were eventually able to move on. Thanks for sharing your words of wisdom with the world.

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Famous Hand

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

| NORTH | | | | EAST | | | |
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West led a diamond, and Woolsey could see that his only legitimate chance to make the contract was to find West with the Q-x-x of spades. In that case, a successful finesse in the suit would allow declarer to discard all three losing diamonds from his hand.
Woolsey, of course, had no way of knowing the state of the match at that point, or what had happened at the other table. But, he reasoned, it could not be good to go down in a doubled grand slam. So, after taking the diamond ace and drawing trumps, he tried the spade finesse. East won with the queen and cashed a diamond for down two — 500 points.
At the other table, North-South also bid seven hearts, but here there was no double, and West led a club instead of a diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy, drew trumps and tried the spade finesse. But since a diamond had not been led, South was able to escape for down one — minus 100.
The net difference in the score at the two tables — 400 points — translated to nine IMPs, giving the Schwartz team a one-IMP victory. Schwartz's group then went on to win the title.
Meanwhile, Woolsey was left to reflect on the bitter irony that if he had simply conceded down one instead of trying to make the doubled grand slam, his team would have won the match by five IMPs!

The bidding:
South 1♥ West Pass North 4♣ East 5♣
5♦ 6♣ 7♥ Dble
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.
One of the most dramatic deals in the long and illustrious history of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams occurred in Dallas in 1997. As fate would have it, the hand was the last of a 64-deal quarterfinal-round match between two top-flight teams, and the result had a direct bearing on the ultimate winner of the event.
The deal involved teams captained by Richard Schwartz and Kit Woolsey. Although the players were not aware of it, the Woolsey team held an eight-IMP lead as the final hand began. With Woolsey sitting South, the auction went as shown.

Tomorrow: The long-term view.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mars, Saturn and Control Freaks

Some just can't seem to go with the flow. Instead, they feel compelled to dictate how everything is done around them, skillfully orchestrating environments and situations that keep them in control. Will you fall in line? The current alignment of Mars and Saturn suggests that many will feel moved to point out that the "line" is a man-made construct.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can't have a bold day and a mistake-free day and have it all be the same day. You'll have to choose. Before you do, you should know that the current astral lineup suggests that the bold day is tipped in your favor.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One way that your subconscious speaks to you is in the form of curiosity. Another way is in the form of jealousy. Both give you hints as to the endeavors that might suit your personality the best.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Bottom line, the people who are worried about being seen as less than desirable are feeling less than desirable. It's just an unsubstantiated opinion! Stamp it out. The truly desired don't care what anyone thinks.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). What about compassion? What about listening? What about forgetting the societal expectations for an hour or a day? This is the way to find a heart. The first heart you'll find will be your own

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It doesn't matter whether the dog saw the invitation list or not; the dog will bark at intruders and invited guests alike. Your adrenaline system is a little like that. The things that trigger it today may surprise you.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As for the person who finds it hard to give a compliment, you might find this fact rather suspicious. Rightly so. It shouldn't be so difficult to prop up those around you, unless you are harboring emotional disabilities.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No word? Assume the best. No news will be good news. No answer? Go along your happy way. Everything is happening in the time it's supposed to. All will be revealed on a need-to-know basis.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Anyone who has taken good care of another human knows the humility that this requires. A servant's heart is rewarded in ways that those who don't have one would find hard to understand.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Masks are stiff, fake and boring. It's almost impossible to project your own personality through one. Some will put on a mask to deal with today's situation but you'll

get better results just being yourself.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Space is a vacuum that doesn't carry sound the way air does, but the planets howl and plasma whistles nonetheless. Today you'll be like the high-powered space probe that picks up what no one else does.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your mind will be like a laser today. Lasers are used to do surgeries, catch thieves and manufacture clothes. Similarly, you'll use your powers of focus in multiple and unrelated ways.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll design new habits and systems for the way you want to grow -- but you won't expect others to follow along, because authentic people like you live by their own rules. No one else needs to follow them for them to be valid.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 2). It will be lucky to learn new languages and communication styles. You've an energy everyone wants to cozy up to, and your social life will reflect this. Positive thoughts seed a magically unfolding July and August. An investment will pay double in 2019. A deal involving three or more partners will bring good fortune. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 1, 33 and 49.

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Coahoma track earns three 1st place individual medals

Special to the Herald

Austyn Montgomery, Ethan Biddison, and Nicolas Biddison earned first place medals in their respective events at the Lone Wolf Relays held Thursday in Colorado City.

