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Master the Mountain draws crowd Saturday



At the start of the 19th Annual Master the Mountain race, 10K runners surge across the start line, led by gray-clad Texas Challenge Academy cadets. Mike Solis, who crossed the finish line first in the 10K event, is the third runner from the right in the green tank top. Deloras Shubert took the top woman's spot in the 10K race while Cade Michael and Vaye Savage took the top men's and women's spots respectively in the 5K run.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

On a blustery, cold Saturday morning this past weekend, nearly 100 runners braved Big Spring State Park's mountain for the 19th Annual Master the Mountain 5K and 10K races, organized by Permian Basin Events. The 10K event drew 24 run-

ners, while the 5K run brought out 68 participants. "We are having Master the Mountain up here at the beautiful Big Spring State Park," said Permian Basin Events spokesperson Cherise Felty on Saturday. "We're doing a 5K race and a 10K race, and it's benefiting the Life Center and the state

park." Felty said several cadets from the Texas Challenge Academy in Sheffield, Texas, were on hand helping with and participating in the event. "We have the Sheffield Academy.. We have several cadets that came to volunteer for us," she said. "We also have the Crossroads Young

Marines, and we have several volunteers from SWCID, our institute for the deaf of Howard College, and then just different individuals. We're very grateful for all of our volunteers." The top honor in the 10K event was earned by Mike Solis. See **MASTER**, Page 3

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Limited tickets left for HC's 'Chess'

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Tickets are quickly selling out for the main seating area of Howard College's fine arts production of "Chess", said Ethan Wills, Howard College assistant professor/director of choral studies. "\$10 main seating tickets are almost sold out," Wills said. "You can reserve today by calling 432-264-5103 or emailing ewills@howardcollege.edu."

The college's fine arts department has been in production since mid-March for its largest musical performances in years. The cast and crew not only includes Howard College students, but also members of the community, Wills said. Midland native Carl Berry Moore is directing the production. Show dates are Thursday through Saturday. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Tickets are \$10 for standard seats and \$5 for side seats. See **CHESS**, Page 3

A taste of Texas



The Texas Chef Stan McDonald was out at Porter's Grocery Store Saturday afternoon to sign copies of his book "The Texas Chef: Down Home Texas." McDonald said his book contains easy to make flavorful Texas recipes from traditional dishes to twists on some of the classics. His website is www.thetexaschef.com.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

As budget deadline looms, Trump pushes border wall funding

By CATHERINE LUCEY and HOPE YEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a budget deadline looming, President Donald Trump plans a whirlwind of activities seeking to highlight accomplishments while putting fresh pressure on congressional Democrats to pay for a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, even if that pressure risks a possible government shutdown. Trump approaches the symbolic 100-day mark for his administration this com-

ing week juggling a renewed health care push and his demands that a must-pass government funding bill should include money for the wall. In a tweet Sunday, Trump jabbed at Democrats, who vigorously oppose wall funding. "The Democrats don't want money from budget going to border wall despite the fact that it will stop drugs and very bad MS 13 gang members." He added: "Eventually, but at a later date so we can get started early, Mexico will be paying, in some form, for the badly needed border wall." The 100-day mark falls on Saturday, the same day government could shut down without a budget deal. Trump

See **TRUMP**, Page 3

Students celebrate Earth Day by touring Ag Research Station

Special to the Herald

The Agriculture Research Services (ARS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Howard Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD) combined to treat the Nazarene Christian Academy to a special field day tour Friday in honor of Earth Day.

Twenty-one students in kindergarten through sixth grade toured the facilities and viewed demonstrations of the latest technologies used to help preserve and conserve our natural resources.

See **EARTH**, Page 3



Students from the Nazarene Christian Academy view soil and discuss its properties with Mr. Scott Van Pelt during a tour the The Agriculture Research Services (ARS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Howard Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD) held Friday.

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Obituaries

Kenneth W. Franklin Sr.



Kenneth W. Franklin Sr., 73, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 22, 2017, at his home.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Alan Matthies officiating.

He was born Sept. 5, 1943, in San Angelo to Mary Bledsoe Franklin and Jess Willard Franklin. He lived most of his life in Big Spring and was a Baptist. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy from 1964 until 1968, serving on the guided missile destroyer USS Towers DDG-9. He went to Vietnam

twice. He worked most of his life in the oil field, and worked a number of years for Walsh and Watts, retiring in 2008. He married Donna Sue Carter Dec. 27, 1977, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on July 31, 2012. He married Ellen Jarrell on March 4, 2013.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Ellen Franklin of Big Spring; one son, Ken Franklin Jr. of Maricopa, Ariz.; two daughters, Misty Matthies and her husband Jimmy of Big Spring, and Brenda Franklin of Big Spring; two brothers, Doug Franklin and his wife Diane of Hamilton, Texas, and John Franklin and his wife Gina of Bastrop; one sister, Doris McKinnon and her husband Ray of Coahoma; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

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

Take Note

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

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

• Tickets for the Howard College production of "Chess" are now on sale. Show dates for the musical will be held at 7:30 p.m., April 27-29. Tickets are \$10 for standard seats and \$5 for side seats. Tickets can be reserved by e-mailing Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu or calling 412-432-5103.

• The Permian Basin Underground Water District will host its 2017 Rainwater Harvesting Workshop, at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 4.

