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35th annual Health Fair is Saturday

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

A Senior Zumba demonstration, a bicycle rodeo, and free health checks are among the many activities slated for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's 35th annual Health Fair set for Saturday.

"This year's theme is 'Being Healthy and Fit isn't a Fad or a Trend. Instead, it's a Lifestyle,'" Debbye Val-

Verde, chamber executive director said. "We want everyone to come out and learn that being healthy starts with them and the things that they can control."

The fair will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday on the floor



ValVerde

of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

"This event has been very successful for the Chamber," ValVerde said. "We are excited that we can bring together entities and provide information to the community about what is available right here in our backyard."

"We are very fortunate to

have such wonderful entities that provide health/medical services to our Howard County residents," she continued. "This year our booths will be doing more interaction with the people that come through. They will be telling them what services they provide and how they can assist in whatever may be needed."

Activities include free health screenings like blood

pressure, cholesterol, and glucose checks, and demonstrations such as the YMCA's Senior Zumba exercise class, and healthy snacks by Sandy Taylor of the Ag Extension office. The Big Spring Fire Department and EMS fire safety trailer will be parked outside the coliseum and personnel will be speaking to the public about fire safety.

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Little Joe plays to packed auditorium



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Little Joe strikes a dramatic pose during a song in the second half of the "Thirty Five Alive" Spring Pops Concert Saturday night. Joe and his band La Familia are two-time Grammy award winners.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

The crowd that packed the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium Saturday evening was treated to a variety of music: Rhythmic classical pieces from the

Big Spring Symphony Orchestra paired with Tejano, jazz, and smooth ballads from "The King of the Brown Sound," Little Joe and his band La Familia.

The event was the symphony's "Thirty-Five Alive" Spring

Pops Concert, its last scheduled indoor performance of the year.

"We had a great time. Little Joe and his band are just great to work with," said Symphony Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann after the concert. "Everybody

did an exceptional job. You know, it's never perfect, but we covered our mistakes and just went on. We had a great time."

"I loved it!" said Little Joe of the experience.

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SMMC, CASA to host Child Abuse Awareness Rally April 13

By ROBERT BARLOW
 Staff Writer

The Child Abuse Awareness Rally has gone from a small symbolic balloon release to an all out event with live music, support booths, and a bike rodeo.

This is the third year that Scenic Mountain Medical Center and CASA of West Texas have come together to help put on the rally to help bring awareness to the serious problem of child abuse.

"We want the community to come out and be aware of child abuse," said Kathy Harmon from CASA of West Texas. "Supporting families with resources is a helpful way to help prevent child abuse."

Harmon stressed the importance of helping to

provide these protective factors for families in order to help reduce and prevent victims of child abuse.

At last year's event in addition to the balloon release, the activities included a proclamation from the mayor declaring April Child Abuse Awareness Month, live music, and a "bike rodeo" safety course for children.

This year will boast the same activities plus more, including a performance from the Dance Gallery as well as a visit from the Big Spring Police Department.

"This is the third annual event, it started out with a simple balloon release and since then its grown," Amanda Dufor, marketing director at

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Artwalk draws in a large crowd

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Children paint on a paint-by-numbers board designed by local artist Mallory Smith during the Artwalk held Saturday evening. Pictured in no particular order are w10-year-old Karissa Gonzales, 8-year-old Hailey Gonzales, 7-year-old Julianna Collazo, 9-year-old Holly Hodges, and 11-year-old Tyson Hodges participate. The event drew a large crowd to downtown Big Spring and included art booths and demonstrations, food vendors, live music, and more. The event was organized by the group Promoting the Arts in Big Spring.



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Obituaries

Tonya Fowler Barrick



Tonya Fowler Barrick, 46, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Rosary will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Additional private family ceremony will be held at a later date.

She was born Oct. 27, 1970, in Midland. She was a Licensed Vocational Nurse, working in area nursing homes. She was a Catholic. Her hobbies included golf, drawing, and puzzles.

She is survived by three daughters, Lauren Lee and her husband Justin of Abilene, Chelsea Barrick of San Angelo, and Heather Crawford of San Angelo; parents, Bunny and Tommy Fletcher of

Big Spring and Danny Fowler; three brothers, Ray Fowler of Midland, Robbie Fowler and his wife Missy of Midland, and Donny Brown and his wife Janice of San Angelo; two stepsisters, Lindsey Fletcher of Alpine and Jamie Fletcher of New York City, New York; uncle, Danny Bishop and his wife Mitzi of Trinidad; and four cousins, John Bentley and his wife Sandye of Big Spring, Erryn DeLeon and her husband Randy of Santa Anna, Brian Bishop and his wife Mandy of California, and Jackie Dorsey of Gatesville.

In addition to her grandparents, she was preceded in death by one aunt, Vikki Bentley; and one cousin, Craig Bishop.

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

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Jean "Juanita" Garcia Oliver



Jean "Juanita" Garcia Oliver of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2017, at Providence Hospice at St. Catherine.

Funeral Mass will be 1 p.m., Monday, April 3, at St. Jerome Catholic Church with Fr. Selvaraj officiating.

Jean was born July 15, 1918, in Deming, N.M., to Pedro and Maria

Garcia. Jean was raised in Big Spring by her godmother, Francisca Gomez, and her husband, S.A. Gomez. Jean and her husband, Lawrence Oliver, raised their family of five in Big Spring and Littlefield, Texas. She was employed as a Head Start Teacher's Aide and also worked many years as a waitress in Big Spring. Her latest accomplishment was exhibiting and selling her still life drawings at The Art Forum Gallery of Waco.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lawrence Oliver; and her son, Thomas Lee Oliver.

She is survived by her four daughters, Jean Reboli and husband Roy of Waco, Diana Marquis and husband Dave of Dallas, Theresa Oliver Lauffer and husband Mark of Ft. Worth, and Elaine Oliver Murphy and husband Skeeter of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren, Danielle, Francesca, and Brienne Reboli, Noel and Dominique Navarrete, Robert Frierson, Sacha Warrum, Sterling and Lawrence Drinkard, Chad Statham, and Ian Whitcomb and Lacy Pollard. She is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren, Thomas and Noah Reboli, Exene Vandenberg, Tyler, Caleb, Joshua, Alexia, and Bella Warrum; Abigail and Asher Frierson; and Archer and Sidney Pollard.

