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## City Council plans to say 'no' to Oncor rate hike

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer  
 A dispute with Oncor Electric Delivery Company will be on the table at the Big Spring City Council Meeting Tuesday.

The council will meet at 5:30 p.m. in their Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St. According to the posted agenda for the meeting, Oncor has filed an application with the city for "Approval of a Distribution Cost Recovery Factor," abbreviated DCRF, amounting to a surcharge to reimburse Oncor for lower-than-expected electricity service revenues. The factor would increase electricity distribution rates citywide by about \$19,002,177, according to the agenda.

A proposed resolution included in the meeting's agenda would deny the application.

"The rates proposed by Oncor to be recovered through its DCRF charged to customers located within the City

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## Survivors hit the catwalk



**HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield**  
 Photographed above, Laura Liphim walks with her three year old daughter, Audrey, in the first ever Brunch and Fashion Show that took place on April 21 at the First Untied Methodist Church in the Garrett Hall. Home Hospice honored cancer survivors, and with the help from several local boutiques, the survivors got to dress up and walk the catwalk. Not only did they show off different clothes from around Big Spring, but also showed the crowd that they are survivors. Audrey was diagnosed with cancer at 16 months of age, and now at three she is cancer free.

"We are here to honor the people who survived and beat cancer," said Beverly Grant from Home Hospice and coordinator of the Brunch and Fashion Show. "We not only want to celebrate their bravery, but also we want to thank them for being mentors to others."

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## Cars, Stars and Handlebars wins with a full house



**HERALD photo/Marissa Loftin**  
 Blackjack players at the Cars, Stars and Handlebars Casino Night show off their earnings for the evening, which were later redeemable for a chance to win many different prizes.

**By MARISSA LOFTIN**  
 Managing Editor

Cars, Stars, and Handlebars is an annual event that has been a long-running fundraiser conducted by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council with the help of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. This event, which has become a yearly tradition, has a mission to generate funds for the patients of Big Spring State Hospital, and also to assist with the children of Howard County's literary needs.

According to Dee Lindsey, Director for Community Relations at the Big Spring State Hospital and volunteer

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## CES celebrates literacy with Texas Reads One Book



**Courtesy photo**  
 CES Principal Alison Alvarez interviews Paxton Stovall while his sister Ollie listens during the kick-off for the Texas Reads One Book program.

**Special to the Herald**  
 Coahoma Elementary School (CES) students joined children across the state to kick-off the fourth annual Texas Reads One Book program last Wednesday.

Texas Reads One Book encourages students to read one chapter a day with their parents at home from a selected book each year. This year, the book is "The Mouse and the Motorcycle," by well-known children's author Beverly Cleary.

On Wednesday, elementary children gathered in the high school auditorium to hear CES librarian Kandi Burris give highlights of the life of the famous children's author.

Born in 1916, Cleary spent her early childhood living on a small farm in Oregon and her access to books was limited, Burris told the crowd. At the time, mass communication was mostly non-existent. The first electronic television

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JENNIFER CHRISTINE FAYAD**, 42, of Jaggers Dr., on a charge criminal trespass, property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
- **BRANDON SCOTT MOORE**, 31, of 412 S Adams St., on a warrant of another agency.
- **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR.**, 39, of 2005 Hwy 176, on a warrant of criminal trespass.
- **DEVIN ALLEN BUCK**, 24, of 810 E 13th St., of 810 E 13th St., on warrants of criminal trespass, property/building/aircraft/vehicle, and harassment.
- **JAVIER ADRAIN SIGALA**, 27, of 2816 NW 31st St., was arrested on the charge of driving while license suspended.
- **ROBERT LEE EVANS III**, 25, of 2900 W Hwy 80, was arrested on a warrant of speeding.
- **JAMES LESLEY WEAVER**, 36, of 10950 Bennett Rd., was arrested on warrants with two other agencies.

- **CHANCE RAY LANG**, 31, of 1306 Mt Vernon, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **APRIL DALEE CHOATE**, 26, of 406 N 1st St., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JAVIER PAYEN JR.**, 18, of 1509 Avion St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication by a minor.
- **BRITTANY SHAINNE FRITZ**, 30, of 1301 S Johnson St., was arrested on warrants of theft of property more than \$2,500 two or more convictions all other, and on a harassment.
- **ADOLFO LEONARDO FRANCO**, 51, of 807 Timothy Lane, was arrested on a warrant of another agency.
- **TERRY GLENN KELLEY**, 52, of 3209 Oasis Rd., was arrested on warrants of disregard stop sign, failed to maintain financial responsibility, no class e endorsement, and expired registration.
- **LYDON TRENT FRALEY**, 58, of 1506 Stadium Ave., was

arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous convictions., and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON II**, 33, of 3405 W Hwy 350, was arrested on two warrants with other agencies.
- **BARRY DUNNAM**, 64, of 400 Hacks Valley, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80, in the 1600 block of S Gregg St., in the 1800 block of S Goliad St., and in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported on 4th and Abrams.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported 200 block of E 3rd St.
- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported 2500 block of Alabama St.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported 2900 block of W Hwy 80.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RAUL JOE AGUILAR**, 28, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DEVIN ALLEN BUCK**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of harassment, and criminal trespass.
- **APRIL DALEE CHOATE**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JERRY DON DUFFER**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a

charge of public intoxication.

- **ROBERT EVANS III**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of speeding in 27 MPH in a 20 MPH.
- **JENNIFER CHRISTINE FAYAD**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **LYDON TRENT FRALEY**, 58, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, and on possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ADOLFO LEONARDO FRANCO**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **BRITTANY SHAINNE FRITZ**, 30, on warrants of ha-

arrassment, and theft of property.

- **MATTHEW LEE HALE**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JESUS HUERTA**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JARROD EARL JOHNSON**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid.
- **TERRY KELLEY**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of disregard stop sign, failed to maintain financial responsibility, no class e endorsement, and expired registration.

## Take Note

• A Public Forum will be 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 feedback 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.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If

you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeCASA.org](http://www.BecomeCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• Legal Aid of North-West 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 pron bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child support and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social secu-

city/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. 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.

## Obituaries

### Angelita Valles Salazar

Angelita Valles Salazar, 67, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 22, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## 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 respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.



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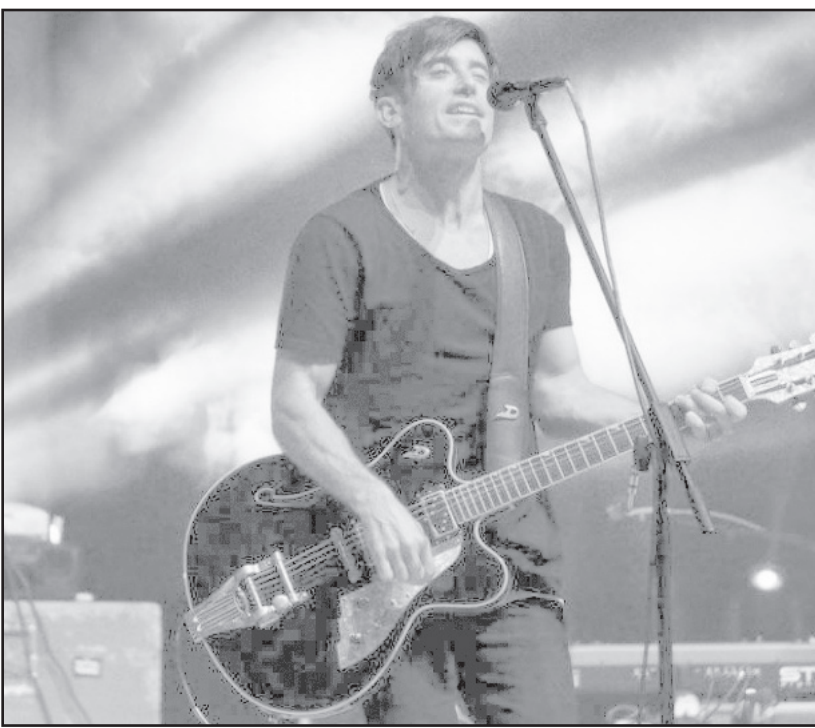
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*Courtesy Photos*  
The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium was brimming with the citizens, both young and old, as they all gathered together to listen and watch as Christian artist, Phil Wickham, performed for Howard County. He sang songs that allowed everyone in attendance to join in on such as Amazing Grace, along with songs he has written himself, bringing the crowd together to glorify God through music and his dialogue.