The presentation will take place at the PBUWCD office at 708 W. St. Peter Street in Stanton, Texas and is free to the public. This year's guest speaker will be Extension Agent in Horticulture Jeff Floyd with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services accredited food handlers program is being offered in Big Spring on April 27 at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. at Howard College's GC Broughton Agriculture Complex, 2411 Echols Drive. The class, which is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, is required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food.

The class is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure such safe food practices as: good personal hygiene, prevention of cross contamination, and good time and temperature practices.

The cost of the program is \$20. To register, call 432-264-2236.

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

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

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

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

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs

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

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. April 20 and 21 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

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

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

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

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed.

If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you.

For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• 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-

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JOHN DANIEL RENTERIA**, 39, of 4221 County Road A 3500 in Knott was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• **ROY ALTON MCGEE**, 45, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DERINDA DENISE BOGNARD**, 50, of 117 Hooser was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **JESUS PEREA**, 29, of 4616 South U.S. Highway 87 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **JOHN B. ROBERTS**, 53, of 1901 S. Main St. was arrested on warrants for theft of service (\$100 to \$750), driving with an invalid license, and failure to appear; and on other outstanding warrants.

• **CAROLINE MOSKOE**, 32, of 1200 Wood St. was arrested on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.

• **RITTA LUJAN**, 51, of 4715 W. Wadley Apt. #905 in Midland was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

• **CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLEGROVE**, 25, of 1604 S. Benton St. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 900 block of East 16th Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of East Marcy Drive, the 200 block of West FM 700, and the 1800 block of Laurie Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 9200 block of Kay Road.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of Carey Street and the 1300 block of Johnson Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad, in the 700 block of East Interstate 20, and in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential.

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Bath time for the elephants



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Big Spring firefighters helped to hose off the elephants of the Carson and Barnes Big Top Circus before their big show on Friday afternoon.

CHESS

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This production will be dedicated to the late Marie Hall who was a major benefactor of the fine arts program and to the college as a whole. Her name graces the college's fine arts building — The Hall Center for the Arts — where the production will be held. Hall died earlier this month.

"Chess" is set in the Cold War era. The plot of the musical revolves around a chess tournament between an American grandmaster and a Soviet grandmaster. The two men also fight for the affection of the same woman.

The music for "Chess" was composed by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus of the popular 1970s rock group ABBA. Lyrics are by Tim Rice.

Proceeds from the three-day production will go toward funding future Howard College fine arts events.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 432-263-7441 ext 235.

EARTH

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Scott Van Pelt of the ARS talked about the importance of soils. Keelee Allen, soils conservationist for NRCS, discussed the history of conservation practices from Dust Bowl days to modern times including the rancher and farmers impact on wildlife.

Afterwards Judy Tereletsky of Howard Soil and Water Conservation District used an apple to demonstrate the tiny amount of the earth that we have to produce crops. The students received wildflower seed packs to plant to encourage butterflies and bees, and they identified various crops grown in Howard County.

Students touched and smelled various soils to experience the life in them. There are close to ten billion individual life forms in a gram of soil. The students discussed with Carson Coulter some of the services offered by the FSA to local farmers. Then they moved outdoors to view soil and its properties up close where Van Pelt discussed the importance of soil and demonstrated the root systems of plants. To complete the tour, the students visited the wind tunnel facility to feel the impact of wind on soil erosion.

TRUMP

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has announced a rally in Pennsylvania that day.

Despite Trump's dismissal that the 100-day marker is "artificial," the White House has packed his schedule. Trump will sign executive orders on energy and rural policies, meet with the president of Argentina and travel to Atlanta for a National Rifle Association event. Top aides will also fan out around the country to promote the administration.

Trump also plans to outline an ambitious tax cut plan on Wednesday, telling The Associated Press last week that it would include a "massive" tax break for both individuals and corporations.

Aides stressed on Sunday talk shows that funding for a border wall and a vote on an effort to repeal and replace President Barack Obama's health care law were immediate priorities. They asserted that both still could be accomplished in the coming week.

"I don't think anyone foresees or expects or would want a shutdown," said budget director Mick Mulvaney on "Fox News Sunday."

Trump would like to revive a failed effort by House Republicans to replace the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare." He also hopes to use the \$1 trillion catchall spending bill to salvage victories on his promised border wall, a multibillion-dollar down payment on a Pentagon buildup, and perhaps a crackdown on cities that

operate with immigration enforcement by federal authorities.

So far, negotiations have proven difficult, with disputes over the wall and health law subsidies to help low-income people afford health insurance. House members received little information from leaders on a conference call this past Saturday.

White House chief of staff Reince Priebus said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he's confident the spending bill will include something "satisfactory" to reflect Trump's desire to build a wall. The legislation would keep the government running through Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal 2017 budget year.

"We expect the priorities of the president to be reflected," Priebus said, citing ongoing talks with the House and the Senate. "It will be enough in the negotiation for us to move forward with either the construction or the planning, or enough for us to move forward through the end of September to get going on the border wall and border security."

House Democratic

MASTER

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Solis, with a time of 47:17.0. Deloras Shubert, placing seventh overall with a time of 53:02.2, was the first female finisher.

In the 5K event, Cade Michael took the first spot with a time of 18:30.0; while 13-year-old Vaye Savage, who finished eighth overall with a time of 27:18.7, was the first female across the finish line in the 5K race.