Memorials may be made to St. Jerome Catholic Church. The family invites you to leave a message or memory on our "Tribute Wall" at www.WHB-family.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home.

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Take Note

Forsan Elementary School has scheduled Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7 in the elementary office located at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas. The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In order to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, the student must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, and meet at least one of the following criteria: Must be unable to speak or comprehend English; the household fully qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches; the family is homeless; one or more parents are on active-duty military service or have been injured or killed while serving on active duty; or the child is in foster care

If your child meets one of the above criteria, please bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), proof of income (paycheck stub for ALL household income), and enrolling parent/guardian driver's license.

Coahoma ISD Pre-K pre-registration is from April 18-21 at the Coahoma Elementary Office between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, parents must first go to administration building to obtain a proof of residency by taking a bill that has your address on it and then head to the elementary and fill out a pre-registration form.

You must bring the following: a state sealed birth certificate (not the hospital issued one with footprints), the child's Social Security card and shot record, and the parent's driver's license. All documents must be originals, no copies.

The student must meet the following qualifications:

- Transfers accepted for Pre-K.
- Students must be four on or before Sept. 1.
- Be unable to speak and comprehend the English language
- Be educationally disadvantaged, which means a student eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program.
- Be homeless, as defined by 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1143a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child
- Be the child of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the

state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; or is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty

• Be in, or have been in, the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code.

Coahoma ISD kindergarten pre-registration – To qualify, students must reside in the district to pre-register and be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Transfer requests will not be processed until June 1st.

Parents must first first, go to Administration Building to obtain a proof of residency by taking a bill that has your address on it. If the child is already enrolled, this step may be skipped. Next, the parent must go to elementary and fill out a pre-registration form.

The parents must bring the state sealed birth certificate (not the hospital issued one with footprints), the child's Social Security card and shot record, and the parent's driver's license. All documents must be originals, no copies

Kindergarten Round UP day will be on Friday, April 28 from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Parents must pre-register their child during the April 18-21 dates to attend on this day. register April 18-21 to attend on this day.

The 19th annual "Master the Mountain" event will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Big Spring State Park. Master the Mountain will help support the Permian Basin Women's Resource Center (The Life Center of Big Spring) and Big Spring State Park. Those interested in participating in the event can register online at www.permianbasinevents.com, by email at info@permianbasinevents.com

or usatcraig@suddenlink.net; or in person at 8 a.m. on race day.

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 high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted to Texas A&M University for fall 2017. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 3, 2017. For more information and to find the application, visit <https://westexags.com/>. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

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Mary Ann Bishop

Mary Ann Bishop, 96, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 2, 2017, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Diane Farmer

Diane Farmer, 61, died Saturday, April 1, 2017, at her home. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Alton Hall

Alton Hall, 81, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 31, 2017, in a local hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **GLORIA RAMIREZ OLIVARES**, 52, of 601 McEwen St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.

• **ISRAEL FLORES JR.**, 37, of 2202 S. Rannels St. was arrested on arrants for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch), and failure to appear.

• **JULIAN GARCIA**, 22, of 400 Dawn Loop in Clovis, N.M., was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated/open container, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

• **TARA SUSANNE NOLETUBBY**, 25, of 8406 S. Service Rd. was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **HOWARD FOSTER**, 41, of 507 Union St. was arrested on a charge of theft of property (less than \$2,500)/shoplifting.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King and the 200 block of FM 700.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of East Third Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at in the 200 block of West FM 700 on the South Access Road, and at the intersection of Chanute and Randolph.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.

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.

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JOE

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"I was telling Mr. Keith (Graumann) that I worked with the orchestra in Denver and Houston and San Antonio, but I have never had this kind of fun working with an orchestra." The orchestra kicked things off at 7:30 p.m. with three "Dances from Estancia" by Alberto Ginastera, including "Los trabajadores agricolas (The Field Hands)," "Los peones de hacienda (The Cattle Men)," and "Malambo (an Argentine gaucho dance)."

Following the half-time intermission, the orchestra again presented an instrumental piece, this time it was "Huapango" by Jose Pablo Moncayo.

In between the orchestral music, Little Joe y La Familia took the stage, performing such hits as "I Wish You Love," "Las Nubes," "Make the World Go Away," and "A Day in the Life of a

Fool," among many others. "All the liberties (the orchestra) gave me to be me, that was just wonderful," Little Joe said. "I enjoyed it to the max."

The horn section of La Familia is composed of trumpeters John Ontiveros and Gracie Acosta, both graduates of Big Spring High School. Ontiveros also created arrangements of Little Joe's music for the orchestra.

"I'm super, super happy with how everything went," Ontiveros said. "What an honor to come back home and share the stage with the great musicians of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra. They're amazing, and this was a dream come true, for me and Little Joe, and hopefully at some point in the future, we'll get to do it again."

The orchestra will perform at the July 3 "Pops in the Park" Independence Day event at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Dr. Keith Graumann (left) directs the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra as Little Joe and La Familia bassist Mike Torres III perform for the crowd Saturday at the Municipal Auditorium.

Storms take aim at Alabama after killing 2 in Louisiana



AP photo

The remains of a trailer lie where a woman and her 3-year-old daughter were killed during a severe storm, in Breaux Bridge, La., Sunday, April 2, 2017.

BREAUX BRIDGE, La. (AP) — Powerful storms that killed two in Louisiana took aim at Alabama and other parts of the Southeast on Monday, bringing strong winds and heavy rains to the region.

A tornado flipped a mobile home Sunday in Bruex Bridge, Louisiana, killing a mother and her 3-year-old

daughter. The storm also brought hurricane-force winds, large hail and sparked flash flooding. Up to 6 inches of rain fell in some areas.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards put the entire state on "high alert" and warned residents to stay off the roads. He urged people to keep their cell phones

charged and close by so they could get severe weather alerts through Monday.

"It is an extremely dangerous weather event," he said.