*Courtesy photo*  
**CES Librarian Kandi Burris gives highlights of the life of famous children's author Beverly Cleary to an audience of Coahoma elementary children during the kick off for the Texas Reads One Book program.**

*Courtesy photo*  
**CES Principal Alison Alvarez interviews Londyn Cahill, left, Madisyn Retenira, and Zack Biddison about their pets during the kick off for the Texas Reads One Book program.**

## CES

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wasn't invented until 1927 and radios were not common in the homes of rural areas.

"Cleary said her mother would read to her and her dad every evening before bed," Burris said. "She learned to love books because her mother had arranged to have books sent to her house from the Oregon State Library."

When she was a 6-year-old, the family moved to Portland, Ore. Clearly fell ill and it caused a delay

in her education. She didn't learn to read until the second grade, and the books she enjoyed, ones tailored toward children, were hard to find, Burris said.

"When Cleary was in the seventh grade she wrote a story and her teacher had her read that story out loud," Burris said to the children. "After reading that story, her teacher said right then, 'Beverly, you need to grow up to write children's books.'"

Clearly didn't follow her teacher's advice right away, and instead followed her dream to become a librarian. As an elementary school librarian, Cleary still found it hard to find good children's books so she decided to write some herself, Burris said. Since then, the 102-year-old author, has written more than 40 children's books and sold more than 90 million copies worldwide.

Burris ended her talk with one of Cleary's famous quotes: "If you don't see the book you want on the shelves, write it."

Ramping up excitement for the program, the Coahoma High School theater department presented a short, humorous skit on the "Mouse and the Motorcycle," and Elementary Principal Alison Alvarez interviewed fourth grader Londyn Cahill, fourth grader Madisyn Retenira, and third grader Zack Biddison about their pet rodents. To keep with the theme, 8-year-old Paxton Stovall, who races dirt bikes, was interviewed by Alvarez and then the students watched a video of Cowboys Head Coach Jason Garrett read the first chapter of "The Mouse and the Motorcycle."

Elementary students are encouraged to continue reading the book one chapter a night with family members for the next three weeks while participating in lessons and activities related to the book in the classroom.

## COUNCIL

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limits, are hereby found to be unreasonable and shall be denied," reads Section 3 of the resolution.

If passed, the resolution would also authorize the city to participate in a multi-city effort to deny the DCRF, and to hire an attorney to negotiate with Oncor and handle any necessary litigation stemming from the issue.

The resolution also holds that Oncor should "...continue to charge its existing rates to customers within the City," and "The City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed in full by Oncor within 30 days of presentation of an invoice to Oncor."

The Council will also consider a resolution amending the city's "Personnel Policies and Procedures" by adding a new chapter regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA), and modified duty.

"The City may make modified duty assignments available to ill or injured employees who are unable to perform their regular job duties," says the chapter. "The decision to offer an employee a modified duty assignment is made in the City's sole discretion. A modified duty assignment may be in the employee's own department or in another department in the City."

The chapter also says that "The

City shall provide reasonable accommodations to the known physical or mental impairments of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability if such reasonable accommodation will enable the individual to perform the essential functions of the position at issue. The City's obligation under this policy is limited to providing reasonable accommodations that will not result in an undue hardship to the city."

In other business, the Council will consider removing additional assignment pay for Big Spring Police Department narcotics officers.

According to the meeting's agenda, the cut, if passed, will affect corporals, corporals 1st class, and senior corporals in the Narcotics Division of the police department.

Narcotics corporals' pay rate was previously set at \$25.009 per hour, 61 cents per hour more than a corporal not working in the Narcotics Division. At \$26.933 per hour, Narcotics corporals 1st class made 65.7 cents per hour more than their non-Narcotics counterparts; while senior corporals in Narcotics made 69 cents more than senior corporals not working in Narcotics, with \$28.295 per hour.

If approved, the Narcotics assignment bonus will be eliminated, and Narcotics officers will all make the same rate as other officers of the same rank, starting May 13.

No explanation for the change

is given in the agenda.

The Council will also:

- Consider a resolution authorizing Mayor Larry McLellan to negotiate contracts for services with the Health and Human Services Commission.

- Consider increasing the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund budget by \$10,500 to hire an architect for the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater renovation project; and consider approving KDC Associates (the company who designed the Historic Spring Renovation Project) for design of the Amphitheater Renovation.

- Consider granting permission to seek a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for partial reimbursement for body armor for the police department.

- Consider awarding a bid for a one-arm sanitation truck to the Heil of Texas company for \$337,689, \$7,689 over budget. According to a memo included in the meeting's agenda, Heil is the only manufacturer of the "full-eject" type of one-arm sanitation truck the city needs.

- Consider awarding a bid for filter improvement projects at the Water Treatment Plant and the Lancaster Pump Station to Texas Water and Soil Inc. for \$1,486,255, which was the lowest of three bids received.

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## CARS

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for the event, the 2018 Cars, Stars and Handlebars event that took place on Saturday evening was a total success.

"We held a casino night this year, and we were really excited about it. Everything turned out well, and it was a great time. We wanted everyone to come out and have fun, and also for everyone to know that their time, support and money was going to benefit a good cause. We just have a fabulous community here."

According to Lindsey, in addition to benefiting the patients at the Big Spring State Hospital, the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club also uses a portion of the proceeds to buy every third grader in Howard County a dictionary, along with some other special projects.

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Doris Smith, 82, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Angelita Valles Salazar, 67, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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## A funny thing happens to Trump's rivals — they start turning into Trump

An odd thing is happening in President Donald Trump's America. Over time, his rivals turn into their own versions of The Donald. No greater example exists than James Comey, the FBI chief whom Trump fired last year.

Trump canned Comey in a spectacularly brutal and public way. Not in person, but on camera, as if the FBI top gun were a contestant on his erstwhile reality show, "The Apprentice."

As Comey wrote in his book, "A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies and Leadership," he learned he had been fired in Los Angeles in front of a room of potential FBI recruits when the words "Comey resigns" flashed across TV screens along a back wall. At first, Comey laughed off what he thought was a joke. Then he saw the headline, "Comey fired," and he wasn't laughing any more.

News crews in helicopters captured his car ride to the airport as if Comey were O.J. Simpson on the run.

A month later, Comey charmed the Senate Intelligence Committee with his aw-shucks demeanor, and phrases like, "Lordy, I hope there are tapes" — a response to a Trump tweet that suggested the commander in chief might have taped their talks.

On his book tour, Comey is Mr. Nice Guy no more. He has outgrown his "Leave It to Beaver" lexicon and replaced it with the sort of trash talk that served Trump so well on the campaign trail. Comey seemed like such a gentleman — not so now with his swipes at Trump's physical appearance.

Comey writes of his first meeting with Trump: "His face appeared slightly orange, with bright white half-moons under his eyes where I assumed he places small tanning goggles, and impressively coiffed, bright

blond hair, which upon close inspection looked to be all his."

Trump likes to brag about his big hands, and how his crowd-size, poll numbers or whatever are bigger than anyone else's.