Master the Mountain was sponsored this year by the Big Spring Health Food Store, Dr. Amy Reese Dentistry, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, H-E-B, Adrian Calvio State Farm Insurance, Border States Electric Supply Chain Solutions, Back In Motion Chiropractic, My Favorite Place Massage Therapy, and the YMCA. T-shirts for the event

were printed by Texas Sports Supply and Screen Printing, and Big Spring Volunteers In Police Service helped keep traffic flowing smoothly.

Felty said Moonlight Runs are next on the agenda for Permian Basin Events.

"We will have our three Moonlight Races," she said. "The first one will be May 12, then we also have June 9 and August 4. We don't do one in July because we have the Retro Triathlon, which is the kids' triathlon; and then also the short-distance sprint triathlon for beginners. The Moonlight Races are up here at the (Big Spring State) Park, and the triathlon will be at the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center."

For more information visit www.permianbasinevents.com.

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

leader Nancy Pelosi of California described a border wall as "immoral" and "expensive" when asked if there was any scenario in which Democrats would agree to money for a wall.

"Democrats do not support the wall," she said, speaking also on NBC. "Republicans on the border states do not support the wall."

Pelosi noted that when Trump promised to build a wall during the presidential campaign, he never indicated he would "pass billions of dollars of cost of the wall onto the taxpayer." With Republicans now controlling Congress and the White House, she said, the burden to keep government open "is on Republicans."

Trump has repeatedly asserted that Mexico would pay for the wall, which he says is necessary to stop the flow of

immigrants crossing the border illegally, as well as drug smugglers.

On Obama's health law, Priebus said he'd like to have a vote on the GOP repeal-and-replace bill in the House this week. But he insisted it didn't make too much difference to the White House whether the vote came "Friday or Saturday or Monday."

"In the grand scheme of things, it's a marathon, not a sprint," Priebus said. Trump tweeted a separate warning at Democrats on Sunday, saying: "ObamaCare is in serious trouble. The Dems need big money to keep it going — otherwise it dies far sooner than anyone would have thought."

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Michael Edward Bearden, 73, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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Buff's remain undefeated in district



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Forsan pitcher Blaze Yeater dishing the heat in their game against Borden County on Tuesday, April 18 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

It was a defensive battle until the very end between the Forsan Buffs and Rotan Yellowhammers in their matchup on Saturday, but it was Forsan who came out on top as they brought home the

3-1 district win.

Ehren Hillger kicked things off in the top of the first inning with an RBI single out to right field that drove Ricky Prater in for the first score of the game, which was then followed with one of the many shut out innings delivered by Buffs pitcher, Jacob Valdez.

“Valdez pitched a great game for us today,” said head baseball coach Stephen East. “He pitched six shut out innings and had 29 pitches through four innings. That was awesome to watch.”

While continuing to hold the

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Lady Buffs defeat Sundown in 9-8 thriller

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

It was a back and forth affair in Forsan's home match up with the Sundown Lady Roughnecks on Saturday, but the Lady Buffs prevailed and put up a 9-8 district victory which came down to the very last inning.

Sundown kicked things off in the top of the first with an RBI single by Jenna Legan out to right field which drove Lexy Perez across the plate for the first run of the game, and put them up to a 1-0 lead.

The Lady Buffs answered back with three runs of their own, thanks to back-to-back RBI singles by Ashtyn Pearson and Hunter Seymore, and a steal of home by Destiny Mata.

After a scoreless second inning, the Lady Roughnecks put another run on the board when Perez stole home,

bringing the score to a 3-2 Forsan lead.

Forsan's Keelee White started out the fourth inning with a bang as she knocked out a solo home run past center field to put her team up by two runs. The big homer was then followed with an RBI single by Macey Evans, a score by Mata on a ground out from Pearson, and a score by Evans on a steal of home plate.

Forsan established a 7-2 lead over Sundown, but that was quickly diminished as the Lady Roughnecks reared right back with four runs in the top of the fifth, reducing their five-run deficit to just one. The scores came on a steal of home by Alyzah McGlasson, a run scored by Perez on a ground out play, an RBI single by Donna Lopez and an RBI triple by Reese Randolph.

Following a Lady Buff score by Ashlea Hardin

See **LADY BUFFS**, Page 10

Lady Hawks win out in doubleheader vs. Midland College

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Howard College softball team turned things around after their split with Midland College on Friday, and went on to win the next two in Saturdays doubleheader 10-2 and 8-4.

Game One: Howard College 10 - Midland College 2

Allison Tomson kicked things off on the mound for the Lady Hawks as she threw three back-to-back ground outs to shut down the Lady Chaps in the top of the first, followed with a score by Madoline Seumalo on an error by Midland third baseman Anna Sherburne to grab an early 1-0 lead.

After a scoreless second inning, Midland snatched the lead from Howard College with a 2RBI double by Bianca Cerda that drove Melina Martinez and Shaye Simmons across the plate.

Unfortunately for the Lady Chaps, they were held to those two runs for the remainder of the game while the Lady Hawks managed to bring across six more.

Kaylynn Lopez opened the bottom of the third with an RBI home run out to left field, which was then followed with an RBI double by Evelyn Loyola to put Howard at a 4-2 lead over Midland.

