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Commissioners to consider honoring Sullivan

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

At their meeting Wednesday, Howard County Commissioners will consider naming the Coahoma Volunteer Fire Station in honor of Howard County Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan.

The meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the third-floor courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse.

Sullivan, who has served as Volunteer Fire Department Chief for 25 years, and as Howard County 9-1-1 Director since 2000, had a portion of his right leg amputated because of an infection resulting from an old injury in 2017. Early this year, he was diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Throughout his medical problems, he has remained firmly in command of the Volunteer

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BSSO, Jeans 'n Classics, perform the 'Music of the Beatles'



HERALD photos/Roger Cline
Jeans 'n Classics and the Orchestra belt out the Beatles hit "Hey Jude" as an encore number at the end of Saturday night's concert.

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Big Spring's Municipal Auditorium was a time machine Saturday night, transporting those inside back to the 1960s through the power of music.

The event was the "The Music of the Beatles," the final concert offering of the season from the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, who were joined by Canadian rock band Jeans 'n Classics to bring Big Spring a taste of the Fab Four.

"We thought it was a great concert," said BSSO Music Director and Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann, following the show. "Jeans 'n Classics is such a great band, and the arrangements are so good and are well-integrated with the

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Bancroft named GBSRC Student of the Month



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring High School senior Medina Bancroft, second from left, was honored Friday as the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club's Student of the Month. Medina who has already received a cosmetology certification from Howard College, will use that skill to help put herself through school at Angelo State University starting this fall, where she will study accounting. Posing with Medina are her parents Elissa and George Bancroft, third and fourth from left; Greater Big Spring Rotary's youth relations representative Kristy Tyra; and Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey.

US to hit Russia with new sanctions for aiding Syria's Assad

By **HOPE YEN** and **ROBERT BURNS**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley has indicated new economic sanctions will be announced Monday against Russia for enabling the government of Syrian leader Bashar Assad to continue using chemical weapons.

The ambassador to
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the U.N. said Russia has blocked six attempts by the U.N. Security Council to make it easier to investigate the use of chemical weapons.

"Everyone is going to feel it at this point," Haley said, warning of consequences for Assad's foreign allies.

"The international community will not allow chemical weapons to come back into our everyday life," she said in an interview aired Sunday. "The fact he was making this more normal and that Russia was covering this up, all that has got to stop."

President Donald Trump on Sunday said a U.S.-led missile attack on Syria's chemical

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CHS budget reality fair



Courtesy photo

Tabitha Clark, left, of Star Dodge tries to sell vehicles to CHS freshmen Rosario Gonzalez, Maliyah Martinez, and Hailey Meekins during the CU4 Reality Fair held Friday, April 13.

Special to the Herald

Coahoma ISD students in grade 8th through 12th were sharpening their pencils Friday in an effort to stay out of the red ink as they participated in the CU4 Reality Fair.

After subtracting his monthly expenses from his income, Keegan Dobbs walked away from the fair with one major lesson: "being an adult is not fun."

The Coahoma High School junior, who chose the military as his career path, did make thrifty spending decisions. He walked away with a net income of \$230 for the month.

However, fellow student Jonathon Schneider learned that although a surgeon's income can be on the high end of the wage scale, student loans can take a large bite out of his monthly budget.

"I went over my budget," he said. "Student loans really got me. I learned I need to be more cautious with my money."

The fair is presented by Cosden Federal Credit Union as a method

to increase financial literacy among youths.

"It really opens their eyes and helps to prepare them for what they face when they get out of high school," said Laurie Barraza, CEO of Cosden Credit Union.

A few weeks ago, students were offered a list of careers to choose from and completed a pre-fair survey to evaluate their existing knowledge about credit and overall finance. On Friday, they were handed a budget worksheet that showed their monthly income before and after taxes and space to calculate fixed, variable, and luxury expenses. Their net income is based on U.S. industry standards for their chosen career.

"They have their fixed expenses of things they have to buy like a house, a car, student loans, and insurance," Barraza said. "Then they have their variable expense like utilities, food. They can also spend money on discretionary items, luxury items. They don't have to buy those, but they can

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Obituaries

Monroe Faubion



Monroe Faubion, 76 of Big Spring died Friday, April 13, 2018. Grave-side services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Peace Chapel Trinity Memorial Park with Brad Daniels, Hospice Chaplain, officiating.

Monroe was born in Ft. Worth and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He loved the Special Olympics and bowling. He

was a carrier for the Big Spring Herald and operated a snack bar in the courthouse.

He is survived by one sister, Paula Jandar and her husband Larry of Gatesville; several cousins including, Paula Turner of Pasadena, Jim Crenshaw and his wife Robbie of Big Spring, and Robert Crenshaw and his wife Nancy of Big Spring; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Helen and K.E. Faubion and one brother Eddie Faubion.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at myersand-smith.com.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JESUS ALBERTO AYALA-GARCIA**, 21, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **HUMERTO BARRETO JR.**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of violation protect order bias/prejudice.

• **NICHOLAS BARRIENTEZ**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a

charge of criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750.

• **CLINT BRANDON BOLLI-ER JR.**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of criminal trespass.

• **ROBERT GONZALES JR.**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of two counts no driver's license, failure to appear, and on violate promise to appear.

• **CASA SEA HECKLER**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DARRIN GRAY IVEY**, 55, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ERIC DON JUAREZ**, 36, was

arrested by BSPD on warrants of fail to maintain responsibility, and no driver's license.

• **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, theft of property less than \$100, and failure to appear.

• **DESIREE DOMINIQUE RUIZ**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Take Note

• A Public Forum will held at the Big Spring Comanche Trail Amphitheater

May 1, 2018. There will be a discussion of revamping the amphitheater, with hopes that upgrades will be made to the theatre while still maintaining the historical aspect of the theatre. If interested in being a cooperate sponsor to offer feed back be at the amphitheater at 6 p.m. May 1st.

• The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is hosting an Indexing Discovery Day open to both members and the community on April 29 at 11:10 a.m. to noon and 3:10 p.m. to 4 p.m. at their Abilene church building, located at 3325 N. 12th St free of charge and open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome. Both novice and expert family history researchers are invited to attend.

• 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/SSSI, 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. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• 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.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

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

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Thursday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. Visitors are welcome.

• 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 432-271-2138.

• 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,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **HUMERTO BARRETO JR.**, 18, of 708 Ohio St., on a charge of violation protective order communicates.

• **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 1700 block of W I-20.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1800 block of S Gregg St.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2900 block of Cherokee St.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1900 block of S Main St., and in the 300 block of NE 12th St.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg St.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Tubb Loop Rd One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1700 block of W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of E 18th St. No transport.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 12000 block of FM 2230. 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 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.

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

THURSDAY

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented. Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583

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The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Music Director and Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann joined forces with Canada's Jeans 'n Classics Saturday night at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium for a performance of the music of the Beatles. Jeans 'n Classics Lead Guitarist Bob McAlpine jams on a guitar solo.

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orchestra, so the orchestra and the band just had a great time doing it. It's one of us older folks' favorite albums. We had a little bit of an older crowd, as in not millennials, but middle-aged people, so we had a very appreciative audience."

The "album" Graumann spoke of was the second-to-last album released by the Beatles and the final album actually recorded by the band, the groundbreaking "Abbey Road." During the second half of the concert, Jeans 'n Classics and the orchestra performed the entire album, in order, from "Come Together" straight through to "Her Majesty."

The first half of the program started off with a little warm-up for the band and orchestra, the popular 1980s classical music medley set to a rock-and-roll beat, "Hooked on Classics"; followed by Beatles favorites not from "Abbey Road," including "Nowhere Man," "Penny Lane," and "Daytripper," among others. Perhaps the highlight of this section of the performance was when the combined musicians performed the song penned by George Harrison, "While My Guitar Gently Weeps." The song contained dueling solos between Jeans 'n Classics' lead guitarist, Bob McAlpine, and the orchestra's concertmaster, John Madura.

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Fire Department.