In that department, Comey out-Trumped Trump when he revealed details of his first meeting with the then-president elect. Comey wrote that as Trump "extended his hand, I made a mental note to check its size. It was smaller than mine, but did not seem unusually so."

During the 2016 GOP primary, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio — whom Trump dubbed "Little Marco" — tried the same gambit, as he talked about Trump's "small hands" and "spray tan." Alas, for Rubio, Trump's tactics don't transfer well to others. Rubio's rhetoric didn't dent Trump's hold on Florida voters, who favored the New York real estate developer to their homegrown native son.

Both Trump and Comey are known leakers who have no problem trashing others for doing what they've been doing. A master at self-promotion, Trump famously talked off the record to reporters under the phony name John Barron years ago when he was hyping his net worth.

Comey has leaked as well. He admitted that, after Trump fired him, he gave a law school professor an unclassified memo about a meeting with Trump and instructions that the professor "share the substance of the memo — but not the memo itself — with a reporter."

Comey's book tour candor has not enhanced his reputation. A Rasmussen Reports survey found that 41 percent of likely voters believe he should be prosecuted for leaking to the media.

Trump talks endlessly about his many triumphs and how much other world leaders tell

him that they like him and respect him.

In memos Comey wrote to himself after talking with Trump, the former FBI chief repeats Trump's blandishments — such as that Comey conducted himself "honorably," "had a great reputation" and "that the people of the FBI really like me." Read the memos and you'd almost think the president and lawman talked more about Comey than Russia.

On CNN Thursday, Comey told anchor Jake Tapper that "it's possible" the Kremlin has compromising information on Trump. Comey admitted he had no proof, but observed that Trump protests too much the allegation that he consorted with Moscow prostitutes, and Trump does not like to pan Russian president Vladimir Putin.

"Now, those aren't definitive, those aren't conclusive facts," Comey told Tapper, "but the reason I say it's possible is there are things that lead my common sense to believe it's possible."

It was a cheap shot — reminiscent of Trump's nasty insinuation during the GOP primary that the father of Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, somehow might have been associated with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"His father was with Lee Harvey Oswald prior to Oswald's being — you know, shot. I mean, the whole thing is ridiculous," Trump told Fox News. And: "I mean what was he doing with Lee Harvey Oswald, shortly before the death — before the shooting? It's horrible."

In that spirit, it's possible that Comey is turning into Trump bigly — although to complete the transformation, it would help if Comey could lose some of his sanctimony.

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## Collusion, Anyone?

As the likelihood that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia seems headed toward zero, the likelihood of proof of a different form of collusion seems headed upward toward certainty.

The Russia collusion charge had some initial credibility because of businessman Donald Trump's dealings in Russia and candidate Trump's off-putting praise of Vladimir Putin.

It was fueled by breathless media coverage of such trivial events as Jeff Sessions' conversation with the Russian ambassador at a Washington reception — and, of course, by the appointment of former FBI Director Robert Mueller as special counsel. But Mueller's prosecutions of Trump campaign operatives were for misdeeds long before the campaign, and his indictment of 13 Russians specified that no American was a "knowing participant" in their work.

Now there's talk that Mueller is winding up his investigation. It seems unlikely that whatever he reports will fulfill the daydreams so many liberals have of making Trump go the way of Richard Nixon.

Meanwhile, the evidence builds of collusion by Obama administration law enforcement and intelligence personnel in trying to elect Hillary Clinton and defeat and delegitimize Trump in and after the 2016 election.

The investigation of Clinton's illegal email system was conducted with kid gloves. FBI Director James Comey accepted Attorney General Loretta Lynch's order to call it a "matter" rather than an "investigation." Clinton aides were allowed to keep her emails and destroy 30,000 of them, plus cellphones. They were not subject to grand jury subpoenas, and a potential co-defendant was al-

lowed to claim attorney-client privilege.

On June 27, 2016, Lynch clandestinely met with Bill Clinton on his plane at the Phoenix airport — a meeting that became known only thanks to an alert local TV reporter. Lynch supposedly left the decision on prosecution to Comey, who on July 5 announced publicly that Clinton had been "extremely careless" but lacked intent to violate the law, even though the statute punishes such violations whether they are intentional or not.

Contrast that with the collusion of Obama officials with the Clinton campaign-financed Christophe Steele/Fusion GPS dossier alleging Trump ties with

Russians. Comey and the Justice Department used it, without divulging who paid for it, to get a FISA warrant to surveil former Trump campaign operative Carter Page's future and past communications — the "wiretap" Trump was derided for mentioning.

Similarly, when Comey informed Trump in January 2017 of the contents of the then-unpublished Steele dossier, he didn't reveal that the Clinton campaign had paid for it. Asked on his iatrogenic book tour why not, he blandly said he didn't know. And maybe he doesn't actually realize he was employing J. Edgar Hoover-like tactics to keep his job. Maybe.

In any case, after he was fired, he immediately sent four of his internal memos, at least one of them classified, to a law professor friend to leak them to the press, with the intent of getting a special counsel appointed — who turned out to be his longtime friend and ally Robert Mueller. Collusion, anyone?

Collusion can get complicated and sometimes fails to produce the intended results. Comey's deputy FBI director, Andrew

McCabe, reportedly kept to himself for weeks the discovery that Clinton emails had been transmitted over the home computer of her aide Huma Abedin's then-husband, the disgraced ex-Rep. Anthony Weiner. After Comey learned of this, he made his Oct. 28 announcement that the Clinton email investigation was being reopened.

Comey and McCabe have produced contradictory accounts of events, and Comey's public praise of McCabe contrasts with his referral of McCabe to Justice's inspector general, who found him guilty of "lack of candor" — a fireable offense for which he was indeed fired. Partners in collusion sometimes fall out.

Longtime Clinton friend Lanny Davis charges that Comey's statement was responsible for Clinton's defeat, and Comey, on his book tour, admitted that he may have made it only because he assumed Clinton would win.

Davis may be right, though no one can prove it. But one could also say that the Democratic Party lost the presidency because it nominated a candidate under investigation for committing a felony. And it seems as certain as these things can be that if Hillary Clinton had followed the law and regulations, there would be today no President Trump, no Attorney General Sessions, no EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, no Justice Neil Gorsuch.

The blame ultimately belongs to Barack Obama, who knew of Clinton's private email system and who could have ordered her to follow the law. But that's one bit of collusion that didn't occur.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, we seek you with prayer in our hearts. We meet you when we consider your Word.  
Amen.

### Teen fugitives caught after escaping juvenile prison

GIDDINGS, Texas (AP) — Two teen inmates have been caught a day after escaping from a juvenile prison in Giddings, Texas, about 100 miles northwest of Houston.

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department said in a release that 16-year-olds Brice Ryan Karalis and Bryan Ernando Villanueva were arrested Sunday evening in Montgomery County. The two disappeared from the Giddings State School around 9 p.m. Saturday.

The teens' mode of escape was not released, and additional details about their apprehension were not immediately available.

It was not immediately clear why Karalis or Villanueva were being held at the prison.

### Photos capture special moments from Barbara Bush's funeral



HOUSTON (AP) — Photos that a family spokesman tweeted capture special moments from former first lady Barbara Bush's funeral.

Her husband, George H.W. Bush, poses in one with their son, George W. Bush, and two other former presidents — Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. Current first lady Melania Trump also is in the photo along with former first ladies Laura Bush, Hillary Clinton and Michelle Obama. All are smiling as they stand behind the elder Bush.

Another photo gives a close-up view of George H.W. Bush's socks with blue, red and yellow books on them in honor of his late wife, who was known for her work promoting literacy.

The photos were taken by Paul Morse of George H.W. Bush's office in Houston.

The funeral service was Saturday at a church in Houston.