In the fourth inning, Mariah Young scored on a sacrifice fly from Megan Darling, Seumalo crossed the plate on an error by Midland shortstop, Martinez, as did Lopez on another er-

ror by Martinez which brought the score to a 7-2 Lady Hawk lead.

The offensive output did not slow as Howard iced the game with an RBI single by Darling, followed with another RBI homer from Lopez.

The Lady Chaps couldn't keep up, and fell to the Lady Hawks in game one with a final score of 10-2.

Tomson started out the game on the mound for Howard, as she went for three innings and gave up two runs on three hits. Makayla Brown entered the game in the third inning, allowed zero runs on one hit, walked zero and struck out two. The Lady Hawks collected a total of eight hits for the game, with Darling and Lopez leading the way with two a piece. Lopez was the offensive leader as she drove in four of the Hawks' ten runs.

Howard didn't commit a single error in the field. Jackie Mercado had the most chances with six plays.

Game Two: Howard College 8 - Midland College 4

With a score by Young on a walk from Midland pitcher Haleigh Leusch with the bases loaded, a 2RBI single by Mercado and an RBI single by Taire Lee, the Lady Hawks grabbed an early 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

The Lady Chaps answered back with two runs of their own thanks to a run scored by Martinez on an error

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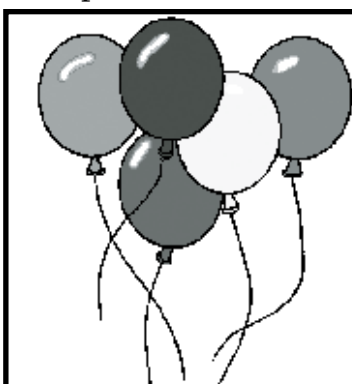
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Howard College's Kaylynn Lopez hits a walk-off home run to end the Lady Hawk's 10-2 run-rule win in the first game of a double header with Midland College on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Howard won the second game 8-4.



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Howard College shortstop Tiare Lee dives to stop a line drive during the Lady Hawk's 10-2 run-rule win in the first game of a double header with Midland College on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Howard won the second game 8-4.



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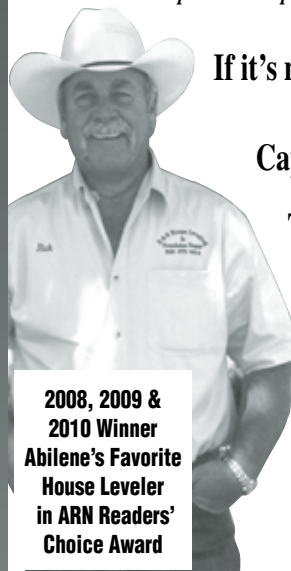
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe your worldview isn't exactly a pleasant one today, but it's worth sharing anyway, because it's real. You couldn't make these things up if you tried!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're grateful for your mis-

takes. They make you a more compassionate person, for starters. Also, because you got something wrong in the past, you're able to get it very right this time around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are a few roles up for grabs in today's scenario. Decide who you want to be first. Then act. Once you cast yourself it will be hard to change roles (i.e., if you're acting like someone's parent it will be hard to switch to friend mode).

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You treat your love (or potential love) as an equal. This is the key to your success in relationships. "Equal" isn't "same." You respect differences and value them appropriately.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your connection to an older person will be a highlight of the day. You'll be creatively inspired by the traditions, manners and ways of doing things that have changed over the years.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Once you put your mind to it, you'll be brimming

with ideas for creating fun times with your loved ones. This is a worthy mental exercise if ever there was one, especially if you follow through on a few and bring a camera.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A soul's cry isn't heard with the ears so much as the heart. You'll extend yours today as you listen past what a loved one is saying and into the meaning and feeling of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The reason you wrap a gift instead of just handing it over naked is that thoughtful presentation and slow reveals add excitement and specialness to our interactions. Don't skip the ritual. Add to it instead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There will be many different factors acting on your decision-making process today. You'll be motivated by a sense duty, driven by your own aesthetic desires and intrigued by the chance for political gain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be tempted to

let lethargy win, sleep late or take a nap. The thing is, you'll only awaken feeling less vital. Get moving instead. A sweat-inducing activity will kick-start your energy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ask any practitioner of psychometry; things don't have to be living to have a pulse. Objects have vibes. And if the energy of your things (namely, having too many of them) is cluttering your mind, a purge will free you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Above all, you desire to offer the others something of value. It's why you're careful not to fall into the attention-seeking traps of our narcissistic age. Modesty and service are your callings of the day.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 24). This solar return will be like a perfect travel day -- every aspect of the journey seems luck-laced and pleasant, including your arrival at what turns out to be a completely unintended destination. Romantic highs: May and October. September aligns your emerging talents

with professional opportunities. Sagittarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 41, 5, 29, 33 and 12.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a musician, and I feel very inspired by space and space themes. Do you have any insights for me about incorporating the feeling of space or the energy of specific planets into my work?"