Tornadoes and strong winds were likely Monday from parts of Mississippi extending to South Carolina. The greatest tornado risk is centered

over southern Alabama, the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Oklahoma said.

A tornado with peak winds of 110 mph (180 kph) traveled for nearly 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) on the ground in the rural community of Breaux Bridge, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of Baton Rouge, the National Weather Service reported.

St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Maj. Ginny Higgins told The Associated Press that the tornado touched down soon after a warning was issued.

"Seconds later it hit," Higgins said. "It hit the trailer, flipped it and tore its side off. There was a mother and daughter inside and both were killed."

Higgins said 38-year-old Francine Gotch and 3-year-old Nevaeh Alexander were pronounced dead at the scene. Witnesses told KLFY-TV that the father was at the store when the

storm hit and returned home to find the bodies amid the splintered debris.

Relatives described those killed as a fun-loving pair who smiled frequently.

Nevaeh "was the sweetest little girl," said Sheryle Rubin, who's engaged to the girl's uncle. "She was only 3 years old but was the smartest girl in the world. She would've started school in August."

The weather agency warned that it was a "particularly dangerous situation" in Louisiana, which the governor noted was a rare high-level warning. Straight line winds could reach upward of 80 mph (130 kph) winds. Hurricanes have at least 74 mph (120 kph) winds.

"This is a statewide weather event," the governor said. "It's likely to be an all-night event. We don't expect the weather system to leave the state of Louisiana until sometime tomorrow morning." Another hard-hit area in Louisiana was the city of Alexandria, where winds blew off the roof of a

gas station and knocked out power to thousands, KALB reported.

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Dorothy Bailey, 83, died Tuesday. Funeral service was held at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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

FAIR

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"Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Safe Kids San Angelo is partnering with the Chamber this year again to bring the car seat safety checks back," ValVerde said. "During the check, Safe Kids personnel, local law enforcement and emergency services personnel will be on hand inspecting car seats and assisting with proper installation. For those who arrive without a car seat or an improper installed car seat, one will be provided free of charge.

"More than 200 children have had car seats checked since the partnership began four years ago," ValVerde continued. "There have been about 180 new car seats handed out and 25 seat corrections made. We are hoping to be able to serve at least 30 children this year at the health fair. This is first come, first serve."

The Bike Rodeo sponsored by Star Chrysler Dodge Jeep will also return this year.

"The course will consist of five stations each focusing on safety equip-

ment, laws and regulations, and an overall check of the bike," ValVerde said. "Children are encouraged to bring their own bikes and helmets to go through this bike rodeo; however with the help of Star Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram, bicycles will be on hand for those unable to transport their bikes. Children that go through the Bike Rodeo will have a chance to register to win one of the bikes at the end of the Health Fair."

Corporate sponsors for the Health Fair are: Alon USA, Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, HEB, Kindred Homes, KBST, KBYG, Star Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, West Texas VA Health Care System, Park Place Rehabilitation, Park Place Retirement Center, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Porter's Grocery Store, Home Hospice, and Shannon Clinic - Big Spring.

For more information call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or come by the office during business hours, Monday through Friday. The office is located at 215 W. Third St.

RALLY

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center said.

The event free to the public and everyone is invited. It will take place on Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m in the front of Scenic Mountain Medical Center where hotdogs and cookies will be provided

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Services offered: Emergency medical services, general medical care, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, dietary consultation, pediatric dentistry, and surgery, X-rays, CT-scans, ultrasounds laboratory work, endoscopies, EKGs and cardio pulmonary treatment.

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, May we live this day and all others knowing it is a gift from you. Amen.

Neil Gorsuch must be a bad man

A favorite truism in Washington these days is: “Be careful what you wish for; you may get it.” It tells the cautionary tale of how Republicans who wanted to run Washington got what they wanted and now must govern.

I offer my own quote for the swamp: “Be careful what you scorn; you may someday become it.”

It has been a favorite pastime of elected Democrats to poke fun at the House Freedom Caucus because the rump is ideologically extreme and frequently self-destructive. Senate Democrats now seem poised to overtake the Freedom Caucus in the race away from moderation and in the ability to shoot one’s party in the foot. To wit, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer is primed to block the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation of Judge Neil Gorsuch.

Gorsuch is the one choice President Donald Trump made and executed flawlessly. In September 2016, Trump released a list of 21 judges from which he pledged to pick a Supreme Court nominee. Gorsuch, 49, was on the list.

Gorsuch has such solid credentials that the American Bar Association unanimously rated him “well qualified” to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court — its highest rating. In other words, Trump did not pick a flamethrower.

George Washington University Law School professor Jonathan Turley, who is no Trump fan, argues that Gorsuch is a smart choice because of the Coloradoan’s intellect. In USA Today, Turley wrote that he does not expect Gorsuch to change his “deep

and well-established jurisprudential views,” which are conservative. “However, I expect he will go wherever his conscience takes him regardless of whether it proves a track to the left or the right.”

As Gorsuch told the Senate Judiciary Committee during his confirmation hearings, “It is the role of judges to apply, not alter, the work of the people’s representatives. A judge who likes every outcome he reaches is very likely a bad judge.”

In 2006 the Senate confirmed Gorsuch’s appointment to the Denver-based 10th Circuit Court of Appeals by unanimous consent. Schumer was in the Senate at the time. So how could Schumer tell The Washington Post on Thursday that it is “virtually impossible” to expect him and a majority of the Senate’s 47 other Democrats not to filibuster Gorsuch and deny him a simple up-or-down vote?

In the new Democratic order, Gorsuch must be extreme because he is conservative and thus by definition lacks empathy. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Nev., captured that view in a statement in which she expressed concern “that his narrow view of the law will hurt the most vulnerable amongst us.”

Masto continued: “I am not confident that Judge Gorsuch understands how his decisions will impact workers, immigrants, women’s health and economic security, disabled Americans, and the everyday Nevadans that I am here fighting for.”

During his confirmation hearings, Gorsuch took on Democrats who suggested that he should rule based on who might get hurt, not on the law itself. “If the law can change so easily as that,” Gorsuch said, “where’s the due process to the individual, the person who doesn’t have an army of

lawyers?” That is, Gorsuch made compelling arguments for judicial restraint.