Montgomery, a sophomore on the girls varsity team, continues to shine on the track especially in the 1600m and 3200m run events. She earned first in the 1600m Run with a time of 6:04.14, which was a full 3 seconds faster than her nearest competitor. In the 3200m Run, Montgomery came in second with a time of 13:30.3.

Fellow teammate Kirah Kimball tied for second in the shot put event. She threw 28'9".

Ethan Biddison and Nicolas Biddison led the Coahoma boys JV team to a strong fifth place finish at the meet. Nicolas placed first in the 800m Run with a time of 2:13.87, 5 seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Ethan Biddison earned a medal in the 400m Dash crossing the line at the 57.26 mark which was enough for first place. Rounding out the top finishers for the JV team is Jorge Bachiller who placed second in the 3200m Run with a time of 13:03.08 and third in the 1600m Run with a time of 5:40.17.

The varsity boys team placed 10th and the varsity girls team placed ninth overall at the Colorado City relay. Next, the Coahoma track team heads to district contest in Stanton this Thursday.

Lone Wolf Relays
March 29, 2018
Colorado City

Individual results (Coahoma only)

Boys Varsity

Triple Jump: 5th, Joe Manning, 37-4

Long Jump: 5th, Sean Stiegler, 18-3;

6th Gage Burdell, 18-2

300m Hurdles, 4th, Joe Manning, 44.15

Girls Varsity

Shot Put: 2nd - tie, Kirah Kimball, 28-9

3200m Run: 2nd, Austyn Montgomery, 13:30.43

100m Dash: 6th, Elizabeth Dunlap, 13:37

1600m Run, 1st, Austyn Montgomery, 6:04.14

Boys JV

Long Jump: 5th, Nicolas Biddison, 16-2

High Jump: 6th, Patrick Guterrez, 95-1

3200m Run, 2nd, Jorge Bachiller, 13:03.08; 6th Chance McMurray, 15:56.09

Triple Jump: 5th, Isaiah Martin, 33-4

800m Run: 1st, Nicolas Biddison, 2:13.87

400m Dash: 1st, Ethan Biddison, 57.26

1600m Run: 3rd, Jorge Bachiller, 5:40.17



Courtesy Photo

Jorge Bachiller takes a lap around the track during the Lone Wolfe Relays held in Colorado City Thursday.



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Howard College's Brett Cain hits for a double during the Hawk's 12-0 win over Frank Phillips in the first game of a double header played on Friday, March 30, 2018.

HAWKS

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In the top of the eighth the Hawks forced another three-up three-down inning out of Frank Phillips and scored the tying run in the bottom of the eighth on an RBI double by Tristan Peterson.

Unfortunately Howard College couldn't keep the Plainsmen off the board in the top of the ninth and the Plainsmen scored the go ahead run on an RBI single before the Hawks retired the side down one.

In their last at bat the Hawks were unable to answer and came up just short in their late game rally losing 6-5.

In the third game of the series and the first game of Saturday's double-header the Hawks played like a team bent on revenge for the previous night's loss. After giving up four quick runs again to Frank Phillips in the first inning of game three, Howard College scored 22 runs on 14 hits and completely blew out the Plainsmen in an offensive onslaught. The Hawks hit six homers in the game by five different players. Aaron

Samaniego had two with Nick Colacecchi, Saul Garza, Bryan Sturges and Reese O'Farrell each hit long balls in the game as well.

Tyler McKay got the start for Howard College. He pitched four innings, gave up four runs on seven hits and struck out five in the win. Max Gehler came in for relief and pitched one inning and struck out one.

Saul Garza led the Hawks offense in the win on three for three at the plate with six RBIs. Colacecchi, Sturges and Samaniego each had multiple hits in the blow out victory.

In the last game of the series the Hawks started right were the left off the game before scoring 14 run on 14 hits in the 14-5 lopsided win. Despite giving up some runs Howard College's offense showed up in a big way again. Brett Cain, Aaron Samaniego, Saul Garza, Doug Facendo and Nick Colacecchi all had multiple hits in the game. Samaniego and Cain each contributing three hits to the win. Samaniego led the Hawks offense with four RBIs on three hits. Denny Bentley got the win for Howard College.

He pitched four and third innings gave up five runs on five hits and struck out four. Doug Facendo led the defense with seven chances in the field in the decisive win.

The Hawks continue to play outstanding team ball as they move forward and look to continue their hot streak against Western Texas on Friday.



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Braxton Chandler runs a hurdles race during the Lone Wolf Relays Thursday held in Colorado City.



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