Sullivan is well-known in the firefighting community. He battled the fire resulting from the ALON refinery explosion in 2008, and the East Amarillo Complex fire, which burned more than 900,000 acres of grassland in 2006, and claimed 12 lives.

Commissioners will also hear reports from Howard County and Howard College Librarian Mavour Braswell. Braswell will present her annual report to the State for the commissioners' approval, as well as an announcement of new programs at the county library, and upcoming community meetings.

In other business, commissioners will:

- Hold a budget work session;
- Consider action on road maintenance and the resolution of the seal coat contract;
- Consider approval of an annual service contract for preventative maintenance with Mentalix.

Anyone wishing to address the commissioners should arrive before the meeting to fill out a brief form alerting them to your desire to speak.

Contact Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office at 432-264-2202 for more information.

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

After the final song of "Abbey Road" gave way to thunderous applause at the end of the second half of the concert, the band briefly left the stage before returning to play one final song as an encore: the iconic Beatles classic "Hey Jude."

"I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I had a great time. The audience seemed to have a great time. This orchestra is always such a blast to play with, so I was happy," said Peter Brennan, guitarist and arranger, and (according to lead singer David Blamires) "founder and impresario" of Jeans 'n Classics. "I've always liked the idea of an orchestra with pop music. The rock side of pop music, I should say. I was in guitar bands years and years ago, and then I was in a horn band and did the horn charts, then we got into doing a lot of recording and people came in and wanted a strings section done. It was only because I'd studied a little bit, but I also had my 'basement band' chops, so you kind of tap into both worlds."

Brenna said the band has another couple of concerts coming up.

"We're going home, but then next weekend we have a band in Winston-Salem (N.C.) doing David Bowie, and I'm going to be in Calgary (Alberta) doing a brand new show that we've got, called "That's my Jam," he said.

Jeans 'n Classics consists of Brennan, Blamires, and McAlpine; as well as Don Paulton on keyboards and vocals; Mitch Tyler on bass; Steve Heathcote on drums; and Kathryn Rose, Leah Salomaa, and Stephanie Martin on backup vocals.

For more information about Big Spring Symphony Orchestra events, visit www.bigspringsymphony.com.

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weapons program was "perfectly carried out."

Trump tweeted "Mission Accomplished" on Saturday after U.S., French and British warplanes and ships launched more than 100 missiles nearly unopposed by Syrian air defenses. While he declared success, the Pentagon said the pummeling of three chemical-related facilities left enough others intact to enable the Assad government to use banned weapons against civilians if it chooses.

His choice of words recalled a similar claim associated with President George W. Bush following the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Bush addressed sailors aboard a Navy ship in May 2003 alongside a "Mission Accomplished" banner, just weeks before it became apparent that Iraqis had organized an insurgency that would tie down U.S. forces for years.

Later Sunday, Trump sent a letter to congressional leaders informing them in writing of his decision to order the strike. Under the War Powers Resolution, the president must keep Congress informed of such actions.

Haley made clear the United States won't be pulling troops out of Syria right away, saying U.S. involvement there "is not done."

Haley said the three U.S. goals for accomplishing its mission are making sure chemical weapons are not used in a way that could harm U.S. national interests,

defeating the Islamic State group and having a good vantage point to watch what Iran is doing.

"We're not going to leave until we know we've accomplished those things," she said.

Haley said the joint military strike "put a heavy blow into their chemical weapons program, setting them back years" and reiterated that if Assad uses poison gas again, "the United States is locked and loaded."

French President Emmanuel Macron said Sunday that France wants to launch a diplomatic initiative over Syria that would include Western powers, Russia and Turkey. Speaking on French television BFM and online site Mediapart, Macron stressed that the French diplomacy is able to talk with Iran, Russia and Turkey on one side and to the United States on the other side.

He said, "Ten days ago, President Trump wanted to withdraw from Syria. We convinced him to remain."

Asked about Macron's comments, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders stressed that Trump's plans for the region have not changed. In a statement, she said: "The U.S. mission has not changed -- the President has been clear that he wants U.S. forces to come home as quickly as possible."

The nighttime assault on Syria was carefully limited to minimize civilian casualties and avoid direct conflict with Russia, but confusion arose over the extent to which Washington warned Moscow in advance.



Courtesy photo

Keegan Dobbs (left) and Jonathon Schneider (right) attend the CU4 Reality Fair held Friday, April 13, at Coahoma High School.

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if they want."

Participating students must visit each station and although they do not have to purchase any luxury items with their money, the volunteers are told to be very good salesmen, Barraza said.

"When they go into Best Buy, those employees are not going to let them leave without a TV," she said. "We tell our volunteers to be a really good salesman, and the kids have to decide if they can afford it or not."

Once through all the stations, students calculate their expenses to see if they have a net gain or loss at the end of the month.

But they are not done, Barraza pointed out.

"After that, they go spin the Wheel of Reality and see if they have an unexpected windfall or unexpected expense," she said. "They may have a profit at the end of the month but if the hot water heater goes out then they are in the negative. Then the financial advisors will visit with them and go through their expenses."

This is the first year Cos-

den FCU has held the reality fair for area schools. The first one was held at the Big Spring High School earlier this year and another is scheduled for Forsan High School sometime in May. The program, designed by the Credit Union League, has been around for years, Barraza said.

She added the fair could not be held without the turnout of community volunteers.

"We would not be able to do this without these local businessmen and businesswomen, and retired teachers, and Rotary members," Barraza said. "We don't have the manpower."

Overall, Barraza said the CHS reality fair was a success in demonstrating how essential strong financial skills are to a successful life.

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"The students learned a very good lesson. It was very eye-opening for them," she said. "They learned living expenses cost much more than they expected. They also realized they may need to think about what occupations they want to pursue after graduation and realized maybe they will want to change their career to something that can provide more financial security. It was a huge success. The volunteers had a blast in interacting with the kids."

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Curtis Dale Becker, 56, died Monday. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at 2:00 PM Monday at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

Monroe Faubion, 76, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

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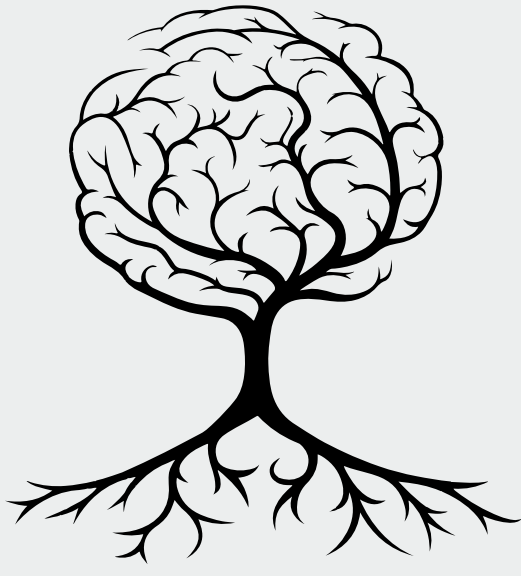
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Opinion

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Dear Lord, you promise to never leave me or forsake me. Give me hope that can only come from you. Amen.

The meaning of Ryan's departure

I've always felt a kinship with Paul Ryan. Maybe it's the fact that we are both Jack Kemp acolytes. Maybe I have a soft spot for upright family men who are attracted to public policy by the desire to do good. Maybe I love conservative wonks. But Paul Ryan's fate over the past several years is as good an indication as any of how far our politics have fallen.

Ryan's departure will not be mourned by Democrats or Trump loyalists. The Democrats caricatured Ryan as the goon throwing Granny in her wheelchair off a cliff. They actually ran TV ads with a Ryan look-alike. Barack Obama singled him out for scorn at a White House meeting, claiming later that he was unaware Ryan was in the front row.

You might suppose that that would be enough to make Ryan a conservative hero, but life is often unjust, and when Donald Trump came along, Ryan found himself a sudden symbol of the reviled "Republican establishment." Though the anti-Ryan vitriol faded after Steve Bannon's defenestration, he continued to be viewed with suspicion by the talk radio crowd and other arms of Trump Inc.