Compelling arguments don’t cut it in this toxic partisan atmosphere. During Barack Obama’s presidency, Democrats on Capitol Hill frequently bemoaned the obstructionism of the right. Now they try to block whatever Trump wants and call it “resistance” — with a smart, well-respected moderate conservative, in this case, as their target.

The worst part is, they know that this maneuver is not good for liberalism or the country. Nonetheless, they are prodding Sen. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to extend the “nuclear option” introduced by his Democratic predecessor, Harry Reid, to block a filibuster and allow an up-or-down vote.

They seem not to care that ending the filibuster would enable Trump to name a much less moderate conservative for the next Supreme Court vacancy.

At a recent fundraiser, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., warned about the dangers of ending the filibuster. “I’m very uncomfortable being part of a strategy that’s going to open up the Supreme Court to a complete change,” she said. But by Friday, McCaskill announced that she would vote against Gorsuch and support a filibuster to stop him. Democrats share something with the far-right GOP base of 2016: Their elected officials are more afraid of the party base than of voters.

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Obamacare was designed to explode

There were two big winners when the House failed to take up the President Donald Trump-backed bill to repeal and replace Obamacare: Barack Obama, who saw Obamacare stand; and Dr. Ben Carson, who was smart enough to pick Housing and Urban Development over Health and Human Services.

Oh, spare us the “Republicans failed to get their health care bill through” media hyperventilation. Trump, said many in the media with unconcealed glee, did not close the deal! The Trump agenda is imperiled! Had it passed, the same pundits would be shredding it as cold and heartless, the moral equivalent of signing your granny up with ISIS just to get her out of the house.

Yes, despite a Republican in the Oval Office and Republican majorities in the Senate and House, Trump and Speaker Paul Ryan couldn’t pressure that faction of “free-market Republicans” known as the Freedom Caucus to sign on to their Obamacare replacement. This must be frustrating to the businessman-turned-politician in chief.

Historian Richard E. Neustadt, in “Presidential Power: the Politics of Leadership” writes: “When contemplating General Eisenhower winning the Presidential election, Truman said, ‘He’ll sit here, and he’ll say, ‘Do this! Do that!’ And nothing will happen. Poor Ike — it won’t be a bit like the Army. He’ll find it very frustrating.’” No doubt, Trump is experiencing this frustration. Reportedly, Trump recently lamented that real estate is easier than politics.

As for Obamacare, Trump is right to point out that Obamacare is on life support right now, and rising premiums, copays and deductibles were forecast even if Hillary Clinton had won the presidency. Remember, too, that Obamacare was intended to

“fail,” given the Democrats’ real goal of a Canadian-style taxpayer-paid health care. Harry Reid openly said so. The Las Vegas Sun reported in 2013:

“In just about seven weeks, people will be able to start buying Obamacare-approved insurance plans through the new health care exchanges.

“But already, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is predicting those plans, and the whole system of distributing them, will eventually be moot.

“Reid said he thinks the country has to ‘work our way past’ insurance-based health care during a Friday night appearance on Vegas PBS’ program ‘Nevada Week in Review.’

“‘What we’ve done with Obamacare is have a step in the right direction, but we’re far from having something that’s going to

while someday we may end up with a single-payer system, it’s clear that we’re not going to do it all at once, so I think both candidates’ health care plans are a big step forward.”

Obama, then a state senator from Illinois, said: “I happen to be a proponent of a single-payer, universal health care program. I see no reason why the United States of America, the wealthiest country in the history of the world, spending 14 percent of its gross national product on health care, cannot provide basic health insurance to everybody. ... A single-payer health care plan, a universal health care plan. That’s what I’d like to see. But as all of you know, we may not get there immediately. Because first we’ve got to take back the White House, we’ve got to take back the Senate, and we’ve got to take back the House.” And later then-presidential candidate Obama reiterated his stance, that if “starting from scratch” he’d have a single-payer system.

One more thing about Trump’s new neighborhood, Washington, D.C. Trump talks about “draining the swamp” of the special-interest groups that have the city crawling with lobbyists. But the First Amendment recognizes the “right to redress grievances.” This means lobbying. Big government means a big swamp that attracts those who seek to influence legislation and regulation to their benefit. Indeed, businesses have a fiduciary obligation to ensure that a given measure benefits them or that its potential harm be minimized. If we don’t want lobbyists buzzing around, give them nothing to lobby about.

Welcome, Mr. President. You’re not in New York anymore.

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work forever,’ Reid said.

“When then asked by panelist Steve Sebelius whether he meant ultimately the country would have to have a health care system that abandoned insurance as the means of accessing it, Reid said: ‘Yes, yes. Absolutely, yes.’”

Former Democratic National Committee Chair Howard Dean also said the end game is the so-called “public option.” During the 2008 presidential campaign, Dean talked about the health care proposals of Democratic candidates Barack Obama and Sen. Hillary Clinton: “I think



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Buffaloes come out on top against Borden County, 16-3

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes varsity baseball team made their way to Gail, Texas, on Saturday where they prevailed over the Borden County Coyotes in a one-sided 16-3 victory.

The Buffs got straight to business, establishing a three-run lead in the top of the first, which came when Ehren Hillger drove in Yateer for a score on a sacrifice fly, and both Koby Watson and Ricky Prater crossed home plate on an error.

While still holding Borden County scoreless, Forsan added seven more runs to the board in the third, fourth, and fifth innings. The big score streak was thanks to a score by Taylor Christian in the third, a score by Yateer on a passed ball, an RBI single by Prater, an RBI single by Christian, a score by Christian on a passed ball, and an RBI single by Austin Darden in the fourth.

With another run by Yateer brought in on a passed ball from Borden

County in the fifth, the Buffaloes put themselves up over the Coyotes 10-0.

Yeater, Forsan's no-hitter in the works, but Borden County responded with two runs of their own, which came from an RBI single and a score on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the fifth.

Forsan was able to retire the inning quickly to prevent the Coyotes from driving in any more runs, and turned around and put up six more runs that put the game out of reach for Borden County with the score 16-2.

The big inning came when Darden broke off a two-RBI double, a score by Dardin on a passed ball, a score by Valdez on an error, a sacrifice fly by Hillger that brought Yeater home, and a score by Prater on an error.