### 5 arrested on murder charges stemming from Texas arson case

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — Authorities have arrested five people on murder charges stemming from an arson investigation in Grand Prairie, Texas, about 13 miles west of Dallas.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that 25-year-old Elizabeth Delude, 40-year-old Claire Harrington, 34-year-old Clayton Miller, 33-year-old Christopher Cornell and 41-year-old Paul Rogers were arrested Friday. Harrington was held on \$500,000 and the others on \$750,000 bonds Sunday at the Grand Prairie Detention Center. It was not immediately clear whether they had attorneys.

Detectives investigating an April 10 Grand Prairie house fire determined that someone was slain inside. Two days later, the Erath County Sheriff's Department discovered a charred body inside of a burned car believed to be the victim in the Grand Prairie homicide case.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office had not yet identified the victim.

### No charges in death of El Paso boy during school walkout

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — No charges have been filed in the death of an 11-year-old boy struck by a pickup truck in El Paso during a school-organized walkout to protest gun violence.

El Paso police spokesman Darrel Petry said Sunday that the investigation into Jonathan Benko's death continues. But no charges have been filed against Jesus Diaz, the 61-year-old driver who struck Benko as he attempted to walk across a highway on Friday with several other students.

Authorities say the sixth-grader and other students had left the designated walkout area to go to a park across the highway from Parkland Middle School.

Benko was transported to University Medical Center where he later died.

Petry says Diaz remained at the scene after the collision and was not injured. He says no other students were injured.

### Texas 8th-graders asked to list positives of slavery

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio charter school has apologized after a teacher asked students in an eighth grade American history class to list the positive and negative aspects of slavery.

The Great Hearts Monte Vista teacher who distributed the worksheet titled "The Life of Slaves: A Balanced View" was placed on leave and the school said it would audit the textbook associated with the lesson, said Aaron Kindel, the superintendent of Great Hearts Texas, which operates 28 public charter schools in Texas and Arizona.

"To be clear, there is no debate about slavery. It is immoral and a crime against humanity," Kindel said in a statement posted Thursday on the Great Hearts Facebook page. He said the school's headmaster plans to explain the mistake to the history class.

Scott Overland, a spokesman for Pearson, which published the textbook, said the company didn't create and doesn't endorse the worksheet assigned to the students, KENS-TV reported.

"We do not support the point of view represented in the worksheet and strongly condemn the implication that there was any positive aspect to slavery," Overland said.

A parent of one of the students in the class posted the worksheet Wednesday on Facebook.

# 4 dead in Waffle House shooting in Tennessee; suspect sought



AP photo

Law enforcement officials work the scene of a fatal shooting at a Waffle House in the Antioch neighborhood of Nashville, Sunday, April 22, 2018.

By SHEILA BURKE

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A nearly naked gunman wearing only a green jacket and brandishing an assault rifle stormed a Waffle House restaurant in Nashville early Sunday, shooting four people to death before a customer rushed him and wrestled the weapon away.

Authorities were searching for the 29-year-old suspect, Travis Reinking, who they said drove to the busy restaurant and killed two people in the parking lot before entering and continuing to fire. When his AR-15 rifle either jammed or the clip was empty, the customer disarmed him in a scuffle.

Four people were also wounded before the gunman fled, throwing off his jacket.

Nashville Police Chief Steve Anderson said there was no clear motive, though Reinking may have "mental issues." He may still be armed, Anderson told a mid-afternoon news conference, because he was known to have owned a handgun that authorities have not recovered.

U.S. Secret Service agents arrested Reinking last July for being in a restricted area near the White House, officials said. Special Agent Todd Hudson said Reinking was detained after refusing to leave the restricted area, saying he wanted to meet President Donald Trump.

State police in Illinois, where Reinking lived until last fall, subsequently revoked his state firearms card at the request of the FBI and four guns were then taken from him, including the AR-15 used in Sunday's shooting as well as a handgun, authorities said.

Sheriff Robert Huston in Tazewell County, Illinois, said deputies allowed Reinking's father to take possession of the guns on the promise that he would "keep the weapons secure and out of the possession of Travis." Huston added that, based on past deputies' encounters with Reinking, "there's certainly evidence that there's some sort of mental health issues involved."

While Huston said it was unclear how Reinking reclaimed the guns, Nashville Police spokesman Don Aaron said that his father "has now acknowledged giving them back to his son."

Phone calls to a number listed for the father, Jeffrey Reinking, went unanswered.

Meanwhile, authorities hailed the customer who intervened to stop a further bloodbath, 29-year-old James Shaw, Jr., as a hero — though the father of a 4-year-old girl demurred and said he was just trying to survive.

One hand bandaged, Shaw told reporters he first thought the gunshots fired around 3:25 a.m. were plates falling from a dishwashing station.

When he realized what was happening, he took cover behind a door as shots shattered windows. The gun either jammed or needed a new clip, and that's when Shaw said he pounced after making up his mind that "he was going to have to work to kill me."

Shaw said he was not a religious man, but "for a tenth of a second, something was with me to run through that door and get the gun

from him."

They cursed at each other as they scuffled, Shaw said, and he was able to grab the gun and toss it over a counter. The gunman then ran away into the dark of the working- and middle-class Antioch neighborhood of southeast Nashville.

Authorities said he shed his jacket nearby and police found two AR-15 magazines loaded with bullets in the pockets. He was seen walking, naked, on a road, officials said, but later was spotted wearing pants but no shirt after apparently returning to his apartment.

Another witness, Chuck Cordero, told The Tennessean newspaper he had stopped to get a cup of coffee and was outside the Waffle House when the chaos unfolded.

"He did not say anything," Cordero said of the gunman, who he described as "all business."

Cordero said Shaw saved lives. "There was plenty more people in that restaurant," he said.

The dead were identified as 29-year-old restaurant worker Taurean C. Sanderlin, and restaurant patrons Joe R. Perez, 20, Akilah Dasilva, 23, and DeEbony Groves, 21. A police statement said Sanderlin and Perez were killed outside the restaurant, Groves was fatally shot inside, and Dasilva was critically wounded inside and later died at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Aaron, the police spokesman, said two of the wounded were being treated for gunshot wounds at the medical center, where spokeswoman Jennifer Wetzel said one was in critical condition and the other was in critical but stable condition.

TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center spokeswoman Katie Radel in Nashville said two people were treated for minor injuries and released.

Aaron said Reinking had been employed in construction and lived near the restaurant, and police used yellow crime scene tape to block public access to an apartment complex about a half-mile from the Waffle House.

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# Hawks broom the birds

By JORDAN PARR  
Sports Editor

This weekend while celebrating the Sophomores in the program, in a four game series where three of the four games were decided by only a single run. The Hawks found a way to come away with all four victories in an impressive sweep of the Midland College over the weekend. Howard college out-hit the Chaparrals 37 to 34 in the series and outscored Midland 34 runs to 26 in the sweep. Both teams brought there sticks in the matchup averaging over eight hits a game each in the series. The Hawks improve their record to 35-7 with the win and continue their dominance in the region.

In the first game of the four game series Friday in Big Spring Howard College squeaked out a narrow 1-0 victory over Midland College. The Hawks were out-hit in the game three hit to two but Julia Grib had all the right stuff for Howard Hawk, Grib allowed no runs in the shutout victory over the Chaparrals.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Grib struck out five, while Midland's pitcher sat down seven.

Grib got the start for Howard College and surrendered zero runs on three hits over seven innings, and struck out five.

Kylie Shay led the Hawks with two hits in three at bats.

Aguilar went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Midland in hits. Midland didn't commit a single error in the field in the losing effort.

In game two of Friday's double-header the Hawks pulled off another one run victory over Midland in a one scoring affair 14-13. Again Howard College was able to pull off the win despite being out-hit by the Chaparrals 13 to 11 in the game.

