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A good start ...



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Members of the Coahoma Bulldogettes' softball squad celebrated were presented their bi-district championship trophy by CHS senior Garret Parrish following their 7-6 victory over Ballinger on Saturday. Coahoma, which benefitted from a seventh-inning home run from Annie Chapman and a game-winning single by Briana Grant, will now advance to play Comanche in the second round of the Class 3A state softball playoffs.

Mélange in concert tonight

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Herald Staff Writer

A professional saxophone quartet will give a free concert tonight at Howard College as part of a Texas tour. Mélange, a quartet made of graduates of North Texas University, will make a stop in Big Spring to perform at 7 p.m. at the Hall Center for Arts located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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On Tour

HC musicians to hold performance

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Howard College music students may be looking a little bleary-eyed. They've been busy touring around parts of Texas lately. On Monday, April 27, the group of choir, band and percussion musicians headed out on the road to make eight performances in four days, a part educational lesson and part recruitment tour. "One thing we are really stressing to our students is the performance aspects," said Ethen Wills, Howard College professor of music. "At the end of our day we sit down with them and talk about it. 'Good job, but what can we do, how do we grow from this?'"

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BSI Facebook video a hit

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Anyone in the media business knows children doing cute things is golden. Throw in a few creative young adults with multi-media knowledge and add some energetic educators into the mix and there is not enough room at Fort Knox to hold all that gold. Administrators at Big Spring Intermediate School learned that fact Tuesday, April 26, after they uploaded a cute music video to Facebook created to pump up the students before STAAR testing commenced. By the next day, the video — "We put the STAAR test in its Place" — had received nearly 59,000 views and shared across the social media site more than a 1,000 times. "I am really proud of the kids and

proud of Mr. (Billy) Daves (BSI choir director) for all their hard work on this video to make it a success," said Patsy Sanchez, Big Spring Intermediate School principal. Set to the the top charting song, "All About That Bass," sung by Meghan Trainor, the music parody features sixth graders Jacqueline Belew, Jordan Cervantes, Samuel Woodson, Xavien Plunkett, Mattox Evans, Haley Cantu, Stella Richardson, Brianna Gibbs and Joseph Fierro. "The kids were absolutely hilarious," Sanchez said. "Some of the kids are shy and to see them get up and do those things, it was so cool." The idea was inspired after Sanchez viewed a similar-type video created by Denton ISD and turned to her choir director Daves, who happens to be a 2005

Big Spring High School graduate, to make her vision into reality. Enlisting Daves' long-time friends, Corey Green, a 2005 BSIS graduate, Jose Ramirez and Jared Sanchez, both 2006 BSIS graduates, the idea took flight quickly. Daves and Green, who is also an educator, came up with the lyrics and Davis enlisted his second grade class students to sing and dance the parts. Filming was held on a Saturday at the school with Daves and Sanchez along with teacher Kerri Rodriguez making short comedic cameos. There were a few hitches during production. The battery for video camera used to film the performance lost power and filming was finished on Ramirez's cell phone. Editing took approximately a week. See, **BSI**, Page 3

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Several members Howard College men's basketball team showed their support for the Howard College Lady Hawks' during their appearance in the Region V West Tournament showdown with Midland College on Sunday by dressing as hula dancers. The 'dancers' performed on top of the dugout and helped create excitement during the Lady Hawks' 9-4 victory.



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Obituaries

R. Neal Bryant



R. Neal Bryant, 90, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, May 2, 2015 in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor, officiating. Interment

will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Neal was born March 3, 1925 in Mitchell County, Texas to Gentry and Eldie Richburg Bryant. He married Virginia Barber July 13, 1946 in Big Spring.

Neal was a longtime resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School. He served in the United States Navy on the USS Wantuck during World War II. He worked for Williams Sheet Metal and Hester-Robertson Mechanical Contractors until retiring in 1987.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring and had served

as a deacon for many years. He also served on the boards of the Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp and the Crossroads Baptist Association. He and Virginia had also been active with campers on Mission for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Bryant of Big Spring; one son, Robert V. "Bob" Bryant and wife, Felice of Katy, Texas; three grandchildren, Robert Nathan Bryant and wife, Christina of San Antonio, Natalie Kate Boening and husband, Matt of Schertz and Noel Andrew Bryant and wife, Kate of New Braunfels; five great-grandchildren, Zeke Bryant, Alison Boening, Jacob Boening, Emily Boening and Lucy Bryant; one brother, Johnny Bryant and wife, Judy of Hawley; one sister, Doris Camp of Weatherford; a sister-in-law, Lolita Grimes of Davenport, Florida; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp, P. O. Box 976, Stanton, Texas 79782 or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