This was his reward for attempting to drag his party, and the country, toward a grown-up reckoning with our debt. Nearly single-handedly, Paul Ryan had managed to put tackling entitlements on the national agenda. As chairman of the budget committee, he convinced his colleagues to endorse modest entitlement reform. As he kept trying to explain, making incremental reforms now — with no changes for current beneficiaries or those in their 50s — can prevent drastic shortfalls and extreme benefit cuts that will be necessary in just 16 years, when Social Security is depleted. The outlook is even worse for Medicare and Medicaid.

But Donald Trump arrived on scene with the supposedly blinding insight that changes to entitlements are unpopular. Well, no kidding. He promised never to touch Medicare and Social Security — not even to ensure their future solvency. And so, the responsible, future-oriented Paul Ryan found himself governing with a backward-looking, whistling-past-the-graveyard president.

Even leaving aside the moral compromises that an alliance with Donald Trump necessitated, Ryan and the party he helped to lead also lost its compass on Ryan's own signature issue: fiscal responsibility.



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Tax reform may have been overdue, but it would have been nice if the party that fulminated about the dangers of deficits in the Obama years had found anything at all to cut — particularly as the economy is growing and unemployment is low. Instead, the budget and the tax bill combined will leave us with a federal budget deficit in excess of \$1 trillion in 2020 and beyond. Congressional Budget Office Director Keith Hall said that federal debt "is projected to be on a steadily rising trajectory throughout the decade." Under Republican guidance, the federal deficit will be roughly double what it was in the final year of the Obama administration. That is the reality of Speaker Ryan's tenure in the age of Trump.

It is often suggested that Trump has much to teach the Republican Party about the importance of the white working class and about the centrality of nationalism to Republican success.

But just as with entitlement reform, it's one thing to say a thing is popular and quite another to say that it's right.

What has Trump taught? That trade wars are the way to improve the lives of the working class? They are popular, at least with Republicans. A Politico/Morning Consult poll found that 65 percent of Republicans favored Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs. But if Republicans believe, as the overwhelming majority do, that tariffs are stupid and dangerous, then it would seem obvious that they have something to teach the president rather than the other way around.

I can't say for sure, but I suspect that Paul Ryan's diagnosis of what ails America is pretty similar to my own. We are not behaving as responsible adults. Our greatest political challenge is out-of-control debt. Our greatest social challenges are declining families, increasing dependency and eroding social cohesion. The debt could have been addressed by government. The other trends continue to degrade our culture, our economy and our personal lives. And the ascension of Trumpian politics — slashing, mendacious, corrupt and polarizing — aggravates everything that was already going wrong.

Paul Ryan didn't belong in Trump world. So much the worse for us.

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Firing Mueller would end Trump's presidency

The genius of an Abraham Lincoln or Thomas Jefferson would be insufficient to juggle the multiple crises facing the current president over the past week: a poison gas attack in Syria; a looming trade war with the world's second-biggest economy, China; a criminal probe involving both the president and his longtime personal lawyer; and the resignation of the Republican speaker of the House, the man chiefly responsible for passing the president's signature accomplishment, tax reform. How much worse, then, that President Donald Trump is no Lincoln or Jefferson but a narcissistic, impulsive man who knows little history, refuses to take advice from those who do, gets his policy briefings from Fox News talking heads and uses Twitter as his preferred method of issuing policy directives and executing foreign policy.

We live in dangerous times, grown exponentially more dangerous because no one in President Trump's orbit is willing to take him on. He has fired much of his national security team and picked replacements based on their willingness to flatter him and defend him on TV. In the balance hang peace in the Middle East, a nuclear threat from North Korea and a potential economic

crisis if he persists in his trade war folly. We have never been in such a perilous place with someone so inept in dealing with complexity. And all of this is taking place against a backdrop of an investigation into whether candidate Trump or his campaign, wittingly or unwittingly, encouraged or assisted efforts by Russia to influence the presidential election and whether the president has obstructed justice in attempting to shut down the investigation.

In the days and weeks ahead, President Trump may well fire Robert Mueller in hopes that removing the special counsel will end the inquiry into Russian meddling and the Trump campaign's role or lack thereof. Apparently, that's the counsel of former White House adviser turned guru to the alt-right in Europe Steve Bannon. If Trump were to do so, he would provoke a constitutional crisis and his own undoing. The investigation into crimes would not disappear with the firing of Robert Mueller, nor would Trump or his campaign be out of the woods. Any criminal activity would still be prosecuted, and Democrats — whose likelihood of capturing the House, if not also the Senate, would rise dramatically after a Mueller firing — would lead the fight to impeach Trump.

Donald Trump is used to getting his way. He has always behaved as if he is entitled to do whatever he wants whenever he wants — and to whom he wants. No doubt he believed that becoming presi-

dent would allow him to indulge his impulses on a grander scale. His campaign speeches were rife with plans to ban Muslims, build a wall and make Mexico pay for it, punish China, lock up Hillary Clinton, and gag the media with new libel laws. He thought he could bully courts and get Congress to do whatever he asked. It was the same attitude he brought to his private life. "When you're a star, they let you do ... anything," Trump told Billy Bush on the infamous "Access Hollywood" tape in which he bragged about sexually assaulting women.

But in our system, no man is above the law. It's a tradition that goes back to the Magna Carta in 1215, which recognized that even the king was bound by law. Donald Trump is bound by the Constitution, which he swore an oath to protect and defend. If he were to try to stop a legitimate and necessary investigation into Russia's meddling in the presidential election and whether anyone in his campaign aided or abetted it, he would undermine the rule of law. I doubt he cares — but he does care about his own survival. So he should know that firing Mueller would not save the Trump presidency but lead him to the inevitable ignominy of impeachment.

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Stevie Ray Vaughan's 1951 Fender fetches \$250,000 at auction

DALLAS (AP) — The electric guitar that blues legend Stevie Ray Vaughan used in his first studio recording and early performances has fetched \$250,000 at auction in his hometown of Dallas. Heritage Auction spokesman Eric Bradley says the winning bidder for the 1951 Fender at Sunday's auction doesn't wish to be identified immediately. Vaughan biographer Craig Hopkins said last week that Vaughan's first professional-grade guitar has "considerable historical significance," noting the bluesman "pretty much learned his craft on" it. It was a gift from his brother Jimmie Vaughan in the late 1960s. "Jimbo" is carved on the back. Hopkins says Stevie Ray Vaughan, who traded the guitar away in 1971, mentioned in a 1989 interview how much he'd like to have it back. Vaughan died in a 1990 helicopter crash. He was 35.

4 baboons at Texas research center back after brief escape

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Four baboons are back in an enclosure after escaping briefly from a San Antonio medical research center. Officials at the Southwest National Primate Research Center, which is part of the Texas Biomedical Research Institute, say three of the baboons were captured within about 30 minutes Saturday after they managed to get out of their enclosure and beyond a perimeter fence. A fourth animal also was accounted for later. The center has about 2,900 nonhuman primates — 1,100 of them baboons — used in research on chronic and infectious diseases. The institute, in a statement, says the immediate concern was for the safety of the animals, the center's personnel and residents in the surrounding area. It's not been disclosed how the baboons got out.

Texas man arrested in northern Mexico with 22 lbs. of cocaine

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities say a U.S. citizen has been arrested in a northern border state on suspicion of transporting about 22 pounds (10 kilograms) of cocaine. The National Security Commission says in a Sunday statement that the man was pulled over for speeding in Coahuila state while driving a pickup with Texas license plates. A police search of the vehicle turned up 14 black-wrapped packages of white powder in a hidden compartment. The statement said the man presented a Texas driver's license and told officers he was traveling from San Luis Potosi to Texas. It did not give further identifying details, but said he was placed in the custody of authorities in Saultillo, Coahuila's capital. The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Houston-area man arrested for threats to University of Texas

CROSBY, Texas (AP) — University of Texas police and Harris County sheriff's deputies have arrested a 23-year-old Houston-area man who they say threatened to shoot at least 200 people at the school in Austin. Authorities say Sean Evan Haddon has been charged with making a terrorist threat. He's in the Harris County jail following his arrest Sunday morning. Police say phone calls began April 7 with a bomb threat to their campus police headquarters. Another similar call was received Thursday, followed by a call Friday to the university's Human Resource Service Center threatening to shoot "at least 200 people." That call was tracked to Haddon's home in Crosby, a northeast Houston suburb about 160 miles (257.48 kilometers) east of Austin. Police say after each call officers found nothing suspicious to merit a campus-wide alert.