The Hawks got out to a five-run lead in the fourth inning and held on for the victory over Midland. Howard scored four runs in the failed comeback on a double by S. Simms and a error.

Paige Hallam led Howard College to victory with four RBIs. Hallam went 3-for-3 at the plate and drove in runs on a single in the first and a home run in the third.

The Chaparrals got on the board in the first inning when S. Hoohuli drove in two with a HR.

The Hawks pulled away for good with two runs in the third inning where Hallam homered on the first pitch of the at bat, to score two runs.

Kylie Shay led things off on the rubber for Howard College. She pitched one inning, allowed six runs on five hits, and struck out two.

T. Larig got the start for Midland. Larig allowed two hits and five runs over two-thirds of an inning. C. Kistner threw five and a third innings out of the bullpen.

Midland swatted three home runs on the day. R. Kea had a homer in the third inning. Hoohuli had a dinger in the first inning. B. Cerda went for the long ball in the second inning.

The Hawks scattered 11 hits in the game. Hallam, Madoline Seumalo, Mackenzie Mitchiner, and Jenna Shay all had multiple hits for Howard Hawks. Seumalo and Hallam each managed three hits to lead Howard College.

In the third game of the series Saturday in Midland the Hawks pulled of their third straight one run win over the Chaparrals 13-12 despite being out hit in the game 13 hits to 12.

Howard college and Midland traded the lead back-and-forth on Saturday, but eventually the Hawks prevailed. The game was tied at 11 with Howard College batting in the top of the seventh when Evelyn Loyola's sac fly scored one run for the Hawks to give them the late lead.

The base paths were crowded in this high-scoring game. Midland took an early lead in the second inning. S. Hoohuli grounded out, scoring one run.

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Howard College softball sophomores and coaches pose for a photograph during sophomore recognition activities following the Lady Hawk's two game sweep of Midland College on Friday, April 20, 2018.



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Howard College's Kylie Shay pokes a hit into left field during the Lady Hawk's 14-13 win over Midland College in the second game of a double header played on Friday, April 20, 2018. Howard won the first game 1-0.

# Steer Nation ready for regionals

By JORDAN PARR  
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers came in sixth place as a team at the area track meet in Abilene last Wednesday where they scored 36 team points. The Steers had a great showing at area, they came in second place as a team with 118 points in the meet. The Lady Steers had three individuals qualify for regionals and one relay team. The Steers had five individuals qualify for regionals in nine events and two relay teams.

### Lady Steers Results

Carly Roberts took first place in Discus with a throw of 127'-3" (RQ)

Ajanique Wells topped the podium in High Jump with a jump of 5'-2" (RQ)

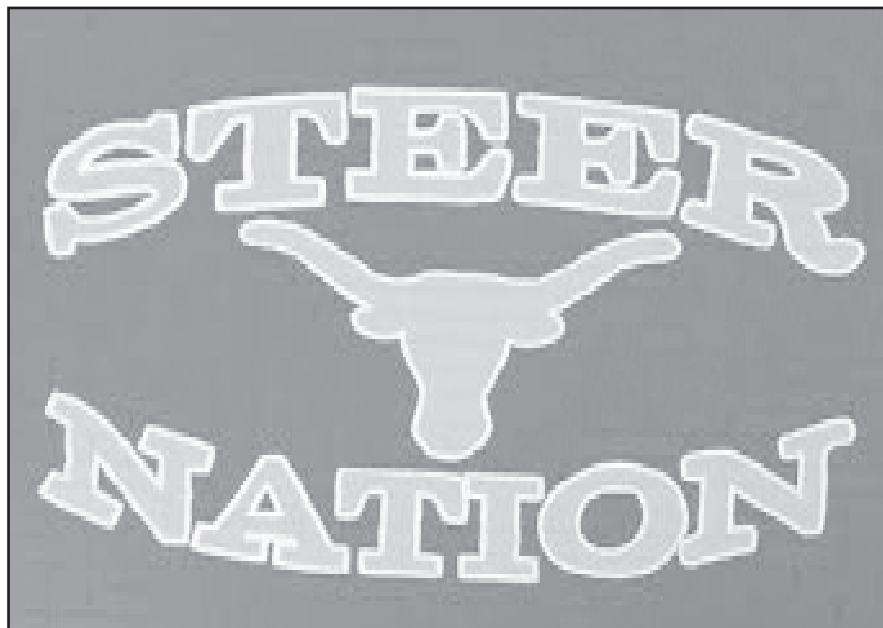
Logan Terrazas finished in fourth place in High Jump with a jump of 4'-10" (RQ)

Anissa Ramsey, Falicity Calderon, Samantha Solis and Mackenzie Rodriques finished fourth in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:18.37 (RQ)

Alsa Cervantes finished fifth in the Shot Put with a throw of 32'-11 1/4"

Keila Yanez finished sixth in Discus with a throw of 94'-11"

Lindsey Brooks finished sixth in the 200 M dash



with a time of 26.32

### Steers Results

Cooper Miller took the silver in the 3200 M run with a time of 10:49.20 (RQ)

Miller also got the silver in the 1600 M run with a time of 4:45.41 (RQ)

Aaron Martinez got the gold in the 800 M run with a time of 2:00.89 (RQ)

Martinez also took first in the 400 M run with a

time of 50.40 (RQ)

John Ibanez was awarded the bronze in the 110 M hurdles with a time of 15.79 (RQ)

Ibanez also took home the bronze in the 300 M hurdles with a time of 42.83 (RQ)

AJ Gonzales got the gold in the Shot Put with a throw of 48'-6" (RQ)

Gonzales doubled down on gold in the Discus, where he took first with a throw of 147'-6" (RQ)

Jeremiah Cooley grabbed the silver medal in Long Jump with a jump of 22'-4 1/2" (RQ)

Cooley also came in fifth in High Jump with a jump of 5'-10"

Kyler Seymore came in fourth in the High Jump with a jump of 6'-0" (RQ)

Zachory Shook, DJ Molina, Alec Espinosa and Caleb Caldwell got third in the 4x200 M relay with a time of 1:31.44 (RQ)

Gene Rodriguez, Alec Espinosa, Caleb Caldwell and Aaron Martinez topped the podium in the 4x400 M relay with a time of 3:26.09 (RQ)

Caleb Caldwell, DJ Molina, Alex Espinosa and Jeremiah Cooley came in fifth in the 4x100 M relay with a time of 43.81

The Steers and Lady Steers will compete at the regional track meet at Lowrey Field in Lubbock April 27-28

# Forsan nails Yellowhammers

By JORDAN PARR  
Sports Editor

The Buffs put up big runs this weekend against Rotan in a 8-3 win Saturday. Forsan only out-hit the Yellowhammers seven to six in the game but got the hits with runners in scoring position and played great defense to get the decisive five run victory.

In the second inning, the Buffs got their offense started when Jonathon Gabehart tripled on a 3-2 count, to score one run.

Forsan tallied six runs in the third inning. The Buffs' big inning was driven by an error on a ball put in play by Jordan Enriquez and Kobe Richardson, a single by Bryce Hergert, and a sacrifice fly by Gabehart.

Kolby Watson took the win for Forsan. He went three innings, allowed three runs on three hits and struck out four. Enriquez and Hergert entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Vanpoppel took the loss for Rotan. He lasted four innings, allowed five hits and eight runs and struck



out seven.

The Buffs scattered seven hits in the game. Dylan Kligora and Gabehart all collected multiple hits for Forsan. Kligora went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead the Buffs in hits. Forsan tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Kligora led the way

with three.