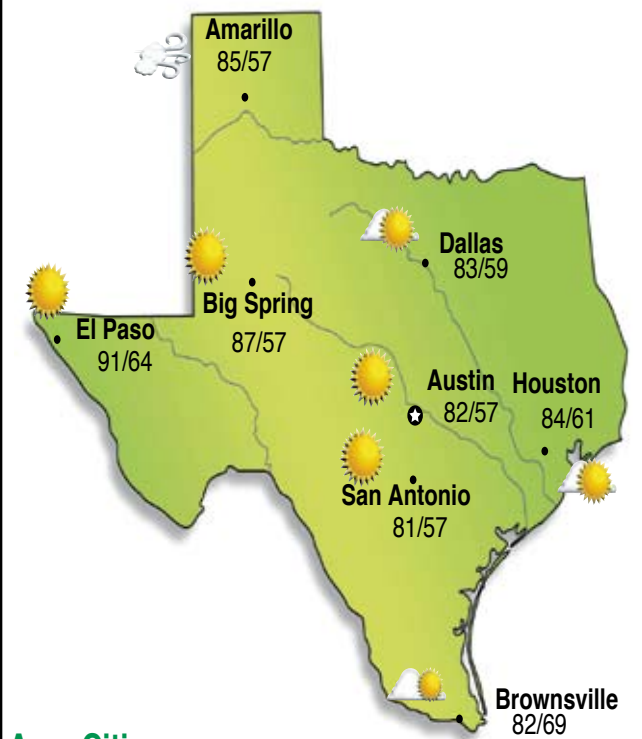
Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 5/3	Mon 5/4	Tue 5/5	Wed 5/6	Thu 5/7
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Mainly sunny. High 87F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Windy with morning thunderstorms.	Windy with showers and thunderstorms. Potential for severe thunderstorms.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
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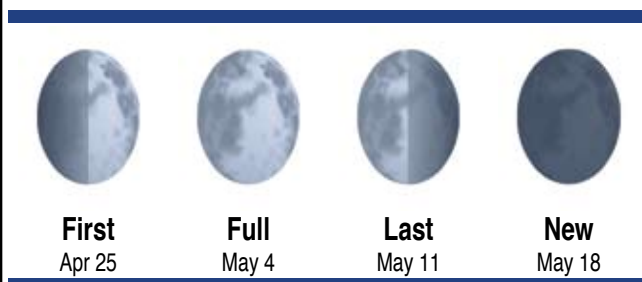
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Austin	82	57	sunny	Longview	81	58	pt sunny
Beaumont	81	59	mst sunny	Lubbock	85	55	sunny
Brownsville	82	69	pt sunny	Lufkin	84	59	mst sunny
Brownwood	81	52	sunny	Midland	86	59	sunny
Corpus Christi	80	68	mst sunny	Raymondville	84	67	pt sunny
Corsicana	82	57	mst sunny	Rosenberg	81	59	mst sunny
Dallas	83	59	mst sunny	San Antonio	81	57	sunny
Del Rio	84	62	sunny	San Marcos	82	56	sunny
El Paso	91	64	sunny	Sulphur Springs	80	58	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	87	58	sunny	Sweetwater	83	57	sunny
Gainesville	80	57	mst sunny	Tyler	82	59	mst sunny
Greenville	80	57	mst sunny	Weatherford	82	56	mst sunny
Houston	84	61	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	82	57	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	57	mst sunny	Minneapolis	76	49	t-storm
Boston	70	51	mst sunny	New York	74	56	mst sunny
Chicago	80	61	mst sunny	Phoenix	93	66	pt sunny
Dallas	83	59	mst sunny	San Francisco	65	50	pt sunny
Denver	76	47	t-storm	Seattle	64	45	pt sunny
Houston	84	61	mst sunny	St. Louis	84	64	mst sunny
Los Angeles	80	57	sunny	Washington, DC	81	58	mst sunny
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Nellene "Nell" Fulcher

Nellene "Nell" Fulcher, 75, of Elk City, Okla, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, April 30, 2015 in Elk City, Okla. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

JoAnna Marshall

JoAnna Marshall, 84, of Big Spring died, Friday, May 1, 2015 in a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Travis Crow

Travis Crow, 85, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, May 2, 2015, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **EDWARD AGUILAR, 36**, of 1600 Robin St. was arrested on charges of assault that causes bodily injury - family member.

• **WESLEY MATTHEW TAYLOR, 37**, of 1106 E. 15th St. was arrested on warrants for theft less than \$50, fail to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **ERIKA BLANCA ARMENDARIZ, 29**, of 706 Lancaster St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.

• **DOUGLAS VIRGLE PAXTON, 31**, of 1208 S. Monticello was arrested on charges of criminal trespass - property/building/aircraft/vehicle.

• **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 2600 block of Rebecca Dr.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Robin St.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn Ave.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1200 block of Lamar Ave. and the 1000 block of Wood St.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. and the 2600 block of Barksdale Dr.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa St., the intersection of FM 700 and Gregg St., the intersection of Hwy 87 and Village Dr., the 2600 block of S. Gregg St., the 500 block of E. FM 700 and the 2000 block of S. Gregg St.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 8900 block of S. Service Rd. and the intersection of 11th St. and Johnson St.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of E. 14th St.

Support Groups

MONDAY
• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• 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.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 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

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

• 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. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• 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.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

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Take Note

• SMMC has postponed the Healthy YOU! Kick-off event, has been postponed

• The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn of Big Spring's Cowboy Meeting Room. For more information, call 432-213-3259.

• The "Cancer Throat Punchers" Relay for Life team will hold a "Burlap and Bites" fundraiser from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Washington Elementary. For more information, contact Nichole Negron at 432-296-8570.

• The time period to transfer into the Forsan

ISD system as a student for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade must have their transfer application to the school by May 29. Students in grades sixth through 12 have until July 30. Guidelines, timelines and applications are available at each Forsan ISD campus.