Convicted Texas drug dealer used kids to package meth

CALDWELL, Texas (AP) — A 46-year-old East Central Texas man who authorities say used children as young as 5 years of age to package his methamphetamine supply has been sentenced to 45 years in prison for dealing the illegal drugs. Burtleson County prosecutors say Charles David Clark of Caldwell was convicted last week of a charge of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance. Evidence at his trial show he used his own children and other kids to package the drugs. The conviction carries a penalty of up to two years in a state jail but Clark's extensive criminal record that already included multiple drug convictions elevated him to habitual offender status, allowing District Court Judge J.D. Langley to impose the stiffer sentence. Caldwell is about 25 miles (40.23 kilometers) west of College Station.

2 bodies found inside burned truck in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police are investigating the discovery of two bodies found inside a burning pickup truck. Police say firefighters were summoned early Sunday to what initially was reported as a grass fire in a residential area on the city's northeast side and spotted the bodies inside the vehicle. Identities of the victims haven't been immediately determined. Authorities say two were burned beyond recognition.

GOP attorneys general support citizenship question on census



By DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

A Trump administration plan to ask people if they are U.S. citizens during the 2020 census has prompted a legal uproar from Democratic state attorneys general, who argue it could drive down participation and lead to an inaccurate count.

Yet not a single Republican attorney general has sued — not even from states with large immigrant populations that stand to lose if a census undercount of immigrants affects the allotment of U.S. House seats and federal funding for states.

In fact, many GOP attorneys general had urged Trump's census team to add a citizenship question.

"We always are better off having a more accurate count of citizens versus non-citizens. I see no downside in this," said Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, vice chairman of the Republican Attorneys General Association.

The diverging views of top Republican and Democratic state attorneys highlight how even the most basic data collection decisions can quickly split along partisan lines amid the intense debate about immigration policies.

Concerns among immigrants have risen as President Donald Trump's administration has cracked down on so-called sanctuary jurisdictions, increased arrests by federal immigration officers, called the National Guard to the border with Mexico and sought to limit travel to the U.S. from certain predominantly Muslim countries.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross announced last month that the 2020 census distributed to every U.S. household will include a citizenship question for the first time since 1950. He said the question was needed in part to help the government enforce the Voting Rights Act, the 1965 law that was intended to protect the political representation of minority groups.

He said it will provide a more accurate tally of voting-eligible residents than is currently available from a smaller sampling survey that includes the citizenship question.

In a letter explaining his decision, Ross said the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that as many as 630,000 additional households might not respond if a citizenship question is included. Yet he acknowledged the administration did not know what the actual consequences might be because it hasn't tested the change.

The nation's only dress rehearsal for the 2020 census, currently taking place in Providence, Rhode Island, does not include the citizenship question

on the survey forwarded to residents. Nevertheless, Ross determined the benefits of including the question outweigh any concerns.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, a Democrat, filed a federal lawsuit immediately after Ross announced the question would be added. The nation's most populous state also has the highest number of foreign-born residents, most of whom are naturalized U.S. citizens or hold some other legal status.

Last week, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman led a coalition of 17 Democratic attorneys general, the District of Columbia, six cities and the bipartisan U.S. Conference of Mayors in filing a second federal lawsuit. They contend the citizenship question will deter participation and illegally inhibit the Constitution's requirement for an "actual enumeration" of residents.

A third lawsuit was filed this past week by a group of seven Maryland and Arizona residents who say adding the question could lead to an undercount that could diminish federal funding and congressional representation for their states. The Constitution requires representation in the U.S. House to be based on a count of the total residents in each state, not just citizens.

The census, undertaken every 10 years, also is used to determine how much money to distribute to local communities through various federal programs.

"If we don't count all the people who live in our city — all the residents we have — it could mean

AP photo
In this May 25, 2016 file photo, Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announces the state's lawsuit to challenge President Barack Obama's transgender bathroom order during a news conference in Austin, Texas. Many GOP attorneys general have urged President Donald Trump's 2020 census team to add a citizenship question. "We always are better off having a more accurate count of citizens versus non-citizens. I see no downside in this," says Paxton, vice chairman of the Republican Attorneys General Association.

that our community doesn't get our fair share of moneys or aid," said Steve Adler, mayor of Austin, Texas, and a Democrat who is on the board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. "It could also mean that we don't get the representation in government at all levels. The impacts could be huge."

The George Washington University Institute of Public Policy recently analyzed how a hypothetical 1 percent undercount beyond the figures reported in the 2010 census would have affected 2015 federal funding for Medicaid and several other social programs in each state, assuming the undercount occurred only in that state.

The largest financial hits would have been to the Republican-led states of Texas, Florida and Ohio, the swing state of Pennsylvania and the traditionally Democratic state of Illinois, the report found. Democratic-led California and New York would not have been affected because their Medicaid reimbursement rates already are at minimum levels.

Estimates of those living in the U.S. illegally range from 11 million to a little over 12 million people.

Census data is not shared with immigration enforcement authorities. Yet immigrant advocates believe a citizenship question could discourage even some who are lawfully present from responding, partly because of fears the government could track down relatives living in the U.S. illegally.

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Hawks sweep New Mexico



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Howard College right fielder Nick Colacecchi fields as hit during the Hawk's 19-12 win over New Mexico Military Institute in the first game of a double header played on Friday, April 13, 2018.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball team swept NMMI in a four game series this Friday and Saturday at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks outhit the Broncos 65 to 54 in the series and outscored NMMI 67 to 46 in the four game sweep.

In the first game of Friday's double-header Nick Colacecchi did the opposing team no favors, picking up four hits over six at bats and leading Howard College to a 19-12 win over NMMI. Colacecchi singled in the first, homered in the first, singled in the second, and homered in the sixth.

NMMI scored seven runs in the second inning, but the Hawks still managed to pull out the victory.

Howard College opened up scoring in the first inning. An error scored one run for the Hawks.

Chandler Coates took the win for

Howard College. He went four and two-thirds innings, allowed 12 runs on 12 hits and struck out seven. Jacob Salim threw two and a third innings in relief out of the bullpen. Salim recorded the last seven outs, to earn the save for the Hawks.

Howard College tallied eight home runs on the day. Robert Bullard Jr. went deep in the sixth inning. Jaxon Williams had a dinger in the fourth inning. Colacecchi had a four bagger in the first and sixth innings. Saul Garza went yard in the first and second innings. Bryan Sturges had a long ball in the fourth and fifth innings.

The Hawks saw the ball well today, racking up 18 hits in the game. Colacecchi, Williams, Garza, Reese O'Farrell, Sturges, and Aaron Samaniego all had multiple hits for Howard College. Colacecchi went 4-for-6 at the plate to lead the Hawks in hits in the win.

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Howard College splits series with Odessa College

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

The Hawks' softball team split a four game series with Odessa College 2-2. Both teams collected 32 hits in the series while Howard College outscored the Wranglers 19 to 15 in the series. The Hawks took the first to games of the series on Saturday and dropped the next two on Sunday to even up the series.

In the first game of the series on Saturday both teams were strong on the mound, but Howard Hawks defeated Odessa 2-1. Kylie Shay allowed just four hits to Odessa.

Odessa got the scoring started in the first inning, when an error scored one run for Odessa. Howard College knotted the game up at one in the bottom of the first inning when Lani Graft was hit by a pitch, driving in a run.