In an attempt at a comeback that fell short, the Coyotes drove one run in on a sacrifice fly. That was all that they could manage before the Buffaloes followed with the third

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Lady Buffs defeat Post 11-8 in back-and-forth game

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes softball team travelled to Post, Texas, to take on the Lady Antelopes where they came out victorious in an 11-8 district win.

Post began the game with a quick defensive stop against Forsan, which was then followed by four runs drove in from a two-RBI triple and two steals of home. This gave the Lady Antelopes an early 4-0 lead.

The Lady Buffaloes answered with two runs in the second inning, one in the third, and two in the fifth while holding the Antelopes scoreless throughout.

The score streak came with a steal of home by Kaylee Morgan and a score by Ashlea Hardin on a ground out from Lexie Gee in the second, a steal of home by Macey Evans in the third, and steals of home by Keelee White and Destiny Mata in the fifth. This gave Forsan a 5-4 lead over Post heading into the bottom of the fifth inning.

With a steal of home to tie the game, followed by a go-ahead run brought

across by an RBI single, the Antelopes took the lead and put themselves up by one.

Forsan came right back at them and stole the lead, yet again, as they drove in four runs the following inning, thanks to an RBI single by White, a steal of home by Hardin, and a two-RBI double by Mata.

Post entered the bottom of the sixth down 9-6 to the Buffaloes and managed to drive in two runs on an RBI double and a steal of home to bring their deficit to just one.

In the final inning of play, two back-to-back RBI singles from Phillips and Mata put the Lady Buffaloes back up by three.

The Lady Antelopes had one last chance to string together a comeback, but they could not get it done as Forsan was able to shut them down quickly on defense to end the game and ensure themselves the 11-8 victory.

"It was a great game," said head softball coach Shanna Taylor. "Our girls came from behind and managed to stay just ahead for the

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Forsan tennis makes their mark at 7-AA District Tournament



Courtesy photo

Back row from left to right: Caden Cline, James McCafferty, Brent Glasco, Kobe Richardson. Front row from left to right: Sterling Freeman, Mackenzi Lain, Shelby Zachary. Not pictured: Lane Schafer, Danyelle Tilley, Razyl Yanez, Britney Evarrt, Head Coach Seth Johnson and Assistant Coach Lloyd Vedder.

Special to The Herald

The Forsan Varsity tennis team competed in the District 7-AA Tennis Tournament held in Mertzon on Friday, March 31st, and Saturday April 1st.

Varsity results:

The Forsan varsity boys team, made up of Lane Schafer, Brent Glasco, Caden Cline, James McCafferty, and Kobe Richardson are the Boys Division District Champions.

The Forsan varsity mixed team, made up of Lane Schafer, Brent Glasco, Caden Cline, James McCafferty, Kobe Richardson, Sterling Freeman, Mackenzi Lain, Shelby Zachary, Danyelle Tilley, Razyl Yanez, and Britney Evarrt are the Dis-

trict 7-AA Overall Champions.

Other varsity medalists include:

District silver medalists and regional qualifiers: Lane Schafer / Sterling Freeman - Mixed Doubles

District silver medalist and regional qualifier: Brent Glasco - Boys Singles

District bronze medalist: Mackenzi Lain - Girls Singles

District bronze medalist: Caden Cline - Boys Singles

District bronze medalists: James McCafferty and Kobe Richardson - Boys Doubles

Lane Schafer, Sterling Freeman, and Brent Glasco will compete in the Regional Tennis Tournament which is scheduled to take place on Monday and Tues-

day, April 17-18th in Odessa, TX at Ratliff Stadium.

The Forsan JV tennis team also competed in the district tournament in Mertzon on Friday, March 31st.

JV results:

JV district champions: Marli Norman - Girls Singles, Cody Huitt - Boys Singles, Mallory Ezell and Haley Patterson - Girls Doubles, Jonathon Gabehart and Jaeden Cear - Boys Doubles, and Jaeden Cear and Bree Womack - Mixed Doubles.

Other JV medalists include:

JV silver medalists:

Ally Aguilar - Girls Singles

Ty Freeman - Boys Singles

JV bronze medalist:

Sterling Fuller - Girls Singles



Courtesy photo

Regional qualifiers in mixed doubles, Lane Schafer and Sterling Freeman.



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Regional qualifier Brent Glasco (left) and district bronze medalist Caden Cline.

Howard College wins first two games in district matchup vs. Frank Phillips

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Hawks made their way to Borger, Texas over the weekend to take on the Plainsmen in a four game conference series. The first two games took place yesterday afternoon, where Howard College came out on top in both games with 18-0 and 8-4 wins.

Game one: Howard College 18 - Frank Phillips 0

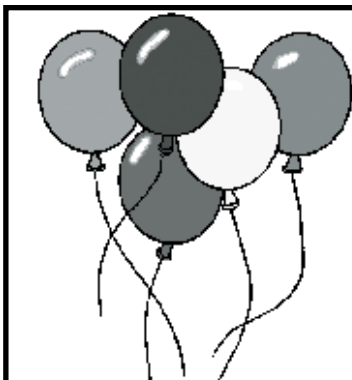
Brandon Young didn't allow a single run as the Hawks defeated the Plainsmen in an 18-0 shut out victory in just five innings of play.

With back-to-back RBI singles from Doug Facendo and Andrew Beck, Howard College took an early two run lead in the top of the first, which was followed by a quick one-two-three defensive stop on Frank Phillips.

Trey Ochoa put the Hawks up by four in the second inning when he knocked out a home run that drove Jon Arrieta and himself in to score.