Head Coach Stephen East said of his team after the game "The kids played well today. We have tried to focus on cleaning up our defense and the kids did a good job today. We had one error and with today's windy conditions that was pretty impressive. Our pitching was good with Kolby Watson getting the start and going 3 innings and only giving up 3 runs. Jordan Enriquez pitched for his first time in a varsity game today and went 3 innings. We closed with Bryce Hergert and he was solid like he is every time. Rotan pitched the Van Poppel kid and he does a good job. He has a big arm with a good fastball and a great curve. We were able to get to him early and get 7 hits off him. Our guys are seeing the ball well right now and making good contact. We finish the regular season Tuesday against Ira at Snyder's Moffett Field at 7 pm. We are still waiting to see who we will play in the first round of the playoffs".

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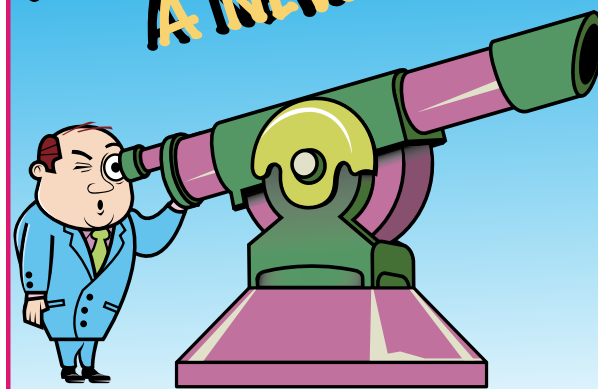
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Telling Someone She Stinks

**Dear Annie:** I have a very sensitive office environment problem. My office mate smells, and the smell permeates the entire office and even gets stuck to my clothes. And I'm not the only one who can smell it. Other co-workers have noticed it, too. I think it's a matter of not changing clothes enough or not bathing well or often enough. She is such a nice lady that I really can't mention it to her. It would hurt her feelings. Because our office has only five employees in it (we're out in the boondocks), we have very limited office space. So there's no possibility of moving desks and putting more space

between her and the rest of us. And no air freshener or scent diffuser we've tried works. What can be done? Again, she's very nice and friendly, and I don't want to hurt her. -- Stinky Outside Seattle

**Dear Stinky Outside Seattle:** This is the sort of delicate personnel matter best handled by the human resources department. Talk to whoever is in charge of HR for your company, even if that person isn't located in the same office.

If you don't have an HR department, then try talking to your co-worker yourself. At the end of the day, ask your co-worker whether she has a minute before she leaves. Go into a private space, and say something to the effect of: "It may

just be my sensitive nose, but I've noticed there's sometimes a strong smell near your desk. I just wanted to make you aware of the issue, because I hope you would do the same for me." It's going to be awkward no matter which way you slice it. But telling her is a noble act. You're bearing a minute of discomfort to spare her further embarrassment and your co-workers further unpleasantness. Do be sure to have this talk at the end of the day, as telling her earlier, when she can't do anything about it, would be cruel.

Also, as this is the second letter I've received this month about a co-worker's olfactory offenses, a public service announcement: To

anyone thinking of skipping that pre-work shower, please don't.

**Dear Annie:** I'm just a normal adult who is sick and tired of hearing the F-word out in public. Why is this word permitted at public events, at the shopping mall and in movie theaters? When my grandchildren were very young, we had this happen at a baseball game. The person behind us repeated the word many times, until finally my husband politely asked the person to stop. Luckily for us, he wasn't attacked for the request -- which is always a concern these days.

Can we start a national campaign to stop the use of the F-word in public? Here's an idea: If you wouldn't say a certain

thing in church, then don't say it in public. I hope others will agree with this idea, and perhaps the security guards at public events could help out. -- Grandma

**Dear Grandma:** I couldn't find any data to verify the claim, but I also have noticed more people using the F-word in recent years. It may be because many popular shows are on cable or streaming platforms and therefore not subject to the strict censorship laws that govern network TV, allowing the shows to have a free-for-all with the cussword, which may have trickled down into society. But we can't just blame TV. In any case, let's keep it clean, folks.

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Countdown to Venus Change

Like the modern miracle of the hot shower, creature comforts that were once only the luxury of royals can become de rigueur. There's cosmic love in the luxury-loving sign of Taurus today, but that will change with the Venus transit into Gemini tomorrow. Enjoy your creature comforts. Tomorrow the focus will shift from the sensual to the intellectual.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Breezy conversations are good for everyone, and if you can find a reason to laugh lightheartedly with someone, you're part of what's good in the world.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You like

to think that you have lots of options, yet in reality, three to five will be better than endless possibilities. You don't have the time to investigate today, for one.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your intuition is working, and you may pick up on the tiniest signal or come up with a strange, accurate bit of information from out of the blue. Take it as a sign that you're headed in a good direction.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** We sometimes create a false boundary just so that we can play a game, but the reality is that life is often more of a circular scenario in which there really is no choosing sides.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There is no "whatever" in your vocabulary today because you know your preferences, and you're not afraid to explain them to people in the nicest way possible. Much good comes of your command of language.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The venture has to be exciting

enough to pull you forward, or you're not likely to investigate further. This has more to do with what fits into your life and meshes with your current interests than anything else.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** When will you finally get time to spend on the thing that really matters to you? When you make the time. Willfully take control of the schedule and you'll make this happen.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You can cut down on the chaos, wonder and worry of human interaction when you follow this communication pattern: Tell them what you're going to do. Do it. Tell them what you did.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The next excitement doesn't seem to be happening in the expected moment. It makes sense to buy some time, but of course, time isn't usually bought with money. The currency that frequently works is charm.

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**(Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Your tolerance of what you already know is wearing thin. You've an appetite for adventure, but you may not be sure about the amount of risk you're willing to endure for it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** In your head, you're sorting through a relationship, while your life sorts through the day-to-day of your current routine. Evolution is inevitable. You're ready to thrive together in new ways.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** No one is born strong. Strength is merely weakness handled proactively. The knowledge or belief that you're lacking in some way is an invitation to the new you.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 23).** A buoyant spirit will be your cosmic birthday gift. Your physical energy will be high, too, and exercise will be your ticket to feeling good about several areas of your life. The relationship sector brings entertainment, validation and the best kinds of challenge. You'll have periods of

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**PROCESSING THE PAST WITH PLUTO:** The retrograde status of Pluto begins a five-month cycle of processing the past. If you dread facing the "yuck" in your yesterdays, have no fear. There is more than one way to overcome emotional baggage.

Tip No. 1: Work from the outside in.

You can break the hold that the past has over you by freshening up your environment at home and at work. This keeps you moving in current time instead of reliving yesterday's same old flow. New paint or a rearrangement of furniture won't take all that long, but such rearrangements will change your feng shui and, by extension, your fortunes.

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6	7	4	7	5	2	3	8	9
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South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
4 ♠ Opening lead — ace of clubs.

The name of Shri D.V. Gore may not strike a responsive chord, but Mr. Gore has earned a niche in the Bridge Hall of Fame as the result of an unusual play he made in a tournament staged many years ago in Calcutta. The hand was published in the Indian Bridge World Magazine.

Gore was East, defending against four hearts. West led the ace of clubs, a very fortunate choice for his side, and then shifted to a trump. Declarer

won the trick in dummy and returned a spade, losing the nine to West's ten.

West led another trump, and it was on this trick that Gore made his extraordinary play: He discarded the ace of spades!

As a result, South had to go down one, as there was no way for him to avoid losing two more spade tricks. When he next led another spade from dummy, West won with the jack, removed dummy's last trump and eventually scored the setting trick with the king of spades.

To appreciate the effect of Gore's play, let's suppose he had made the more prosaic discard of a diamond or a club on the second trump lead.

In that case, Gore would have been forced to win the next spade lead with the ace. Regardless of what he then returned, South would be able to ruff a spade in dummy and so make the contract.