The Hawks put the game away with another run in the fourth inning off an Evelyn Loyola single on a 1-1 count,

that scored one run.

Shay was on the mound for Howard Hawks. She surrendered one run on four hits over seven innings, and struck out three. B. Kennett led things off the hill for Odessa. She lasted six innings, allowed eight hits and two runs while striking out eight and walking one.

Shay led the Hawks with two hits in four at bats in the game.

In the second game of the double-header on Saturday Howard College stole the lead late in the game in an 11-4 victory over Odessa. The Hawks trailed 4-3 in the bottom of the sixth inning when Alexis Velazquez's sac fly scored two runs for Howard Hawks.

Odessa scored three runs in the third inning, but Howard College still managed to pull out the victory. C. Deanda, R. Salgado, and M. Krause each had RBIs in the frame.

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Howard College pitcher Kylie Shay slides safely into third base during the Lady Hawk's 2-1 win over Odessa College in the first game of a double header on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Bufs bully Hermleigh



By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

Forsan played Hermleigh on Saturday. Hermleigh scored six runs in the first inning, but Forsan still held on and won 16-9. Hermleigh offense in the inning was led by Rivera, Leatherwood, Hancock, Carr, and Carroll, who each had RBIs in the inning.

The base paths were crowded in this high-scoring game. The Buffaloes collected 17 hits and Hermleigh had five.

Hermleigh fired up the offense in the first inning, when Rivera was hit by a pitch, driving in a run.

Forsan pulled away for good with 11 runs in the fourth inning. In the fourth Jordan Enriquez singled on a 1-1 count, to score one run, Brycson Pineda singled on a 0-2 count, to score two runs, Nate Vidal singled on a 1-0 count, to score one run, Ryan Buske singled on a 0-1 count, to score one run, Kobe Richardson singled on a 0-1 count, to score three runs, Enriquez singled on a 0-2 count, to score two runs, and Pineda singled on a 3-2 count, to score one run.

Richardson earned the win for the Buffs. He allowed four hits and three

runs over four innings, and struck out one. Bryce Hergert threw two and a third innings in relief out of the bullpen. Hergert recorded the last seven outs to earn the save for Forsan.

Leatherwood took the loss for Hermleigh. He allowed nine hits and ten runs over three and a third innings, and struck out two.

Kolby Watson started the game for the Buffs. He allowed one hit and six runs over two-thirds of an inning, and struck out one.

Forsan tallied 17 hits in the game. Vidal, Watson, Enriquez, Pineda, Richardson, and Dylon Kligora all had multiple hits for the Buffaloes. Enriquez, Watson, and Vidal each managed three hits to lead Forsan's offense. The Buffs tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Pineda led the way with three.

Coach Stephen East said of his team after the win "I thought the kids did a great job of staying in the game and staying focused. We had 17 hits tonight but had 8 errors. We will go back to work on our defense and clean it up".

Lady Buffs dominate double-header



By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

The Lady Buffs took both games in a double-header against Westbrook this Saturday. Forsan outhit Westbrook 30 to 3 in the two games and outscored them 33 to 3 runs as well. It was a dominant performance for the Lady Buffs especially from their pitching staff.

In the first game of the double-header the Lady Buffs sailed to an easy victory over Westbrook 13-3 on Saturday

In the first inning, Westbrook got their offense started. T. Beasley grounded out, scoring one run.

Forsan pulled away for good with one run in the third inning. In the third Kaylee Morgan singled on a 2-1 count, to score one run.

The Lady Buffs notched six runs in the fifth inning. Forsan's offense in the inning was led by Macey Evans, Ashtyn Pearson, Hannah Williams, Rylee Evans, and Morgan, all driving in runs in the inning.

Taylyn Still toed the rubber for the Lady Buffs. She lasted six innings, allowed three hits and three runs and struck out 11.

Beasley got the start for Westbrook. She surrendered 13 runs on 12 hits over five innings, and struck out seven.

Forsan tallied 12 hits in the game. Morgan, Pearson, Evans, Williams, and Williams each collected multiple hits for the Lady Buffs. Morgan led Forsan with three hits in four

at bats. The Lady Buffs were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Williams made the most plays with 11. Forsan stole 19 bases during the game as four players stole more than one. Evans led the way with six.

In the second game of the double-header Nine batters came up against Ashtyn Pearson and not a single one could touch her. A perfect game led the Lady Buffs past Westbrook 20-0 on Saturday. Pearson struck out E. Henderson to end the game.

Forsan secured the victory thanks to 12 runs in the first inning. The Lady Buffs' batters that contributed to the big inning included Taylyn Still, Brennan East, Brenna Lindsey, Pearson, Rylee Evans, and Kayla Morin, who each had RBIs in the inning. Pearson earned the win for Forsan. She went three innings, allowing zero runs on zero hits, struck out four and walked zero.

H. Redwine took the loss for Westbrook. She surrendered 20 runs on 18 hits over three innings, and struck out two.

The Lady Buffs collected 18 hits on the day. Still, Macey Evans, East, Morin, Pearson, Evans, Hannah Williams, and Kaylee Morgan each collected multiple hits for Forsan. Evans and Still each managed three hits to lead the Lady Buffs offense. Forsan didn't commit a single error in the field. Morin had the most chances in the field with five.

The Lady Buffs look to keep winning Tuesday against Ira

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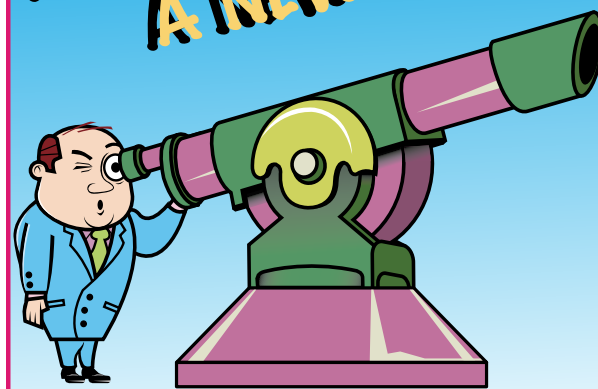
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Saturn Retrograde Countdown

The Mercury retrograde is over, but don't get too comfortable yet. Just when you think it's safe to go back to business as usual, Saturn will pose challenges you wouldn't have dreamed of. On the bright side, this is the stuff that makes life interesting. Anyway, there's still a full day of relatively smooth sailing. Enjoy it!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have the sneaking suspicion that like most people, you're letting a petty fear or belief keep you stuck in a situation. You won't know specifically what it is, though, until you break out and get a different perspective.

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). Emotions will involve labor today. It's a labor to feel them and a labor to express them, but the result of expressing them will be... you guessed it. All of this is worth it -- and so much better than not feeling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People have different reactions to things they don't understand. Some get angry. Some get curious. Some get busy. And what about you? You'll find out today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Easy environments don't grow strong trees or strong people. It's as though the wind and weather (emotional, spiritual or actual) force out deeper roots.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe it doesn't make sense to resent someone who is just being himself or herself. It's as silly as endeavoring to hold up the walls in your home, which have been standing on their own for years.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It may seem counterintuitive, but one of the most

important aspects of success is actually the part in which you do hardly anything. Without that rest and recovery party, you won't be as sharp and creative as you can be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You change, and then your conversations change, and that makes you change -- and then your relationships change, and that makes you change. On and on. There's no separating cause from effect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's weird when people seem to get edgy with you when all you're trying to do is help them. But it happens -- mostly because people don't always want the help they need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When a magnet is heated up to a certain temperature, it loses its magnetism. The same is true of magnetic qualities in people. The same ones that draw you in can get so intense that they burn out your interest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

With your personality, you should find today's cautionary list rather easy to bypass. Avoid an excess of sugar, the tendency to moralize, giving an amateur diagnosis, over-helping and risks taken just to show off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because mistakes made in communication can fundamentally impact a person's psyche, you'll try to understand and to be understandable. You'll hear past what people say and into what they mean.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though it will feel as if you are spending your entire day on the needs of others, some of your own core psychological needs (love, happiness and belonging) are well-served through your efforts.

ever, and something lucky will happen to you every month of this solar return year. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 10, 6, 30 and 9.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "He's a Taurus, and I'm a Libra. He's into music, performing, drums, clubs, travel and tattoos. I'm into him -- completely, fully, totally. We're both 23. I do worry sometimes about being the one who loves more. If I'm being honest, he seems to dig that. Maybe he's a narcissist. I still love him, though. What do you think?"