After another brief defensive shut down to retire the inning, the Howard College put the game out of the Plainsmen's reach as they brought a whopping

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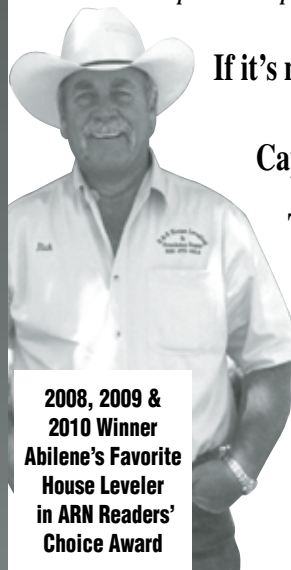
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Cancer Moon Conflict Deflector

This Cancer moon is about making sure that the others in your life are on the same page as you. Check in and talk about now. You may be surprised at the slight differences of opinion, and you'll certainly be glad you asked. This is the kind of preventive conversation that can save you from huge conflict later.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The thrifty move is the one that will save you money in the long run. There is no point in being wise with your pennies if it causes you to be foolish with your dollars later on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've served so many. This is about you today. Speak your heart. Publicize your work.

Show your process. Tell your story. And dance for no one but yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Harry Houdini was originally known as "Harry Handcuff Houdini," until he started thinking about all of the other limitations that can bind a person. Don't let one limit define you. You'll ultimately break through them all.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everything you own, have and cherish requires maintenance to some degree. Relationships require the most right now. Tune them up by plotting some fun together.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In the movies, you figure out that you love a character and then watch that character suffer. In reality, you love a character and then are a part of what happens next. So, what happens next?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life can be like a wrestling match. Everyone has a different tolerance level. People tap out. Sooner is better than later. If you know you're leaving, what are you trying to prove by stay-

ing longer?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The rules of improvisational acting will apply to your life today. When people give you an idea, regardless of what it is, say yes and add to it. Also, you can change the dynamics of any situation just by changing who you are being.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The people close to you don't always know what they should about you. It's annoying and tedious, but you'll have to educate and re-educate them about how to treat you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Because you are intensely creative, you see more possibilities than others do. This can make a relatively easy task, such as dressing or making a sandwich, seem complicated. Don't let all the options get in your way!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're allowed to play whatever role you want to play. Invent one. This is a time for experimentation. Turn things around and around in your mind. Ask a new question; draw a fresh conclusion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Go on and do your thing. Commit to the make-over. This isn't selfish, not in the least. What you do to make it better for yourself will also make it better for others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The human brain is no kluge; it's an elegant, complicated miracle of an organ. And when it steers you wrong today, it will also be steering you right. Trust yourself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 3). Don't search for a reason; the year brings inexplicable bouts of happiness. Go with the good moods. April's gift of peace and tranquility will help you settle into a nice personal groove. There will be a boost of income and professional status in September. This is based on your demonstration of ethics. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 9, 5, 44 and 3.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a Taurus man with custody of my Pisces daughter. My intended wife is a Scorpio who is not interested in children at all. Should

we marry? Will my daughter learn to love this Scorpio woman and vice versa?"

Yes on all counts. Scorpio needs a strong family life to keep anchored, and for a career woman who's a Scorpio, a ready-made family would be just ideal. Keep these things in mind, though: Scorpio women in marriage want to know that they are foremost in their husband's mind even when they are the natural parents of their children. So there could be initial jealousy, not because of your daughter but because of a feeling of being left out of this family experience. Scorpio women don't dive into anything -- or any relationship -- without some inner trauma. They, like Taurus natives, can be creatures of habit. Your Pisces daughter would take instantly to this woman, as they both have superb intuition.

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Annie's Mailbox

Ambivalent About Abusive Husband

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently put our house on the market and moved to a Southern state to spend our retirement there. I am 64, and he is 73. It is my second marriage and his third. The house went under contract, and I went north to clean up and sell everything. He

stayed home with the animals. The house sale fell through, and I am relisting. He wants me to come home and close up the house. I do not want to keep it empty. He cries every night that we talk.

The problem is that I don't miss him. We have been married for eight years. We did not live together before marriage. When we got married, I knew he drank a lot,

but I didn't realize that if there is something on his mind while he's drinking he becomes verbally abusive. On average, he verbally abuses me every other week, depending on whether anything is troubling him. He calls me names using bad language. He has severe obsessive-compulsive disorder and sleep apnea. He does not take medication for either. We cannot sleep together because of the apnea.

We do, however, have some mutual likes. Since we moved South, his verbal abuse has decreased. We attended counseling before the move. The counselor said

that he needs to stop drinking and that his abuse is alcohol-driven. He will not give up drinking. He hit me once, and I left him; I only agreed to go back with him if we went to counseling.

He has made my life very comfortable, and I have given him the companionship he needs, but there is something missing. We have many friends. I am not desitute, by any means, but my lifestyle would be compromised if I divorced him. I am a very young and active 64-year-old with many hobbies and talents. My physical feelings for him are cold. He treats me like a

daughter. He is a good man, and all of his friends tell me what a great catch he is. They know he drinks but think nothing of it. He is a retired state trooper. I am not unhappy with him, but I am not happy, either. Please advise. -- Stagnating in the South

Dear Stagnant: It is unacceptable for your husband to abuse you, verbally or physically. Do not downplay the importance of your own well-being. You deserve to feel safe, happy and free. Reach out to counselors at Safe Horizon (800-621-HOPE), who specialize in assisting victims of verbal abuse, for more guidance on the subject, and if he ever physically abuses you again, call 911.

The "something missing" you mention is something that's missing not from your relationship but from your husband. He is deeply troubled, and he needs to find his own path to recovery. You can encourage him to seek help, but you cannot control the outcome. Please consider attending an Al-Anon Family Groups meeting in your town. Try a few different groups. I know; I've recommended the organization about a hundred times in this

column. I'm guessing I'll recommend it a hundred thousand times more. It's that helpful.

Dear Annie: I have been a reader of advice columns since approximately 1958, when I first learned to read a newspaper. Ann Landers' column was a huge part of my education in the repressed 1950s!

I want to compliment you on doing a great job. You show compassion and good sense daily. Your printing "B.R.'s" response to "Feeling So Bad" -- about how people deal with terminal illness -- triggered my note. My mother also cut everyone off during her final illness. I thought it was a mistake, but it was her choice.

And you are clearly a feminist! You don't let men or women get away with much! Just sign me... -- An Older Fan of the Newer Wave

Dear Older: I'm grateful for your readership, and I'll keep working my hardest to earn it.