• SOS — Save Our Symphony. The Big Spring Symphony Association needs funds to help pay off debts occurred in this past symphony season. Contributions can be made to the Big Spring Symphony, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or can be directly deposited to the symphony's account at Western Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. For more information, contact S y m p h o n y P r e s i d e n t

Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

• The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

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

• 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 270-7263.

• 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.

• 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 Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

• 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 hospi-

tal 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.

Coming up

• Big Spring ISD community forum, 6 p.m., Tonight, Big Spring High School Library. District officials will be presenting an overview on how the district is working to improve academic performance.

• 2015 Relay for Life, May 8, Blakenship Field, 6 p.m. to midnight.

• National Day of Prayer Observance, noon, Thursday, May 7, third floor of the County Courthouse.

• Summers on the Green Outdoor Move and Entertainment Series, Saturday, May 16, 6 p.m. on the Hotel Settles Lawn

• Splash In, Saturday, May 30, Russ McEwen Family Aquatic's Center, Comanche Trail Parl. 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Mélange

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"One of the players is a friend of mine," said Ethan Wills, Howard College professor of music. "They are going to Texas Tech, Midwestern, Baylor and I convinced them to come our way."

According to Wills, the group performs classical music that is "assessable" to the general audience.

"They purposely choose music that the general public would like," Wills said.

Members of the group are Kyle Stec, soprano saxophone; Benjamin Tate, alto saxophone; Alexander Richards, tenor saxophone; and Michael McConnell, baritone saxophone

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or 263-7331, ext. 234.

HC

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The college musicians kicked off the tour with their first performance at Goliad Elementary School in Big Spring and then headed to Stanton for the second. On Tuesday, they performed at Big Spring High School. Other stops included performances at Colorado City and Breckenridge before stopping off at the University of North Texas campus to catch a performance of Beethoven Symphony No. 9 "O Ode to Joy." The group was also scheduled to performed at a few public schools in Fort Worth and to

see a performance of the musical, Newsies, at the Windspear Opera House before heading back to West Texas.

The tour wraps up with a concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell. Admission is \$5 for the general public and \$2 for college students and faculty.

The hour long concert will incorporate include performances of classical music to contemporary.

Currently, Wills and Dan Kiley, music department chairman, are holding music scholarship auditions for the 2015-2016 year. The last audition date is May 23.

"We have an associates in

arts in music," Wills said. "You go to any four year school, you have to take these courses if you study music. We offer them here and we try to run them at the same level as the university. Once they go to a four-year college, all those credits have to transfer, and they can save thousands of dollars."

For more information, contact Wills at 432-264-5103 at ewill@howardcollege.edu or Kiley at 432-264-5145 dkiely@howardcollege.edu.

You can following the music department on Twitter: @howard_music56.

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Sanchez said all performers including herself had to sign a oath of secrecy not to let the details of the project out before the "premier date."

Then, on Monday at a school assembly, the performers and their parents were front an center when the video was played for the entire school.

"After we showed it, all the students stood up and gave them a standing ovations," she said. "They were laughing and they wanted to see it again. Then they started singing the song."

Therally really helped set the environment on testing day, Sanchez said with certainty. "On the first test day, we had 99 percent attendance for the STAAR math test and the next day we had 100 percent — all 332 students — took the STAAR reading," she said.

As for next year, the four Big Spring alums are already discussing ideas for their next video. Sanchez is also hoping to get another chance at stardom.

"Soon I think I am going to have an appointment with the

Academy Awards," she said laughing.

STAAR — State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness — are state mandated tests public school students take to test comprehension of grade level content. Although sixth graders are not subject to possible grade reten-

tion if they fail the test, they may be required to take extra course work in their week subject area next year.

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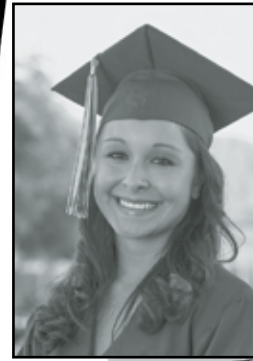
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Howard College head coach Kelly Raines is surrounded by her players following the Lady Hawks' 9-4 victory over rival Midland College in the finals of the Region V West Softball Tournament on Sunday. The win sends the Lady Hawks into the NJCAA national tournament in St. George, Utah, for the third time in the past five years.

Lady Hawks return to 'Big Show'

Baltas' 6 RBI spurs HC to third trip to national tournament in 5 years

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK – In the off-season, Howard College designated player decided to undergo surgery on her ailing knee. The recovery period would be a long and hard road back.

On Sunday afternoon at Rocky Johnson Field on the campus of Texas Tech University, she let everyone know she was back with a three-run home run that all but cinched Howard College's third trip to the NJCAA national tournament. Her home run sparked the Lady Hawks to a 9-4 victory over rival Midland College in a winner-take-all showdown in Game 2 of the Region V West championship finals.

"That was big for us," said HC head coach Kelly Raines. "She is just now getting back (to where she was). She worked her way back to our designated player role and did a good job, and it really showed this weekend."

Overall, Baltas went

3-for-4 from the plate in the second championship game and a season-high six runs batted in.