Did you ever consider jamming with Jupiter? Besides being the largest planet in our solar system, big daddy Jupiter is also a musician. Jupiter is the source of natural radio waves that can be picked up on Earth using a simple antenna and short-wave receiver. NASA has set up a radio station called Radio Jove, exclusively for the music of Jupiter. The NASA website makes clips of Jupiter's greatest hits accessible to the general public over the internet. Sometimes Jupiter's music is relaxing; other times it's invigorating and even irritating. It can sound like a synthesizer, a freeway or the ocean (or maybe it's

the ocean that sounds like the music of Jupiter; there's still debate about which came first). Pianist Paul Collier has created a kind of duet with samples of Jupiter's music. For other music inspired by Jupiter, check out Gustav Holst's "The Planets," specifically "Jupiter the Bringer of Jollity," or, in the pop genre, "Drops of Jupiter" by Train.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The inimitable Taurus Barbara Streisand is so multi-hyphenated that putting all of her titles into this profile would take up the entire available word count -- ditto in regards to the awards she's won, which include an Oscar, Tony, Emmy, Grammy, Golden Globe, Peabody and more. Four luminaries in steadfast Taurus and two in Leo tell the cosmic story of a tireless force in entertainment.

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Troublesome
Co-worker

Dear Annie: I'm having issues with my co-worker. I am may-

be three or four years older than she is. This is her first job, but she has been here for two or three years. I have had many jobs previously, and I have been here for about a year

now. She is a woman who has that "anything you can do I can do better" attitude toward men and does the hardest jobs to prove herself.

For the past several months, she has been actively avoiding me. It started when she would come up to others near me and invite them to parties and just ignore that I was there -- consistently excluding me from these talks. It's

not that bad to be excluded; we don't have to be friends. But it's more than that now. I can't remember the last time she spoke to me, even when communication between us has been crucial for us to do our jobs. If I go to the break room, the smoking area or the bathroom at the same time she does, she will straight up book it out of there, not looking at me, not speaking to me. I have

no idea why!

She calls our supervisor to complain about me. Now I am careful about what I say and how I say it. I am always nice to her and friendly. She has called managers, in front of me, to ask them to tell me to do a task that I clearly was about to do already. I've told her a few times that she could just radio me instead of going through the extra step of having the supervisor tell me. She says she will talk to me directly next time. An hour later, I get a call to the office, and the managers say she came in to complain about my "confronting" her. It's in no way a confrontation. I wish they would call us both up so we could talk it out in the office.

I don't know why she is doing stuff like this to me. Every time I try to talk to her, she gives me a curt answer and takes off. Nothing gets done, and this trying to get me in trouble thing she's on now is ridiculous. One of my supervisors gets it,

and I know he knows this is happening. The other, I think, may be more on her side. I am going to leave this job soon for other reasons, but any advice on what I can do here? -- What Did I Do?

Dear WDID: This woman can point her finger only so many times before the higher-ups notice that the rest of her fingers are pointed back at herself. You might speak to the human resources department and ask for some mediation and guidance. But if you're leaving soon anyway, keep your head down and work hard. Ignore her antics. And give a professional but frank assessment of her in your exit interview.

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Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

Fast dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
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♥ 9 6 5
♦ A Q J 6
♣ Q 5
WEST
♠ 8
♥ K 3 2
♦ 10 8 5 4 3 2
♣ K 10 2
EAST
♠ J 6 4
♥ 10 7 4
♦ —
♣ A J 9 8 6 4 3
SOUTH
♠ Q 10 9 3 2
♥ A Q J 8
♦ K 9 7
♣ 7
The bidding:
East 2♥ South 2♣ West 5♠ North 6♠
Dble
Opening lead two of diamonds.

This deal occurred in a match between the Netherlands and the United States in 1993. It dramatically demonstrates how accurate defensive play can be as exciting and profitable as any offensive effort.

When the Dutch pair of Enri Leufkens and Beri Westra held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. East's opening two-heart bid indicated a pre-empt in clubs, after which the bidding was natural.

The final contract of six spades was certainly a reasonable one. It seemed to depend only on the loca-

tion of the king of hearts. The Dutch could not have anticipated the price they would end up paying for reaching a 50-50 slam.

The slam was doubled by East, Marty Bergen. By convention, the double requested an "unusual" lead. West, Eric Rodwell, had no trouble selecting a diamond, but he was careful to lead the deuce, a suit-preference signal suggesting a club return.

Bergen ruffed and, showing complete faith in his partner, underled his ace of clubs to obtain a second diamond ruff. Bergen then returned a low heart and, when declarer elected to finesse, gained a third diamond ruff to register an 1,100-point set!

At the second table, with David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen of the U.S. North-South, the bidding went:

East 3♣ South 5♠ West 5♣ North 3♠ Dble
It might seem that declarer should lose only two hearts and a spade at five clubs, ruffing two of his losing spades in dummy. But Cohen uncannily found an opening trump lead, and it was then a simple matter for Berkowitz to win the first spade lead and return a second trump to secure a two-trick set for plus 500.