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Contract Bridge Famous Hand By Steve Becker

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ J 5, ♥ Q J 5 2, ♦ Q 9 7 5, ♣ 7 6 5. WEST: ♠ 7, ♥ 9 7 6 3, ♦ A J 8 4 2, ♣ A Q 8. EAST: ♠ 4 3 2, ♥ A 10 8 4, ♦ K 10 6 3, ♣ 3 2. SOUTH: ♠ A K Q 10 9 8 6, ♥ K, ♦ —, ♣ K J 10 9 4. The bidding: North East South West Pass Pass 1♠ Dble Pass 2♥ 2♠ 3♥ Pass Pass 4♠ Pass Dble Opening lead — three of hearts. This deal occurred in a U.S.-Argentina match in 1958. South was B. Jay Becker, editor of this column from 1955 to 1987. The following is his own account of the deal: "I was South and bid only one spade, although I had a practically sure game in my hand. The Argentine West doubled, and East responded two hearts. I bid two spades, confident that in a hand where I was missing 12 hearts and 13 diamonds, someone would bid again. "West bid three hearts, and when

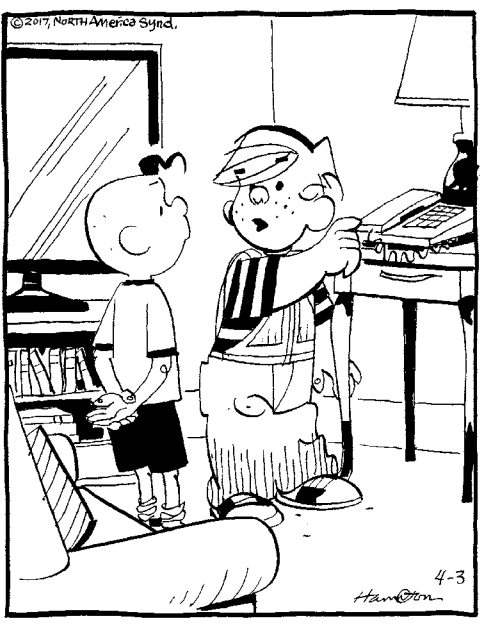
this rolled around to me I decided I had dillydallied long enough. So I bid four spades, which East doubled. "The defense started out in a rather distressing fashion. East won the heart lead with the ace and returned the three of clubs. West took my jack with the queen and continued with the ace of clubs, East contributing the two. "I sat there petrified, waiting for West to play a third club and ruin the best hand I'd held in months. But West tried to cash the ace of diamonds at this point! I ruffed, drew trumps and so made four spades doubled. "The bidding and play went differently at the other table. The Argentine South opened two spades and jumped to four spades after North bid two notrump. Tobias Stone (West) led a trump, and South could have drawn trumps and claimed the contract. "Instead, he won the trump lead with the eight and played a low trump to dummy's jack. Then, trying to steal a trick, he led a low heart from dummy. However, East went up with the ace and returned the three of clubs. "Stone took declarer's jack with the queen and cashed the ace of clubs, East contributing the two. Stone did not bother to look at the deuce. He led the ace of diamonds. Finis."

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Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 grid.

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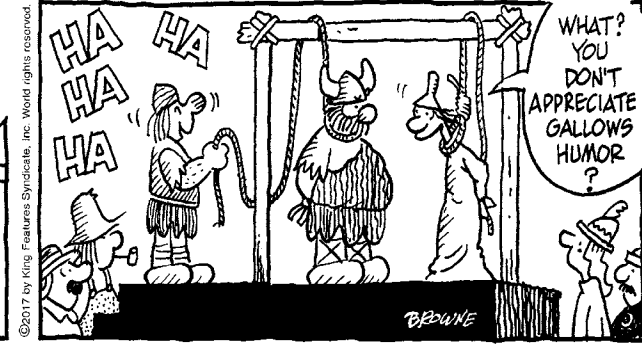