Midland College forced a second game earlier in the afternoon by taking a 5-4 decision in the double-elimination event

Backed by Baltas' home run, a two-run double by Samantha Ohmie and a dominating performance from sophomore pitcher Jessica Elder, the Lady Hawks locked up their third invitation to the national softball tournament in the past five years by going 3-1 in the three-day tournament. The NJCAA national softball tournament is scheduled to begin May 13 in St. George, Utah.

Howard College got off to a fast start against Midland in the second championship game thanks to Courtnee Laughlin.

The HC rightfielder led off the top of the first with a single that soared over the MC third baseman's head into left. Three batters later, Baltas blooped

See NCJAA on Page 10



Tony Claxton photo (claxtonphotography.com)

Members of the Howard College women's softball team pose with the Region V West championship trophy following their win over Midland College on Sunday afternoon at Rocky Johnson Field in Lubbock.

Hawks claim WJCAC title with wins

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College men's baseball team went into Saturday's regular-season finale against Odessa College needing two wins to secure the WJCAC

conference championship.

They got both easily.

The Hawks, who split with OC on Friday, nailed down the conference championship by pounding out back-to-back wins of 24-10 and 13-0 in Odessa. As a

team, HC scored into double figures in three of their four games with the Wranglers.

With the win, the Hawks will advance to the Region V Tournament on May 8 as the No. 1 seed.

Lady Steers take 2nd at I-4A meet

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK – The Big Spring High School Lady Steers highlighted a stellar showing by BS athletes at the Region I-4A Track and Field Championships on Saturday at the Fuller Track Complex in Lubbock. The BSHS girls racked up wins in both the 4x200- and 4x400-meter relays and raced to a second-place finish in the team standings.

The BSHS boys finished seventh in their division, despite an injury to Ryan Lopez that hampered the team.

The Lady Steers' dominated the relay events. Kaitlyn Mathews, Rachel McCalister, Erin Polard and Autumn Minter combined for a time of 1:44.08 en route to edging

Andrews for the 4x200-meter title. Mathews, Polard, Samantha Solis and Minter beat Bushland in the 1,600-meter relay race, winning with a time of 4:04.11.

Minter also qualified for the state meet in the 100-meter dash. She finished second in the race with a time of 12.30 seconds.

Carly Roberts secured a berth in the state meet on Friday by placing second in the girls' discus.

The Steers will also be well represented at the state meet, which begins on May 14 in Austin. Big Spring's 4x400-meter team won the regional title with a time of 3:22.86.

Ian Gonzales also qualified individually with a second-place run in the boys' 400-meter race.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Coahoma's Annie Chandler delivers a pitch to the Bulldogettes' bi-district playoff game against Ballinger on Saturday. Coahoma win the game, 7-6, and will advance to face Comanche in the area round.

Late homer helps Bulldogettes put bite on Lady 'Cats

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

COAHOMA – Heading into the bottom of the seventh inning with her team down by one run, Annie Chandler knew her team desperately needed a spark if it was going to survive a threat from the Ballinger Lady Bearcats in Game 2 of their best-of-three bi-district playoff series.

Anything. Just something positive.

The sophomore more than provided the spark the Bulldogettes needed to win a battle of the cats and dogs. She crushed an 0-1 pitch over the wall in left field that enabled Coahoma to

fight its way back to a 6-6 tie and, ultimately, a 7-6 victory that gave the Bulldogettes the bi-district championship in front of a large crowd at the Coahoma softball complex.

"I knew we had to have a hit there," said Chandler. "Between innings, coach told us to stay focused and do what we do in practice. I just went up there and tried to stay focused and swing the bat hard ... and it happened."

Chandler's home run set up a wild finish for the Lady Bulldogs, who had trailed by as much as 5-2 earlier in the game.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Scorpio Moon After-Party

In Hollywood, it is generally accepted that no matter how much red-carpet excess goes into a party, the best part is what happens at the more intimate after-party. Last night's full Scorpio moon was a shindig, and not in the way of a social celebration, but in the way of life events. Today is the perfect time to regroup with your favorite people.



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energy of your feelings. You don't have to be happy to be compassionate, but it's easier that way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The past has assimilated in your personality in interesting ways. A memory of what happened when you were much younger will strongly affect the way you handle today's challenge.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are many road signs on the highway of life, and you're moving pretty fast now, so it will be hard to read them all. With scanning eyes, you'll search for the signals that really pertain to your journey.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't let the lofty causes make you overlook the ones that ultimately might matter much more. Helping someone feel a little bit better about the day is a cause worth striving for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is possible to keep a secret that even you don't know you are

keeping. That's the feeling you get today while trying to figure out why you do the things you do. You'll have a small, quiet breakthrough.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One effective way to avoid making people mad in the future is to make them mad in the present and then note what you did to set them off. Until you test the limits, you don't really know they're there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Because you can't possibly know everything about anything (or anyone), this is a day about gathering a little bit of knowledge on a variety of topics. Delightful!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's been said that the best way to double your money is to fold it over and stick it back in your wallet. It's something to keep in mind as you pass store windows or the Internet equivalent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Wonderful news