Together with the 1,100 points scored at the other table, this gave the U.S. a gain of 1,600 points (17 IMPs) — virtually all of it attributable to inspired defensive play.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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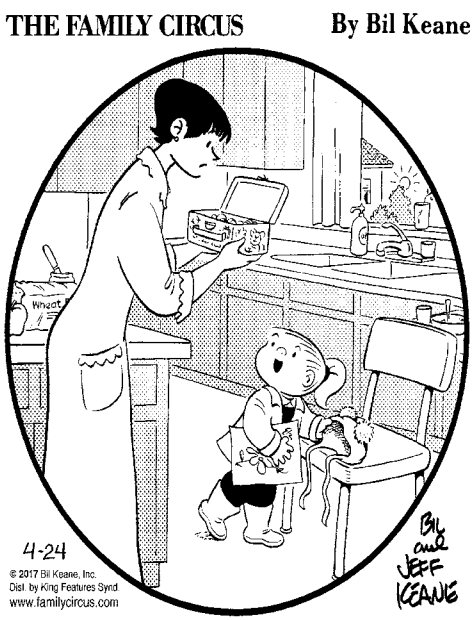
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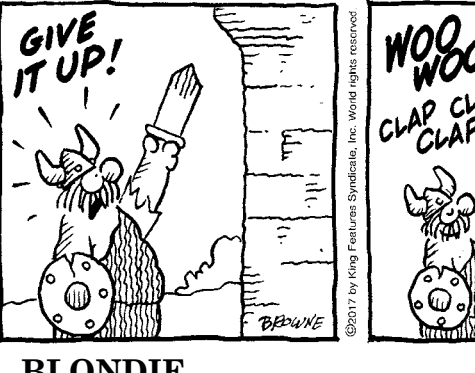
"When I was a kid, hardware was in a toolbox and software was lingerie."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

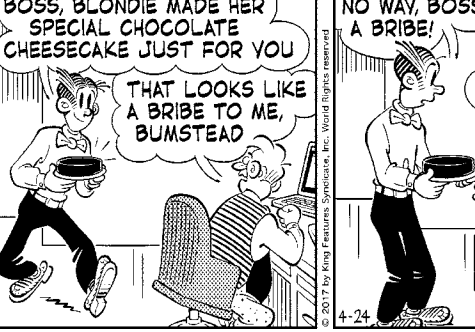


"Oh, those are all the snails I collected at recess last Friday."

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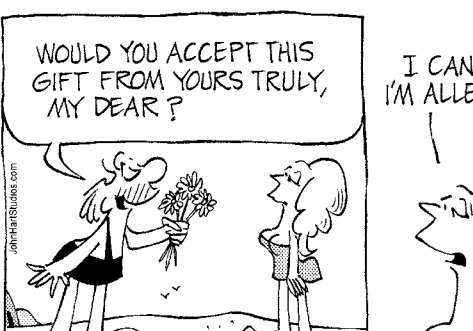
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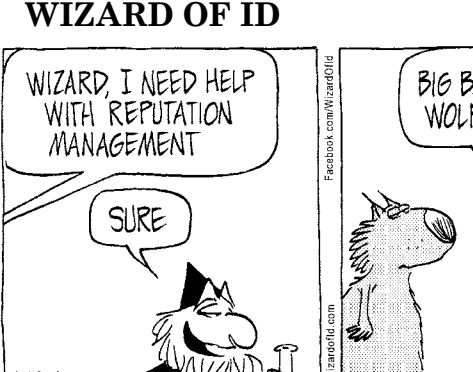
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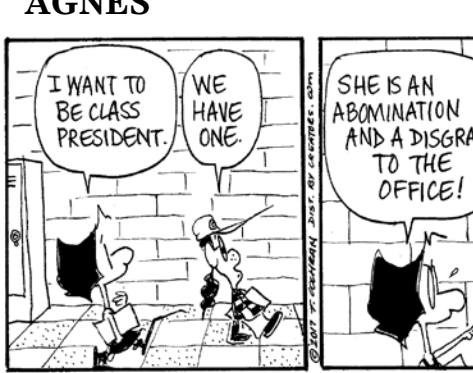
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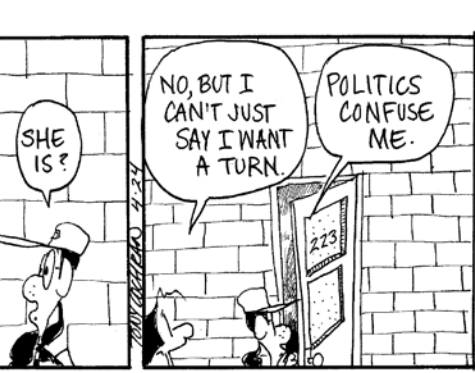
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 24, the 114th day of 2017. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 24, 1967, Soviet cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov was killed when his Soyuz 1 spacecraft smashed into the Earth after his parachutes failed to deploy properly during re-entry; he was the first human spaceflight fatality.

On this date:
In 1792, Capt. Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle began composing "War Song for the Rhine Army," later known as "La Marseillaise" (lah mahr-say-YEHZ'), the national anthem of France.
In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.
In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States. (The United States responded in kind the next day.)
In 1915, in what's considered the start of the Armenian genocide, the Ottoman Empire began rounding up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople.
In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The ris-

ing was put down by British forces five days later.)