Libra learns about life through relationships, and this relationship might just be the one to teach you that you can't define yourself through another person. If your love has narcissistic tendencies, he may be completely satisfied that your primary interest is him. But even narcissists need the occasional stimulus of reality. If you don't legitimately have and know your own interests, talents and strengths, it will hurt

you in the end. Taurus is earthy, sensual and connected with the rhythm of earth. Libra is the sign of love, aesthetics, diplomacy and beauty. The melding will be lovely for a time, and why not follow it for as long as you are deliriously in love? Or infatuated. Or whatever you want to call it. But why worry about that now? Ride the excitement for all it's worth, and when it's time to move on, you'll know.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aries actor Martin Lawrence had a dream of becoming a boxing champ but reconsidered after a particularly brutal fight. Many would consider comedy to be the more difficult of the two professions, and if comedian lingo is any indication, they have a point. If the set is good, the comedian "kills it" or "slays." Whether in boxing or comedy, Aries is the sign of the warrior, ready to do battle.

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Annie's Mailbox

Never Celebrated

Dear Annie: I've been wanting to write to you about this for a while. About one-twelfth of people have December birthdays. Mine is in the second week of December.

When I was a child, my birthday celebration would get lost amid all the holiday events. It'd get mashed together with some big get-together or sometimes be pretty much forgotten. There was no event just to celebrate me.

I don't think my birthday should have been any less celebrated than my parents' and siblings' birthdays, but it was. Some people's birthdays are even closer to the 25th than mine, and they probably had it worse.

I realize I'm writing this to you in late March, but if I wrote to you in December and you chose to publish and respond in December, most likely nothing would change, even if some agreed with my viewpoint, because they'd be too busy at that point.

I've thought several times that maybe family and friends

could plan something like a biannual birthday celebration for those of us whose birthdays get lost in the Christmas holidays. How wonderful it must be to have a celebration in which you are the guest of honor.

I am grateful for so much in my life, but it sure would be nice to at least once have a celebration just for me, which most others get. -- December Baby

Dear December Baby: First, to anyone reading this and thinking that birthdays aren't a big deal, don't be so quick to judge. I bet you like to feel special on your birthday. Most everyone does.

Now, "December Baby," you've already thought up a great solution: to observe your birthday on your half-birthday. Are you waiting for your family and friends to develop mind reading capabilities? Tell them your idea! Or just start planning your party for mid-June and let everyone know. You'll most likely have a blast.

And lastly, this is neither here nor there, but seeing as you mentioned it, I wanted

to look into it: It turns out that statistically speaking, December is actually the least common birth month. Less than one-twelfth of the population was born in December. So you're more special than you realized.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Birthday Non-Celebrations."

There's the golden rule: Do unto others as you'd like others to do unto you. Then there's the platinum rule: Do unto others as others would like done unto them.

They're not always the same.

Maybe her husband, like me, is an introvert and he puts up with her big parties and plans but really would prefer a much quieter birthday, with little to no fanfare. Many people, possibly including "Birthday Non-Celebrations," just assume that what they want is what everybody would want. That is so not true!

It's possible he's doing the same thing: giving her the birthday he'd like to get, which is almost nothing at all.

It doesn't sound as if they communicate much. And you picked up on that, too. She

never says he seems to really like or appreciate the big shindigs she puts together for him. I know I wouldn't.

I have read "The 5 Love Languages" and would also highly recommend it! -- Mel H.

Dear Mel H.: I love that you shared the "platinum rule." I think you can often pick up on what someone would like through context clues. For example, if you're not sure what kind of gift a friend wants to receive, look at the kind of gift that friend gives. But I agree that the best way to figure out that sort of thing

is through plain old conversation. This is especially true for romantic relationships. If you aren't forthright about what you want and need from your partner, one miscommunication leads to another, until you look up and realize how far apart you've wandered.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 4 3 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ A K 7 6 3
♣ 10 5

WEST
♠ Q 9 7 6 5
♥ 7 6
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 9 7 2

EAST
♠ K J 10 8
♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ J 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A K J 9
♦ Q 4 2
♣ A Q 8 4

The bidding:
West Pass North 3♦ East Pass South 2♠
Pass 3♦ Pass 5 NT
Pass 7♦ Pass 7 NT

Opening lead — six of spades.
Many years ago, B. Jay Becker, former editor of this column, was playing in a team-of-four event and held the South hand. He opened two clubs, and his partner, Dorothy Hayden Truscott, responded three diamonds.
Becker invoked the grand slam force convention by leaping to five notrump, asking his partner to bid seven of her suit if she held two of the three top diamond honors. Mrs. Truscott complied, and Becker then bid seven notrump in the interests of safety.

Making seven notrump for a score of 2,220 points was, of course, the best result possible for Becker-Truscott. Naturally, they were curious to learn whether their counterparts at the other table had also reached the grand slam.

Their hopes more than materialized when they later compared results with their teammates, Sam Fry Jr. and Peter Leventritt. At their table, the bidding had gone:
West 1 NT (!) North Pass East Pass South 1 NT (!) Pass Pass Dblc Pass Pass Pass

Fry, West, had chosen this moment to open the bidding with a psychic notrump. His timing couldn't have been more perfect.

When his partner passed one notrump, showing zero to seven points, and South doubled, Fry knew his opponents had a sure game, probably a small slam and possibly a grand slam. He thought it likely that North would pass the double and that he (Fry) would take very few tricks.

He was certainly right in this respect — so much so that, as soon as the opening diamond lead was made, Fry conceded all the tricks! Down seven — 1,300 points in those days — nevertheless brought his team a net gain of 920 points.

Generally, psychics do not pay off in the long run, but when they work as well as this one did, one can only shake one's head in wonder.

Tomorrow: Bridge is a game of probabilities.

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	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	KMLM (12)	KPBT (13)	KWTT (14)	KWES2 (15)	WTBS (33)	TNT (34)	ESPN (35)	ESPN2 (36)	FSN (38)	USA (55)	A&E (58)	DISC (60)
	Midland	Spanish	Odessa	Odessa	Telemundo	Midland	Odessa	Odessa	Odessa	Midland	Atlanta	Atlanta	Sports	Sports	Sports	New York	New York	Discovery
5:30 PM	Local 2 ABC	P. Luche	Broke Girl	CBS 7	Tele	News	Hidden	Over	Hawaii Five-0	American	Fam. Guy	Movie: Shrek, Cameron Diaz (DVS)	SportsCenter	Around	Spotlight	Mod Fam	Drunk	Fast N' Loud
6:30 PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Caso Cerado	News	Families	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	MLB Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs.	We the Fans: Dallas	UFC Reloaded	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Stoned	Fast N' Loud
7:30 PM	American Idol	El rico y Lázaro	Lucifer (DVS)	Kevin Can Man-Plan	Mi familia perfecta	The Voice	News	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	NBA Basketball: First Round: Teams TBA.	We the Fans: Dallas	UFC Reloaded	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	WWE Monday Night RAW	Fast N' Loud
8:30 PM	The Crossing	Papá a toda madre	The Resident	Superior Biblically	Al otro lado	Light of Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	G. Pyle WKRP	iZombie	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	SportsCenter	We the Fans: Dallas	Postgame	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud
9:30 PM	Local 2 ABC	Impacto	Mom	CBS 7	Tele	News	News	Independent Lens (DVS)	Heroes	Page Six	Final Sp.	NBA Basketball: First Round: Teams TBA.	SportsCenter	College Football	College Football	Ninja vs. Ninja	To Be Announced	Fast N' Loud
10:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Mod Fam	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	House	Amanpour	C. Burnett	Seinfeld	Conan	SportsCenter	College Football	College Football	Ninja vs. Ninja	To Be Announced	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud
11:30 PM	Nightline	Contacto Deportivo	How I Met Two Men	James Corden	Enemigo Intimo (SS)	Daly	Hidden	Stage	Twi. Zone	King	Conan	SportsCenter	Jalen	UFC Main Event	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud
12:30 AM	Extra	Fuerza-Destino	How I Met Two Men	Access	Enemigo Intimo (SS)	Daly	Hidden	Stage	Hitchcock	King/Hill	Conan	SportsCenter	Jalen	UFC Main Event	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud
1:30 AM	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Simplemente María	Movie: The	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Mannix	Top 30	Broke Girl	NBA Basketball: First Round	SportsCenter	UFC Unleashed	Law & Order: SVU	To Be Announced	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud

ANDY CAPP

THAT WAS A SHOCKING TACKLE BY ANDY ON MAURICE

I KNOW I'M GETTING SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS JUDGMENT...