-- you're ahead of the curve. The things that appeal to you won't appeal to everyone. With very little competition, you can swoop in and get what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Remember when you took apart that piece of machinery only to find out you didn't know how to put it back together? This is why it will be very helpful to take notes today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A Japanese proverb suggests, "Never rely on the glory of the morning nor the smiles of your mother-in-law." Pessimism or realism? Your answer to this question will color your day.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 4). You're creative about romance and romantic about creativity. The two energies dance through your year, turning it into something worth waxing poetic over. The next four weeks will be a rollercoaster ride for your heart. In July, a mother figure becomes important

to your work. See more of the world in October. Libra and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 4, 11, 24 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My husband likes my hair long, and I like my hair short. My husband also likes his own hair long, and I like that short, too. This wasn't a problem when we were younger. I guess I've changed. I feel like he'll have a better chance at getting a good job if he cuts his hair. He calls me 'Delilah.' Who is right? I'm a Scorpio, and he's a Leo."

Though these lovers have been depicted at times on Tuscan wedding trays, do not mistake the tale of Samson and Delilah as a romance. In the Bible story, Samson is extraordinarily strong because he promised God he wouldn't cut his hair. It is very possible that Samson was a Leo, as they are especially fond of their manes. Delilah was hired by the enemy army to figure out the source of his strength. Samson lies to her

several times, but finally she wins his trust and figures out his hair secret. Then she has him shaved, and in his weakened state, the enemy blinds and beats him, and he's forced to work in a prison. The moral of the story is clear: Love means staying out of each other's hair.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: More than 20 years after her passing, Audrey Hepburn remains a celebrated icon of beauty, grace and peace. The Venus-ruled Taurus was born under a soulful Pisces moon of empathy, spirit and compassion. Her Mercury in Gemini added sharp wit. Her Neptune in entertaining Leo gave her a dreamy idealism. "The best thing to hold onto in life is each other." -- Audrey Hepburn.

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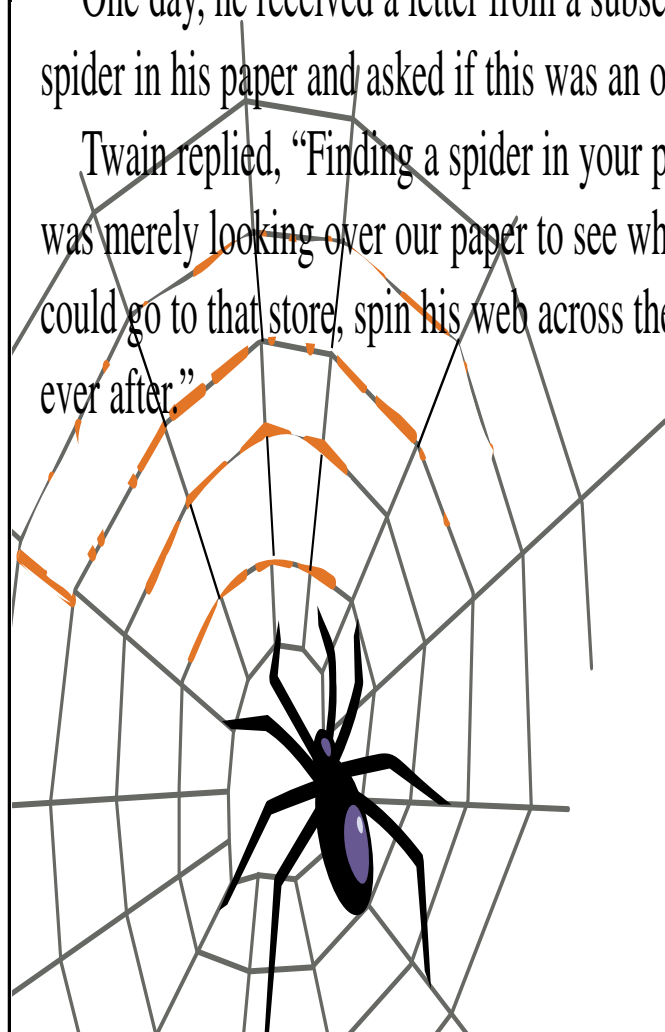
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♥ A 6
♦ 7 4
♣ A Q 7 5 2

WEST
♠ 6 4
♥ 10 3
♦ A 10 9 6 2
♣ K 10 9 8

EAST
♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ 9 5 4 2
♦ J 5 3
♣ 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 3
♥ K Q J 8 7
♦ K Q 8
♣ J 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
2NT Pass 3♠ Pass
3NT Pass 6NT

Opening lead — ten of hearts. This celebrated hand occurred in the Spingold team championship played in Miami Beach in 1958. It features a brilliant defensive play by Sidney Lazard, which contributed greatly to his team's victory that year.

At the first table, Lazard's teammates were North-South and reached

six notrump on the bidding shown. South won the heart lead with the ace, cashed three more hearts, crossed to the jack of spades and led a diamond to the king, losing to West's ace. Declarer later took a winning club finesse to make the slam for a score of 990 points.

At the second table, where Lazard sat West, the bidding went:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
3NT Pass 6NT

At this table, West also led a heart. Declarer put up dummy's ace, came to his hand with a heart and returned to dummy with a spade. He then led a diamond to the king, but Lazard, smooth as silk, followed with the deuce!

With 11 sure tricks in sight and the ace of diamonds apparently situated on his right, declarer saw no reason to risk a club finesse for his 12th trick.