Gore realized that the ace of spades was a liability as long as it remained in his hand, and he therefore got rid of it in a hurry. He knew from declarer's first spade play that his partner was practically certain to have either the K-J-10 or K-Q-10, since declarer would surely have played a higher spade than the nine if he had held the K-Q, K-J or Q-J.

Tomorrow: Putting it all together.

	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	KMLM (12)	KPBT (13)	KWWT (14)	KWES2 (15)	WTBS (33)	TNT (34)	ESPN (35)	ESPN2 (36)	FSN (38)	USA (55)	A&E (58)	DISC (60)	
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1:30 AM	Paid Prg.	Movie: The																	

### ANDY CAPP

Panel 1: HERE'S A JOB AT THE CCTV CONTROL CENTRE.

Panel 2: THEY WANT SOMEONE WITH TOP-CLASS CONCENTRATION SKILLS, MISTER CAPP.

Panel 3: MISTER CAPP! MISTER CAPP!

### AGNES

Panel 1: I COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT.

Panel 2: THE PALLID GHOST OF BAD ALPHONS THE FACE EATER AGAIN?

Panel 3: NOT THIS TIME. MY PILLOW WAS TOO LUMPY AND UNACCOMMODATING.

Panel 4: THAT'S A PILLOW?

Panel 5: GRANDMA SAYS A CHILD'S HEAD SHOULD GET LITTLE COMFORT, OR IT GETS LAZY.

Panel 6: IT LOOKS LIKE A POTATO SACK OF DEAD BIRDS.

### ARCHIE

Panel 1: THOSE THREE LOOK DEEP IN THOUGHT!

Panel 2: WHAT'S ON YOUR MINDS, BOYS?

Panel 3: I WAS JUST THINKING I NEED TO UPGRADE MY GAME SOFTWARE!

Panel 4: AND I'M THINKING I NEED TO UPGRADE MY LAPTOP!

Panel 5: HOW ABOUT YOU, MOOSE?

Panel 6: I'M THINKING I NEED TO UPGRADE MY GRAVES!

### ONE BIG HAPPY

Panel 1: WILLIE, ISN'T THIS COOL? DADDY SET IT UP SO WE CAN HAVE FACE TIME TOGETHER!

Panel 2: YOU'RE SO CUTE! CAN I GET A KISS FROM YOU, MY FURRY-FACED L'VL FELLA?

Panel 3: HEY! WHERE'D YOU GO?

### NEST HEAD

Panel 1: THEY ACTUALLY LET YOU DRIVE INTO A THEATER FOR A MOVIE?

Panel 2: NO, DRIVE-INS WERE OUTDOORS.

Panel 3: WHAT DID YOU DRIVE INTO, THEN?

Panel 4: A BIG AREA WHERE YOU PARKED TO WATCH THE MOVIE.

Panel 5: THEN SHOULDN'T THEY BE CALLED PARKING LOT MOVIES?

Panel 6: LET'S NOT GET BOGGED DOWN IN SEMANTICS.

### MOMMA

Panel 1: SIGH! YOU COME HERE, YOU SIT WITH ME FOR HOURS AND HOURS, BUT YOU NEVER EVER TALK! WHY IS THAT??

Panel 2: I CAN'T TALK. I LOST MY CELLPHONE.

## This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 23, the 113th day of 2018. There are 252 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlights in History:**

On April 23, 1968, student protesters began occupying buildings on the campus of Columbia University in New York; police put down the protests a week later. The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form the United Methodist Church.

On this date:

In 1616 (Old Style calendar), English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare died in Stratford-upon-Avon on what has traditionally been regarded as the 52nd anniversary of his birth in 1564.

In 1789, President-elect George Washington and his wife, Martha, moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States, which responded in kind two days later.

In 1935, Poland adopted a constitution which gave new powers to the presidency.

In 1943, U.S. Navy Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy assumed command of PT-109, a motor torpedo boat, in the Solomon Islands during World War II. (On Aug. 2, 1943, PT-109 was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer, killing two crew members; Kennedy and 10 others survived.)

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

In 1971, hundreds of Vietnam War veterans opposed to the conflict protested by tossing their medals and ribbons over a wire fence in front of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1988, Greek cycling champion Kanellos Kanelopoulos pedaled the human-powered aircraft Daedalus over the Aegean Sea for nearly four hours.

In 1998, James Earl Ray, who confessed to assassinating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and then insisted he'd been

framed, died at a Nashville hospital at age 70.

In 2005, the recently created video-sharing website YouTube uploaded its first clip, "Me at the Zoo," which showed YouTube co-founder Jawed Karim standing in front of an elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, pushing for a Mideast peace agreement, met at the White House with Jordan's King Abdullah II. Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced that Army Gen. David Petraeus (peh-TRAY-uhs) would be nominated to be the next commander of U.S. Central Command. The Supreme Court unanimously affirmed that police had the power to conduct searches and seize evidence, even when done during an arrest that turned out to have violated state law. The Chicago Cubs won their 10,000th game, joining the Giants in reaching that mark with a 7-6 victory in 10 innings at Colorado.

Five years ago: A car bomb exploded outside the French Embassy in Tripoli, Libya, wounding three people and partially setting the building on fire. France legalized same-sex marriage after a wrenching national debate that exposed deep conservatism in the nation's heartland and triggered huge demonstrations.

One year ago: Centrist Emmanuel Macron (eh-mahn-yoo-EHL' mah-KROHN') and far-right populist Marine Le Pen advanced to a May runoff in France's presidential election (Macron ended up defeating Le Pen).

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 88. Actor David Birney is 79. Actor Lee Majors is 79. Hockey Hall of Famer Tony Esposito is 75. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 71. Actress Blair Brown is 71. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 69. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 69. Actor James Russo is 65. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 64. Actress Judy Davis is 63. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 58. Actor Craig Sheffer is 58. Actor-comedian-talk show host George Lopez is 57. U.S. Olympic gold medal skier Donna Weinbrecht is 53.

Actress Melina Kanakaredes (kah-nah-KAH'ree-deez) is 51. Rock musician Stan Frazier (Sugar Ray) is 50. Country musician Tim Womack (Sons of the Desert) is 50. Actor Scott Bairstow (BEHR'-stow) is 48. Actor-writer John Lutz is 45. Actor Barry Watson is 44. Rock musician Aaron Dessner (The National) is 42. Rock musician Bryce Dessner (The National) is 42. Professional wrestler/actor John Cena is 41. Actor-writer-comedian John Oliver is 41. Actor Kal Penn is 41. MLB All-Star Andrew Jones is 41. Actress Jaime King is 39. Pop singer Taio (TY'-oh) Cruz is 35. Actor Aaron Hill is 35. Actor Jesse Lee Soffer is 34. Actress Rachel Skarsten is 33. Rock musician Anthony LaMarca (The War on Drugs) is 31. Singer-songwriter John Fullbright is 30. Tennis player

Nicole Vaidisova (vay-deh-SOH'-vuh) is 29. Actor Dev Patel (puh-TEHL') is 28. Actor Matthew Underwood is 28. Actor Camryn Walling is 28. Model Gigi Hadid is 23. Actor Charlie Rowe (TV: "Salvation") is 22. U.S. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Chloe Kim is 18.