...HE WAS AIMING FOR SID

AGNES

I AM GOING TO BE A FAMOUS N.Y.-STYLE PAINTER.

YOU GONNA PAINT BARN AND ROOMS AND SUCH?

NO... I MEAN LIKE PICTURES IN MUSEUMS AND FANCY LOBBIES AND ON RICH PEOPLE'S DINING ROOM WALLS... ONLY WE DON'T CALL THEM PICTURES.

WHY?

ONLY HILLBILLY YOKELS LIKE YOU CALL THEM PICTURES. WE PAINTERS OF PICTURES CALL THEM "PIECES."

YOUR FACE IS GONNA BE IN "PIECES!"

ARCHIE

KNOCK IT OFF, YOU TWO!

YOU HAVEN'T GOT THAT MUCH HOMEWORK!

ONE BIG HAPPY

WILL I BE SEEING YOU AT THE MEETING, BEV?

HER NAME IS BEV?

IT'S SHORT FOR BEVERAGE.

SHE LIKES TO DRINK A LOT, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

YEAH, I KNOW. SO DO I WHEN I'M THIRSTY!

MOMMA

MOMMA, I NEED A FEW BUCKS...

FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK. I AM ABOUT TO DECLARE PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY.

YOU SAID "PERSONAL" BANKRUPTCY?

YES.

SO WHAT HAS IT GOT TO DO WITH ME?

NEST HEAD

I THINK I'VE FIGURED OUT WHY SITUATION COMEDIES ARE IN DECLINE.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 16, the 106th day of 2018. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 16, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which the civil rights activist responded to a group of local clergymen who had criticized him for leading street protests; King defended his tactics, writing, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

On this date: In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Virginia, for his inauguration in New York.

In 1818, the U.S. Senate ratified the Rush-Bagot Treaty severely limiting the number of American and British military vessels on the Great Lakes.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia. The Confederacy conscripted all white men between the ages of 18 to 35.

In 1912, American aviator Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel, leaving Dover, England, and arriving near Calais, France, in 59 minutes.

In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine in the Baltic Sea torpedoed and sank the MV Goya, which Germany was using to transport civilian refugees and wounded soldiers; it's estimated that up to 7,000 people died.

In 1947, the cargo ship Grandcamp, carrying ammonium nitrate, blew up in the harbor in Texas City, Texas; a nearby ship, the High Flyer, which was carrying ammonium nitrate and sulfur, caught fire and exploded the following day; the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people. At the South Carolina statehouse, financier Bernard M. Baruch declared: "Let us not be deceived — we are today in the midst of a cold war."

In 1968, American author Edna Ferber, whose novels included "So Big," "Show Boat" and "Giant," and who collaborated with George S. Kaufman on such plays as "Stage Door" and "Dinner at Eight," died in New York at age 82.

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon with astronauts John W. Young, Charles M. Duke Jr. and Ken Mattingly on board.

Thought for Today:

"A closed country is a dying country... A closed mind is a dying mind."

Edna Ferber (1887-1968).

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Newsday Crossword

TAX DAY, AT LAST by Sandy Fein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- Informal language
- Take a crack __ (try)
- Baby's bed
- No-no
- Confront boldly
- The __ Ranger (Western hero)
- Major happening
- Yoked animals
- Not doing anything
- Singing groups without sopranos or altos
- Beef or pork
- Fedora or beret
- Am joints
- Church sale
- Holder for eyeglasses
- Emphatic typeface: Abbr.
- And others: Abbr.
- Ancient fable teller
- Buyer-protection agency
- Watch secretly
- Make simpler
- Highways: Abbr.
- Fender mishap
- Most prudent
- Ask formally to appear
- Grown-up boys
- Japan's continent
- Water-supply storage areas
- Convent dwellers
- Word-of-mouth
- Turn out to be
- Carpet fastener

DOWN

- Flower stalk
- Volcano outflow
- Brother of Cain
- __ of the above (something else)
- Informal "I understand"
- Underway, to Sherlock
- Metered vehicle
- Cake decorator
- Foms of a verb
- Go up a mountain
- Cowboy show
- Spouse's mom or dad
- Red vegetables
- Sultan's group of wives
- Piece of lettuce
- Paper Mate's pen rivals
- Perched on
- Outlandishly comical
- In addition
- Diamond weight measure
- "That's too bad"
- Adolescent
- Portions of corn
- Locale
- Metallic rocks
- "Hey, you!"
- Invalidate
- A smaller number
- Sign up for something
- Buy stocks or bonds
- Driver of flying reindeer
- Commonplace
- Chop finely
- Costumes' head coverings
- Thaws
- A Great Lake
- Back talk
- Not fooled by
- Creative thought
- Competes in a marathon
- Catch sight of

Answer to previous puzzle

P	L	E	O	N	A	S	M	P	A	S	H	A
R	E	A	L	A	U	D	I	O	A	N	T	O
I	T	S	A	S	T	A	R	T	N	O	E	N
C	A	S	T	E	S	O	C	O	N	N	O	R
C	R	I	E	S	E	R	R	O	R	O	L	E
I	D	E	D	S	T	E	L	L	A	P	U	T
G	A	B	T	A	P	R	O	O	M	A	L	T
U	S	A	S	P	H	E	D	R	A	D	D	U
E	S	S	T	E	N	T	E	D	S	T	I	P
R	O	T	P	R	E	S	S	G	E	N	R	E
N	O	I	R	I	S	H	B	U	N	S	E	N
I	N	O	I	L	O	L	D	E	L	P	A	S
C	A	N	D	O	M	A	I	N	L	I	N	E
A	S	S	E	T	E	M	P	T	I	N	E	T

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Howard College second baseman Paige Hallam tags the base runner out between first and second during the Lady Hawk's 2-1 win over Odessa College in the first game of a double header on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

HC

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The Hawks got started in the first inning, when Paige Hallam lined out, driving in a run.

Julia Grib toed the rubber for Howard College. She went five innings, allowed four runs on nine hits, and struck

out eight. H. Schoeneman got the start for Odessa. She lasted five innings, allowed four hits for three runs and struck out three. E. Castillo threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Howard College collected ten hits. Hallam and Madoline Seumalo each collected multiple hits for the Hawks. Seumalo and Hallam each managed two hits to lead How-

ard College in the win. The Hawks were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Addison Lewis had the most chances in the field with seven. Odessa racked up 12 hits on the day. Castillo, B Ryan, Krause, and Deanda all had multiple hits for Odessa.

In the third game of the series on Sunday Howard College watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 5-2 loss to Odessa. Odessa scored on a double by B. Ryan in the first inning, a single by C. Carrillo in the first inning, and a single by Ryan in the second inning.

In the first inning, Odessa got their offense started when Ryan doubled on a 3-2 count and scored one run.

B. Kennett got the start for Odessa. She surrendered two runs on seven hits over seven innings, and struck out seven.

Kylie Shay led things off on the hill for the Hawks. She lasted six innings, allowed nine hits for five runs and

struck out two.