So he played the ace and another spade and then led another diamond toward his hand. Lazard took the queen with the ace and returned a diamond to East's jack, and South went down one for a combined loss of 1,040 points on the deal.

Tomorrow: A giveaway plan.

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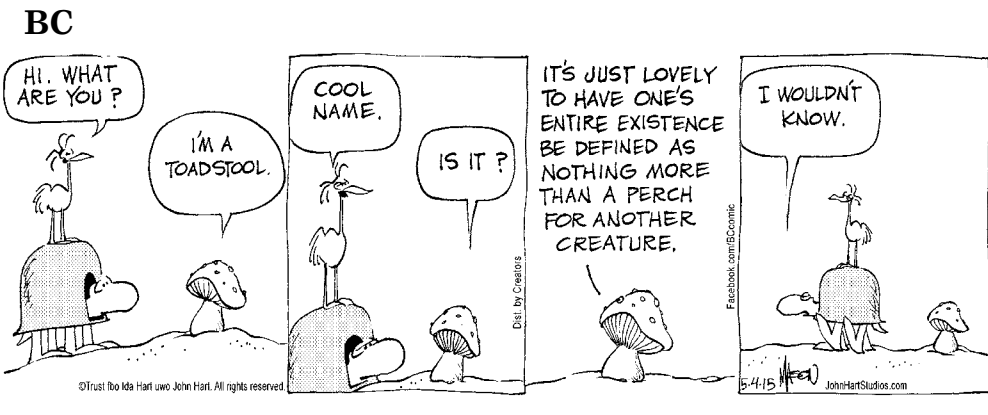


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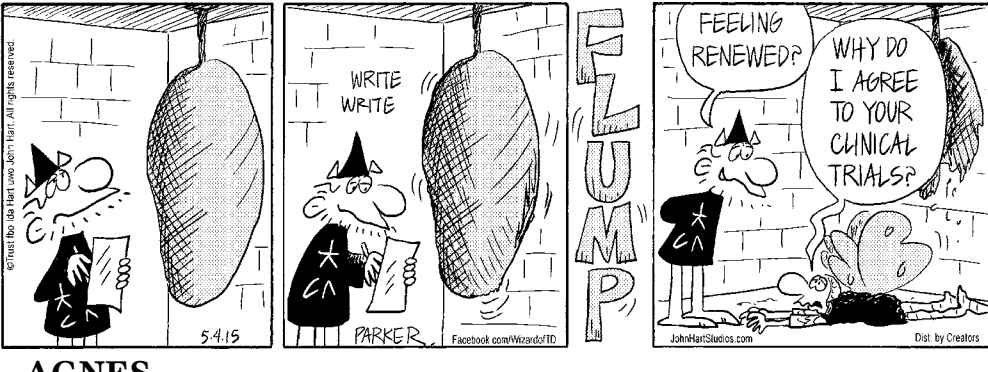
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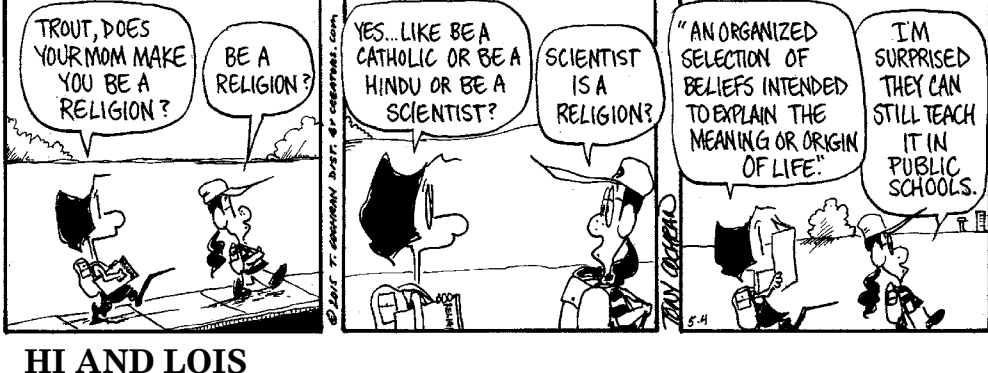
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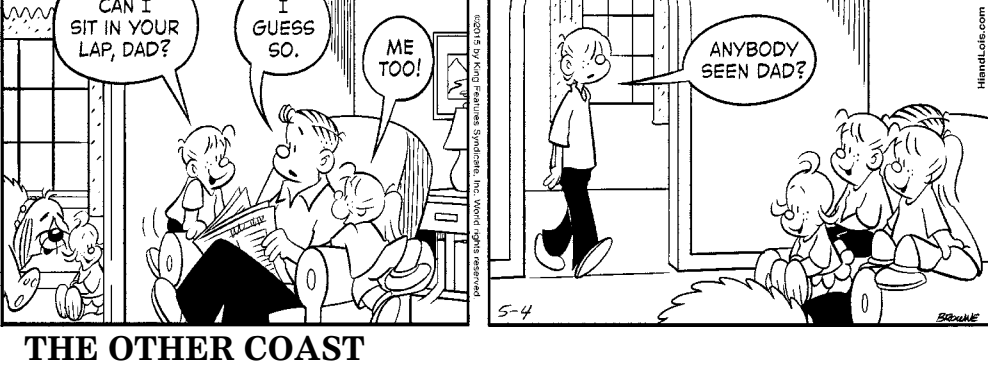
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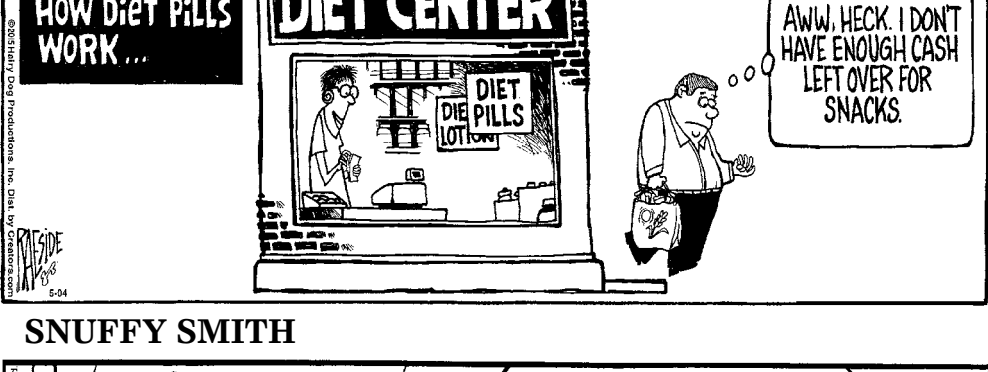
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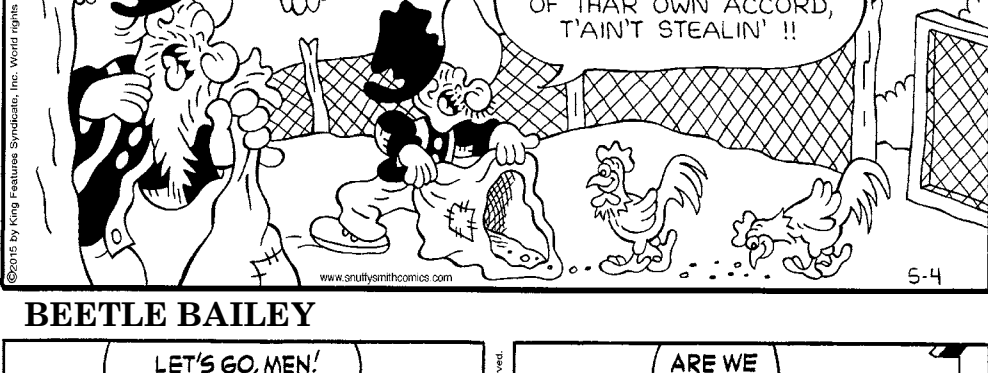
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 4, the 124th day of 2015. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 4, 1925, an international conference opened in Geneva to forge an agreement against the use of chemical and biological weapons in war; the Geneva Protocol was signed on June 17, 1925 and went into force in 1928.