In 1932, in the Free State of Prussia, the Nazi Party gained a plurality of seats in parliamentary elections.
In 1947, novelist Willa Cather, author of "My Antonia," died in New York at age 73.
In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.
In 1962, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology achieved the first satellite relay of a television signal, using NASA's Echo 1 balloon satellite to bounce a video image from Camp Parks, California, to Westford, Massachusetts.
In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East Is Red."
In 1980, the United States launched an unsuccessful attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.
In 1997, comedian Pat Paulsen died in Tijuana, Mexico, at age 69.
Ten years ago: In a harsh exchange, Vice President Dick Cheney accused Democratic leader Harry Reid of personally pursuing a defeatist strategy in Iraq to win votes at home — a charge dismissed by Reid as President George W. Bush's "attack dog" lashing out. Seven people were killed by a tornado

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Foamy bar drinks
 - Tennis racket target
 - Do not possess
 - Tuxedo's collar fold
 - Soprano solo
 - Alfa of M*A*S*H
 - "All kidding ___"
 - High-schooler, usually
 - A few of
 - Fastest mover on a clock face
 - "Of ___ I Sing"
 - Football six-pointers: Abbr.
 - Accomplishes
 - Size below Medium
 - Lions' lairs
 - 301 in Roman numerals
 - Convey, as wisdom
 - Employees learning the ropes
 - ___ a soul (no one)
 - Churchgoing group
 - Salt Lake City's state
 - Animal shelter transaction
 - Opulent residence
 - Scallion-like veggie
 - Poker stake
 - Take it easy
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 - TV watchdog agcy.
- DOWN**
- Teheran's land
 - Time for the evening meal
 - In tatters
 - Meat inspection agcy.
 - Rich cake
 - Outer rim
 - Bottom-left PC key
 - Shoestrings
 - Crystal ball user
 - Tips of shoes
 - Apply, as effort
 - Explosion
 - Made simpler
 - Heroic tales
 - Decorate anew
 - Sloms
 - Soaks in the tub
 - Neighborhoods
 - Property claim
 - Touch down at an airport
 - Just before the deadline
 - Hawaiian hello
 - Beast with humps
 - Prepare to propose
 - "Tell the truth!"
 - Biol. or chem.
 - Schedule book
 - Bulky TV screen
 - Hot chili pepper
 - One ___ million (rare)
 - Angry
 - Player who's paid
 - Soft metal
 - Incoming plane stat.
 - Have some food
 - "Steady as ___ goes"
 - NASA affirmative
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 - Scare suddenly
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 - Elaborate deception

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Westbrook clinches triple-double in first half vs. Rockets

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Thunder guard Russell Westbrook achieved a triple-double in the first half of Sunday's playoff game against the Houston Rockets.

Westbrook had 17 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists at half-time. He grabbed the 10th rebound in the final second of the second quarter. The Thunder led 58-54 at the break.

According to the Thunder, Westbrook became the second player to claim three consecutive triple-doubles in the playoffs. Wilt Chamberlain had three straight in 1967.

Westbrook entered the game averaging a triple-double in the series. He just set the record for triple-doubles in a regular season with 42.

Houston leads the series 2-1.



AP photo
Thunder guard Russell Westbrook takes a shot in the first quarter of Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Oklahoma City, Sunday, April 23, 2017.

HOWARD

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from Howard College left fielder, Seumalo, in the second inning and a solo home run by Kassie Maddox out to left field in the third.

The Lady Hawks responded and put two more runs on the board with an RBI double and a score on a ground out play, both by Lee, bringing their lead to 6-2.

Midland decreased their four-run deficit to two when Maddox singled out to left field and drove Elizabeth Chastain across the plate for a score. Julia Clark followed with a score on another error by Howard College left fielder, Seumalo.

The Lady Hawks maintained their 8-4 lead as they keep Midland from crossing the plate for the rest of the game, ensuring their conference victory as they came away with three wins for the weekend out of the four-game series.

"I thought we played really well today," said head softball coach Kelly Raines. "We were at home for these two games so that always helps, but we were able to come out with a new approach and mindset than we did in Friday's games."

Kylie Shay started the game on the mound for Howard College. She tossed for four innings, giving up four runs on six hits. Celeste Villagrana entered the game in the fifth inning and went three innings, surrendered zero runs on three hits, walked none, and struck out two.

The Lady Hawks collected a team total of 12 hits for the game. Lee led the way to victory offensively as she went 3-4 at the plate with three runs batted in.

Howard College currently sits at first place in their conference and has one weekend of games remaining in their regular season. Next weekend the Lady Hawks will host Frank Phillips College for a doubleheader on Friday at 1:00 p.m. and Clarendon College for a doubleheader on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

LADY BUFFS

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on a ground out play that brought the score to 8-6, Lady Roughnecks. Perez lifted an RBI homer out to left field in the sixth inning to tie the contest at 8-8.

With a steal of home by Jaidyn Brown, the Lady Buffs reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the sixth and held Sundown from scoring at their next at bat. With a line out, strikeout, and pop out induced by Forsan pitcher Pearson, the game ended and the Lady Buffs got the 9-8 district win over the Lady Roughnecks.

Pearson earned the win on the mound for Forsan as she went the distance, surrendering eight runs on eleven hits, walked four, and sat seven.

Forsan collected a total of seven hits for the game with Seymore and Pearson leading the way with two hits a piece. They ran wild on the base paths with a team total of 14 stolen bases. Mata led the team with four, followed by Evans and Kendall Phillips, who both stole three bases each.

The Lady Buffs currently sit at first place in their district and will make their way to Tahoka for their last regular-season game against district opponent, Tahoka today at 4:00 p.m.

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Darvish, Rangers finish 4-game sweep, beat Royals 5-2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Yu Darvish didn't get pulled early this time, and didn't have to try to explain a puzzling loss for Texas.