Odessa launched two long balls on the day. R. Salgado had a homer in the fifth inning. E. Castillo had a dinger in the sixth inning.

Lani Graft led Howard Hawks with two hits in three at bats. Odessa collected nine hits on the day. Ryan, Carrillo, and Castillo all managed multiple hits for Odessa. Odessa was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. C. Deanda had the most chances in the field with six.

In the last game of the series on Sunday it came down to the last play. Unfortunately Howard College was on the wrong end of a 5-4 defeat to Odessa. The game was tied at four with Odessa batting in the bottom of the seventh when an error scored one run for Odessa. The Hawks fired up the offense in the first inning. Mackenzie Mitchiner tripled on the first pitch of the at bat, to score one run.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Odessa tied things up at four when Julia Grib induced C. Carrillo to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run

scored.

After Howard College scored two runs in the top of the third, Odessa answered with two of their own. The Hawks scored when Brooke Parker doubled on a 3-1 count, to score two runs. Odessa then answered when B. Ryan doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, to score two runs of their own.

H. Schoeneman led things off on the hill for Odessa. She surrendered four runs on seven hits over seven innings, and struck out two. Meaghan Grah led things off on the hill for Howard College. She surrendered three runs on five hits over four innings, struck out two and walked none. Grib threw two and a third innings in relief.

The Hawks scattered seven hits in the game. Madoline Seumalo and Mitchiner all collected multiple hits for Howard Hawks. Seumalo went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Howard Hawks in hits. Ryan led Odessa with two hits in three at bats.

The Hawks look to get back to winning Friday against Midland College.



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Howard College pitcher Chandler Coates throws to first for an out during the Hawk's 19-12 win over New Mexico Military Institute in the first game of a double header played on Friday, April 13, 2018.

HAWKS

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In the second game of the double-header on Friday Howard College and NMMI played an action-packed back-and-forth game that saw the Hawks come away with a 24-22 victory. The game was tied at 19 with Howard College batting in the bottom of the seventh when Saul Garza singled on a 0-2 count, to score two runs.

Despite falling down by eight runs in the third inning, NMMI tried to fight back. NMMI scored 18 runs in the failed comeback.

Howard College captured the lead in the second inning when Jaxon Williams singled on a 1-0 count, to score one run.

After NMMI scored one run in the top of the sixth, the Hawks answered with one of their own. NMMI scored on a solo homer. Howard College then answered when Tristan Peterson doubled on a 0-2 count, to score one run.

The Hawks put up ten runs in the third inning. Howard College batters that contributed to the big inning included Mason Peterson, Robert Bullard Jr., Williams, Doug Facendo, Garza, and Peterson, who all drove in runs.

Jacob Salim pitched Howard College to victory. He surrendered three runs on five hits over two and two-thirds innings. Reed Osborn and Jacob Stark entered the

game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

The Hawks smacked six home runs on the day. Bullard Jr. had a homer in the fourth inning. Peterson went deep in the third inning. Williams put one out in the third inning. Nick Colavecchi had a homer in the seventh inning. Garza went for the long ball in the third inning. Peterson had a four bagger in the seventh inning. NMMI socked seven home runs on the day as well.

Howard College tallied 25 hits in the game. Colavecchi, Peterson, Garza, Williams, Peterson, Bryan Sturges, Bullard Jr., Facendo, and Aaron Samaniego all had multiple hits for the Hawks. Peterson and Colavecchi all had four hits to lead Howard College.

In the third game of the series on Saturday Bryan Sturges was bad news for opposing pitchers. He drove in six on two hits to lead Howard College past NMMI 13-1. Sturges drove in a run in the first and a home run in the fourth.

The Hawks secured the victory thanks to eight runs in the first inning. Sturges, Lance Russell, and Nick Colavecchi all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the in-

ning.

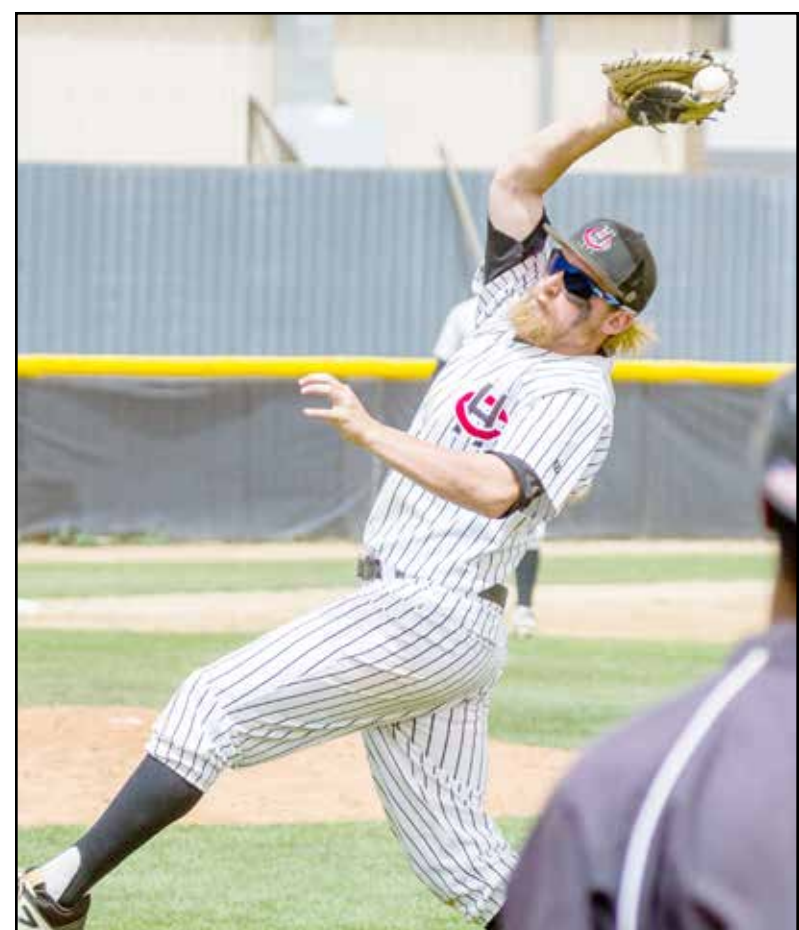
Howard College opened up scoring in the first inning, when Sturges homered on a 1-2 count, scoring three runs.

Denny Bentley was credited with the victory for the Hawks. He allowed four hits and one run over five innings, and struck out five.

The Hawks hit three home runs on the day. Colavecchi had a dinger in the first inning. Sturges went yard in the first and fourth innings.

Howard College tallied nine hits. Saul Garza, Russell, Sturges, and Colavecchi each racked up multiple hits for the Hawks. Colavecchi, Sturges, Russell, and Garza all had two hits to lead Howard College.

In the final game of the series on Saturday The Hawks took the lead late in the game in an 11-10 victory over NMMI. Howard College was down 10-9 in the bottom of the



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Howard College first baseman catches a pop fly during the Hawk's 19-12 win over New Mexico Military Institute in the first game of a double header played on Friday, April 13, 2018.

Howard College scored one run when Bryan Sturges singled.

Howard College tallied four runs in the seventh inning. The offensive onslaught came from a triple by Doug Facendo, a single by Lance Russell, and a home run by Nick Colavecchi.

Scott Barnum pitched the Hawks to victory. He went one-third of an inning, allowed one run on two hits, and struck out one. Jacob

Stark and Aaron Samaniego entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief. Samaniego recorded the last three outs to earn the save for Howard College.

The Hawks launched two home runs on the day. Facendo went yard in the sixth inning. Colavecchi had a long ball in the seventh inning. NMMI tallied two home runs on the day as well.

Howard College tallied 13 hits on the day. Russell, Colavecchi, and Facendo each had multiple hits for the Hawks. Colavecchi and Russell each managed three hits to lead Howard College.

The Hawks hope to continue their win streak Wednesday versus Midland College.

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