On this date:

In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an 8-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1904, the United States took over construction of the Panama Canal from the French.

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. (Capone was later transferred to Alcatraz Island.)

In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began in the Pacific during World War II. (The outcome was considered a tactical victory for Imperial Japan, but ultimately a strategic one for the Allies.)

In 1959, the first Grammy Awards ceremony was held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Domenico Modugno won Record of the Year and Song of the Year for "Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu (Volare)"; Henry Mancini won Album of the Year for "The Music from Peter Gunn."

In 1961, the first group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington D.C. to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

In 1975, comedy performer Moe Howard of "Three Stooges" fame died in Los Angeles at age 77.

In 1980, Marshal Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, died three days before his 88th birthday.

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat signed an accord on Palestinian autonomy that granted self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

In 2000, the destructive "LOVEYOU" malware, sent by e-mail, began to infect computer networks and hard drives across the globe. Londoners chose political maverick Ken Livingstone to be their first elected mayor.

Newsday Crossword

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 - 4 Jury member
 - 8 Corporate symbol
 - 12 Celebrity poster
 - 14 Rod between a car's wheels
 - 15 Apple tablet computer
 - 16 *Lord of the Rings* hero
 - 17 Talk back to
 - 18 Dam, as socks
 - 19 Type of White House conference
 - 22 "Golly!"
 - 23 Mural or statue
 - 24 Office-chair wheel
 - 28 Fly by oneself
 - 30 Fuel-economy figure: Abbr.
 - 33 Female choir voice
 - 34 Merest amount
 - 36 City near Orlando
 - 38 Alternative offer
 - 41 Piano technician
 - 42 Wide belt
 - 43 All finished
 - 44 Driver's licenses and such: Abbr.
 - 45 Very much
 - 47 Insurance brokers
 - 49 Environmentally friendly prefix
 - 50 Sis' sibling
 - 51 Score one point, in basketball
 - 59 Campsite heat source
 - 60 Clear-skies forecast
- DOWN**
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 - 32 Strong winds
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 - 39 Racecourse
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 - 48 Became angry
 - 49 Foe
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 - 52 Wrinkle-removing appliance
 - 53 Loose color
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 - 59 Short-lived trend

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a single into left that enabled Laughlin to race home from third for a 1-0 advantage.