The Japanese right-hander pitched eight innings in his longest outing since elbow surgery two years ago and the Rangers scored the tying and go-ahead runs without a hit, completing a four-game sweep with a 5-2 win over the Kansas City Royals on Sunday.

The 30-year-old Darvish retired 15 of 16 batters after giving up three consecutive hits in the third. Two of those were back-to-back solo home runs from Mike Moustakas and Jorge Bonifacio, whose first big league homer came two innings after he singled for his first career hit. Darvish was coming off a 4-2 loss to Oakland when he imploded in the sixth and was yanked without a chance to work out of trouble with the score tied. He responded with his highest pitch count (113) since Tommy John reconstructive surgery during spring training in 2015.

"He told me since I took him out at 82 that I owed him a lot of pitches," pitching coach Doug Brocail said. "I said, 'OK, I'll add 20-25,' and you could see him doing the math. That's only 102. He was bound and determined to throw eight and 100-plus and he got us there."

Darvish (2-2) struck out eight with one walk as the Rangers finished their second four-game sweep of Kansas City in as many seasons. Texas has won 10 straight



AP photo
Texas Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos (61) and starting pitcher Yu Darvish, right, of Japan celebrate the final out of the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, April 23, 2017.

against the Royals, who have lost five of six since a four-game winning streak.

Jason Hammel (0-2) came out after starting the fourth inning with a walk, two hit batters and another walk to force in the tying run.

The second hit batter, Robinson Chirinos, got plunked on the right wrist on a check swing, and the ricochet hit home plate umpire Eric Cooper on the right leg. Both hobbled away from the plate, with Cooper ruling a foul ball. It was quickly overturned by replay. Jurickson Proffar walked for a 2-2 tie, forcing Hammel out of the game. Carlos Gomez then gave Texas the lead with an RBI grounder.

"I've just got to trust the stuff, let it work," Hammel said. "For whatever reason, I shifted into trying to make the perfect pitch and overthrowing and really got myself and us in trouble."

Matt Bush pitched a

perfect ninth for his first save this season and the second of the 31-year-old reliever's career.

Joey Gallo, the first hit batter in the fourth, connected in the sixth for his team-leading sixth homer, an opposite-field drive to left. Robinson Chirinos homered in the eighth, his fourth long ball in 18 at-bats.

Kansas City has a majors-low 46 runs after scoring just five in 40 innings in the series, which included a 1-0 loss in 13 innings in the opener. Manager Ned Yost juggled the lineup, moving Alex Gordon out of the leadoff spot for the first time this season with his .176 average and putting Bonifacio third even though he started the game without a big league hit. Yost gave Lorenzo Cain (team-leading .333 average) the day off.

Texas shortstop Elvis Andrus, with a surprising three homers already to put him at 38 for his nine seasons,

hit cleanup for the first time in his career. He's now hit in all nine spots in the order. He had an RBI single for the first Texas run in the third. He struck out twice with runners at first and second. "I didn't do that bad. Got an RBI at least," Andrus said.

Royals: C Salvador Perez missed his second straight game with neck stiffness. Manager Ned Yost said he was still day-to-day. Royals: LHP Jason Vargas (3-0, 0.44 ERA) makes his 200th career start in the opener of a three-game series at the White Sox. He's 3-0 for the first time since his rookie season in 2005 and has just two walks with 23 strikeouts in 20 2/3 innings.

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (1-2, 3.60 ERA) pitches the opener of a three-game home series against Minnesota. He's 1-1 with a 2.38 ERA in two home starts, including 5 1/3 scoreless innings in an 8-1 win over Oakland.

BUFFS

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Yellowhammers from crossing the plate through five innings, the Buffs added another two runs to their 1-0 lead in the top of the seventh with back to back RBI singles by Kolby Watson and Prater.

Rotan needed to score three runs just to stay alive, but in a failed comeback attempt, they were only able to bring in one run when Morgan Moffett doubled out to left field, driving Christian Martinez across home.

Immediately following the Yellowhammer

run, Forsan pitcher Blaze Yeater induced a ground out and two strike outs to end the game in a quick one-two-three fashion to ensure the Buffs the 3-1 victory.

"Today's game was a battle. Rotan's pitcher did a good job keeping us off balance at the plate. We only had five hits and one run off of him through six innings," said East. "They changed pitchers and we were able to scratch out two more runs late in the game."

Valdez, who was strong on the mound, earned the win for Forsan. He tossed for six innings, surrendered one

run on four hits, walked zero, and sat six. Yeater recorded the last three outs to earn the save. He threw for one inning, allowed zero hits, zero runs, zero walks, and struck out two of the three batters he faced.

The Buffs collected a total of eight hits for the game. Yeager, Valdez, and Prater each knocked out multiple hits for the team. Hillger, Watson, and Prater each drove in one run to lead the team to victory.

"We didn't have a big offensive game today, but I am very proud of the way the defense and the pitchers were able to get us the win," said East.

Forsan remains undefeated in district play with a record of 8-0.

The last two district games will take place in Forsan on Tuesday, April 25 with a doubleheader vs. the Ira Bulldogs. The first game is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. with the second game to immediately follow.

According to East, the Buffs only need to win one of their two games against Ira to clinch the district championship title.

If they win both, it will be their third undefeated district championship in a row, and 36 consecutive district wins going back four years.

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