## Newsday Crossword

**IN BLACK AND WHITE** by Sandy Fein  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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**ACROSS**

- Run away to escape
- Lavish meal
- Gift-box decorations
- Milky gemstone
- Oohed and
- Operatic solo
- Folklore
- One-pot beef dishes
- A smaller amount
- Black-and-white dog breed
- Run off to wed
- Make corrections to
- Gator's kin
- Join the staff
- Bathwater-testing digit
- Makes corrections to
- Snapshot
- Metallic rock
- Pekoe and oolong
- \_\_\_ tale (story like Cinderella)
- Distort, as data
- \_\_\_ Francisco, CA
- Cream of the crop
- In reserve
- Didn't depart
- Bed linens
- "Not guilty," for one
- Sports stadium
- Racetrack shapes
- Black-and-white parts of a baby grand
- One from Helsinki
- Santa \_\_\_ (one of Columbus' ships)
- Large quantity

**DOWN**

- \_\_\_ processor (kitchen machine)
- Women's links org.
- High-ranking British nobleman
- Sodium and oxygen
- Buckle up, as a seat belt
- Stay home for dinner
- Currently in the lead
- Stitched up
- Six-pt. football plays
- Paper marked by a voter
- Black-and-white sweet snack
- Trace of smoke
- Postpaid letter enclosure: Abbr.
- "Famous" sweet-snack guy
- Therefore
- Mayor's domain
- Full collections
- Creative thoughts
- Black-and-white zoo beast from China
- Tiresome person
- Standing up straight
- Settled a debt
- Chart-topping song
- Lambs' moms
- Pooch-biting bug
- Approaches very quietly
- Centers of hurricanes
- "This is terrible!"
- Completely original
- Upper house of Congress
- Showed on television
- Showery, as weather
- Show-\_\_\_ (flamboyant ones)
- Perfume bottle
- Sheet of a book
- "So what \_\_\_ is new?"
- Hankerings
- Go after, as a mosquito
- Scratch up

**Answer to previous puzzle**

BRIAR SHAY ATTU  
RABBITHOLE DRUG  
ONIONRINGS DANG  
ADZUKIBEAN RIAS  
DRAT BUS OMENS  
SUITS AS FAR  
SOTHAT YARDSALE  
UNOILED NUMERAL  
NEWMUSIC MADEDO  
GREAT SATIN  
ELLEN SIN SACK  
HERA ACTNATURAL  
OLAY TOOKNOTICE  
DECA ADULTERATE  
ARKS LATE DALIS

**Thought for Today:**

"Curiosity is insubordination in its purest form."

Vladimir Nabokov  
Russian-born author  
(1899-1977).

# Landry wins Texas Open for first PGA Tour title

## Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Andrew Landry won the Valero Texas Open on Sunday for his first PGA Tour victory, pulling away with early birdies and holding on with par saves.

The 30-year-old Texan, busy at home in Austin with the recent birth of the family's first child, parred the final seven holes for a 4-under 68 and a two-stroke victory over Trey Mullinax and Sean O'Hair.

"It was obviously a tough week this week," Landry said. "Going into the last few weeks with the childbirth and just really getting back out."

Landry played at Arkansas after starring at Port Neches-Groves High School east of Houston. Many family members were at TPC San Antonio on Sunday.

"Everybody was out," Landry said. "It was pretty special to be able to snag a victory with everybody being here to share it."

Landry finished at 17-under 271. He earned \$1,116,000 and a spot in the Masters next year.

"I didn't even really think about it, to be honest with you," Landry said. "There's a lot of perks for a tour win and you've just got to continue to stay focused and not think about those kind of things."

Landry took a two-stroke lead to the par-5 18th after Mullinax chunked a flop shot and bogeyed the short par-4 17th. Landry hit a 55-foot putt over a ridge to 3 feet for par on 17 and made an 8-footer on 18 after running a 50-foot downhill birdie try past.

Mullinax closed with a 69 a day after breaking the AT&T Oaks Course record with a 62.

"Just a lot of confidence. I know my game's there, I'm playing really well," Mullinax said. "Give all credit to Andrew. He played really well today, rock steady. He was putting great, hitting great shots."

O'Hair shot 66.

"When I'm good, I'm really good, and when I'm not good, I'm not so good," O'Hair said. "I've got to kind of get that a little bit better, but it's always nice to compete and be in the hunt."



AP photo

**Andrew Landry holds the Texas Open trophy after winning the event with a score of 17 under par, Sunday, April 22, 2018, in San Antonio.**

Tied for the third-round lead with Zach Johnson, Landry birdied the first three holes and added two more on Nos. 6 and 10. He bogeyed the par-4 11th before the closing par run.

"Made a couple putts and, unfortunately, Zach and Trey kind of had some hiccups there on the front nine and they didn't play it as well as I did," Landry said. "I think that that was really, really key to getting to where I am right now."

Landry won in his 32nd PGA Tour start. He earned his tour card last year on the Web.com Tour, and lost a playoff to Jon Rahm in January in the CareerBuilder Challenge.

"It helps because you get yourself in that situation and you continue to learn," Landry said. "Losing in that playoff when I was continuing to hit good shot after good shot, just not making any putts. Normally that's a strength of my game. Now here we are, a winner."

Jimmy Walker was fourth at 14 under after his second 67.

"From where I've been, it's nice to see a lot of red numbers, nice to see putts going in, nice to be in contention," said Walker, the 2015 winner. "It felt good and I felt like I could get it done today and that's been a while."

Johnson had a 72 to finish fourth at 13 under. He won the event in 2008 and 2009, the last two times it was played at LaCantera. The 42-year-old Iowan is winless since the 2015 British Open.

"It's fun to compete against the so-called younger generation," Johnson said. "I still really do feel my best golf is in front of me. I know what I've got to clean up."

Joaquin Niemann shot 67-67 on the weekend to finish sixth at 12 under in his pro debut. The 19-year-old from Chile was the top-ranked amateur in the world.

"I never thought I was going to finish how I played this week, but I can't be more happy than this," Niemann said. "Just try to keep it up and hope to play well for the next weeks."



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**Howard College left fielder Madoline Seumalo catches a pop fly during the Lady Hawk's 14-13 win over Midland College in the second game of a double header played on Friday, April 20, 2018. Howard won the first game 1-0.**



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**Howard College first baseman Alexis Velazquez runs in to field a bunt during the Lady Hawk's 14-13 win over Midland College in the second game of a double header played on Friday, April 20, 2018. Howard won the first game 1-0.**

## HAWKS

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Midland scored six runs in the third inning. The Chaparrals' big bats were led by E. Chastain, M. Hoots, R. Barajas, and Hoohuli, who all drove in runs in the inning.

Julia Grib toed the rubber for Howard Hawks. She surrendered 12 runs on 13 hits over seven innings, and struck out five in the win.

C. Kistner got the start for Midland. She went seven innings, allowing 13 runs on 12 hits and struck out nine.

Howard College tallied two home runs on the day. Paige Hallam had a long ball in the fifth inning. Loyola went for the long ball in the sixth inning.

The Hawks collected 12 hits in the game. Kylie Shay, Hallam, Marissa Salinas, and Alexis Velazquez each had multiple hits for Howard College. Velazquez, Salinas, Hallam, and Shay each collected two hits to lead the Hawks offense.

In the second game of Saturday's double-header and the fourth game of the series, Howard College finally secured a comfortable five run win to close out the series sweep in convincing fashion 6-1. The Hawks finally had a decisive advantage at the plate where they tallied 12 hits to the Chaparrals' five.

Howard College fired off the offense in the first

inning. Mackenzie Mitchiner drew a walk, and scored one run.

The Hawks put up three runs in the third inning. Howard College's big bats were led by Alexis Velazquez and Paige Hallam, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Kylie Shay led things off on the rubber for the Hawks. She went seven innings, allowed one run on five hits and struck out two.

T. Larig led things off on the hill for Midland. She went five and two-thirds innings, allowed six runs

on 11 hits and struck out one. R. Kea threw one and one-third innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Howard College racked up 12 hits on the day. Shay, Hallam, Jenna Shay, and Velazquez all managed multiple hits for the Hawks. Velazquez, Shay, Hallam, and Shay each managed two hits to lead Howard College's offense to clinch the series sweep of the Chaparrals.

The Hawks will play at Frank Phillips College this Friday with hope of continuing this current streak.

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