Elder more than made that lead stand up from there. She retired the first nine batters she faced, allowing just one ball to leave the infield – a fly ball to Laughlin in right in the second – during that span.

Howard padded its lead in the third, stretching their advantage to 4-0.

Corinna Liscano started the HC third off by beating out an infield hit. She advanced to third thanks a wild pitch and a passed ball. Two batters later, Lady Hawks' catcher Jaelyn Young worked the count for a walk to put runners on the corner.

Baltas did let the Lady Chaparrals off the hook. Howard's No. 5 batter in the lineup, she clubbed a three-run home run over the fence in left.

The Lady Hawks' firework show didn't end there. Howard tacked on three more runs in the top of the fourth thanks

to Ohmie, who broke out of a mini-slump in the final game. Having gone just 1-for-8 in her previous two games, the Lady Hawks' slugger blasted a two-out double that plated both Laughlin and Liscano. Young drove Ohmie home with HC's seventh run seconds later with a line drive that bounced off MC third baseman Terry Nava and caromed into left field.

The Lady Chaparrals managed to get their bats on track in the bottom of the fourth. Using a "small ball" approach, Midland turned a walk, an HC error and an RBI bunt single into a quick run. They added a two-run double later and pulled to within 7-3 before Elder put down the uprising by getting Nava to ground out to Katie Reyes at short.

The Lady Hawks erased any hopes Midland College may have been har-

boring in the top of the sixth. HC regained the momentum by tacking on two additional runs.

After Laughlin had led off the inning with a single to left, Liscano punched a hit into right to put two runners on. Two batters later, Young drew a walk to load the bases for Baltas, who promptly slapped a double to right that enabled both Laughlin and Liscano to score.

Liscano enjoyed a solid day offensively for Howard. She went 2-for-2 from the plate, plus reached base twice by getting hit by a pitch. She scored three of the four times she got on base.

Midland managed to scratch out a run in the bottom of the sixth and pulled to five heading into the seventh.

Elder, who limited the Lady Chaps to just four hits in the game, was lights out in the final

frame. She enticed the first two batters to pop out and then got MC's final batter to line out to Liscano at third.

Over the final three innings, Elder dominated the Lady Chaps. In that span, she allowed just two MC batters to reach second base.

"She was dealing today," said Raines. "They couldn't handle her changeup at all. She came into the game mentally ready to do whatever it took to get us a win and it showed. She pitched an outstanding game."

Midland College entered the second game decidedly more upbeat. The Lady Chaparrals scored a run in the top of the seventh in the first game and claimed a tough 5-4 victory.

The win spoiled a solid comeback by HC late in the contest, Down by a 4-1 score, Kylee Keller capped a 3-run outburst in the bottom of the sixth that tied the game at 4-4

heading into the final frame. Keller smashed a two-run double to left with two outs to knot the score. The Lady Hawks' other run in the sixth came on a wild pitch that enabled Laughlin to score from third.

Jaelyn Young gave the HC fans reason to cheer early in the first game. She ripped a home run to left that briefly tied the game at 1-1.

The Lady Hawks were the one celebrating late magic on Saturday evening. Katie Reyes handed HC a 7-6 victory over Odessa College in the semifinals by cranking

out a run-scoring single with two outs in the bottom of the seventh.

Reyes finished the game by going 3-for-3 from the plate, including an three-run inside-the-park home run in the second inning that staked the HC women to a 4-3 lead.

Odessa College scored twice in the third and once more in the fifth to regain a 6-4 lead.

Baltas and Keller both drove home runs in the bottom of the fifth to help the Lady Hawks tie the game at 6-6 and set up Reyes' game-winning hit in the ensuing inning.

WIN

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Following the solo homer, Julia Castilaw ripped a hard line drive back up the middle that bounced off the Ballinger pitcher and ricocheted between first and second base for a hit. Following a passed ball that allowed her to reach second, she sprinted to third on Britney Gonzales' ensuing sacrifice.

With two outs and the winning run just 60 feet from home, Briana Grant delivered the Bulldogettes a berth in the second round of the Class 3A state playoffs by slapping a run-scoring blooper to right field.

"The kids did a great job," said Coahoma first-year head coach John Blair. "They didn't quit when they got behind and that is the big thing. They fought back and stayed in the game. When you do that, you give yourself chances like that."

Chandler, who also turned in a solid effort in the pitcher's circle for the Bulldogettes, agreed.

"I think it shows we have what it takes," she said. "We just kept telling ourselves we had to fight to the very last pitch and play Coahoma softball."

Overall, Chandler struck out six BHS batters while allowing just one walk in a complete game effort.

Ballinger looked as if it had forced a third game earlier in the matchup. The Lady Bearcats built a 5-2 lead in the top of the fifth by scoring on a passed ball.

Coahoma rallied back in the sixth. After Castilaw had opened the frame with a single, Kendra Dyer delivered a two-out single to put runners on the corners. Ballinger misplayed the throw on Dyer's hit, allowing Castilaw to race home and Dyer to advance to second.

The error proved even more costly. Coahoma's next batter, Carlie Martinez, singled to left to score Dyer and pull the Bulldogettes to within 5-4 heading into their final at-bat.

With the victory, Coahoma will now advance to face Comanche in the area round of the playoffs.

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