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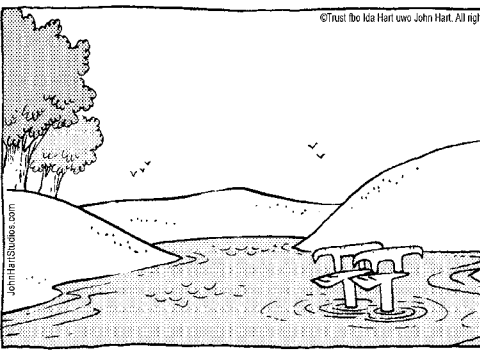
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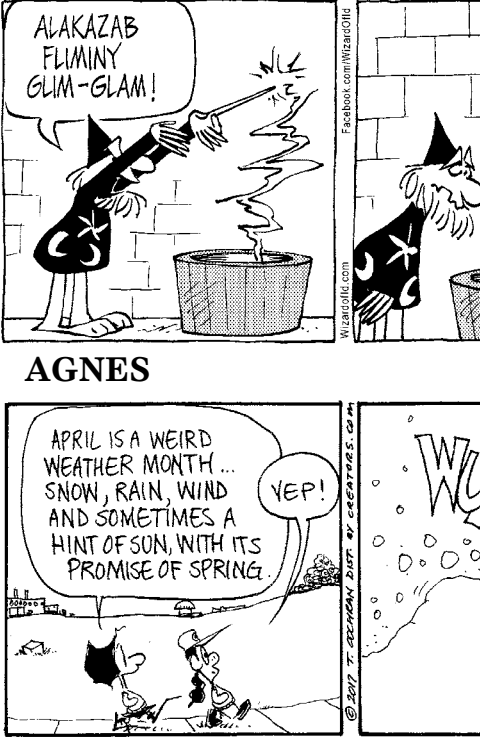
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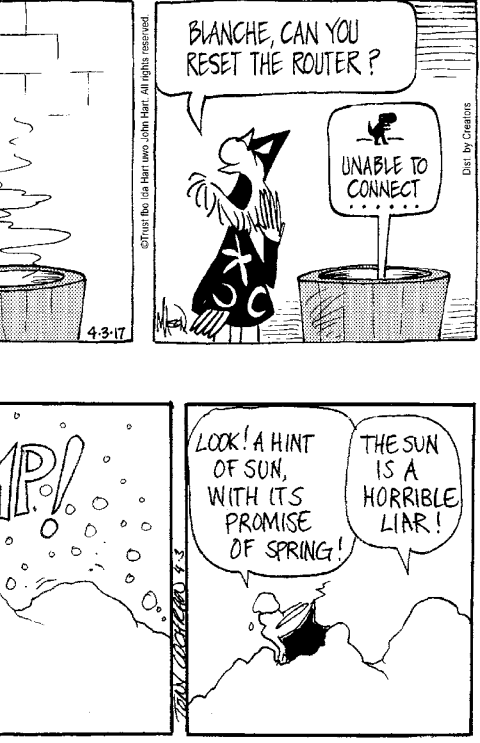
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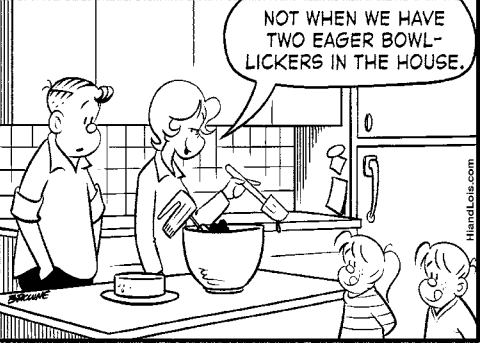
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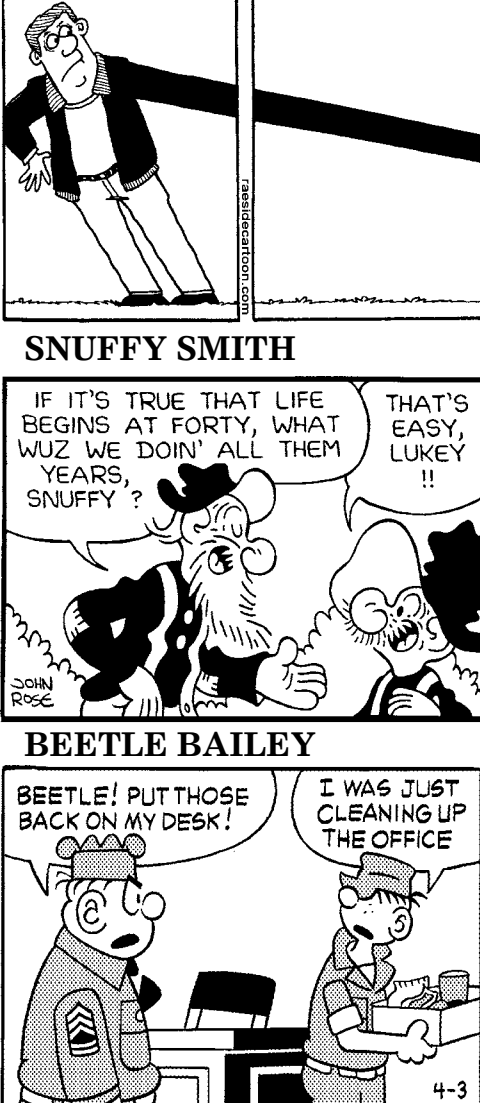
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2017. There are 272 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 3, 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began their final assault on Bataan against American and Filipino troops who surrendered six days later; the capitulation was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March.

On this date: In 1776, George Washington received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Harvard College. In 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.) In 1869, Edvard Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16, premiered in Copenhagen. In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang. In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Inquires
- 5 Girl explorer of cartoons
- 9 Squirrel snack
- 14 Took a photo of
- 15 Luau instruments, for short
- 16 AM/FM appliance
- 17 Rabbit relative
- 18 Envelope back
- 19 "That's yucky!"
- 20 Hardly (rarely)
- 21 Genealogical chart
- 23 Mystical gathering
- 25 Fasten securely
- 26 Antiquated
- 28 Pouch for peko
- 33 Up and about
- 37 Take a breather
- 40 Coke or Pepsi
- 41 False friend
- 44 Plumbing piece
- 45 Mediocre
- 46 Ancient man of fables
- 47 Incredible bargains
- 49 Good friend
- 51 Ins and
- 54 Sheep sounds
- 59 Bill Clinton predecessor
- 64 Explosion sound
- 65 Removes the rind from
- 66 " put it another way . . ."
- 67 Suffix for luncheon
- 68 "There free lunches"
- 69 Close by

DOWN

- 1 Campfire residues
- 2 Remove one's whiskers
- 3 Seoul, South
- 4 Back of a boat
- 5 Camper's bag
- 6 Tulsa's state: Abbr.
- 7 Packages of copier paper
- 8 Easy (simple)
- 9 Sock's diamond pattern
- 10 Grocery vehicle
- 11 Aroma
- 12 Get to one's feet
- 13 Carrot on a snowman, for example
- 22 Espresso with milk
- 24 Center of an apple
- 27 007's first film foe
- 29 Farmland measure
- 30 "Constrictor" snakes
- 31 In addition
- 32 Inhale in astonishment
- 33 Snakes like Cleopatra's
- 34 Foul mood
- 35 Gift wrapper's adhesive
- 36 Scandinavian furniture chain
- 38 Sci-fi beings, for short
- 39 Compare prices
- 42 Topic for debate
- 43 Elaborate party
- 48 Connects to the Internet
- 50 Detests
- 52 Steakhouse order
- 53 More confident
- 55 Assists, as a criminal
- 56 Soak in the tub
- 57 Playful trick
- 58 Insurance broker
- 59 Nos. on college transcripts
- 60 Wyatt of the Old West
- 61 Black-and-white cookie
- 62 Nevada casino city
- 63 Top-billed performer

Answer to previous puzzle

EMPATH	STRESSED
BOOBOO	MOUNTIDA
STERNO	APERITIF
ETTA	PART ONSET
NOSMALL	THING
CAVEAT	BOT
WHEAT	ARTCOLONY
HULLIN	HUSHUP
ARRIVESAT	NURSE
TKO	INSYNC
MANISCHWITZ	
OASIS	VIOL IDOL
APPRIS	ELNINO
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SPRYNNESS	SEEMLY

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Lady Hawks split with Lady Bulldogs in conference series

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

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The Howard College Lady Hawks softball team hit the road this weekend to Clarendon to take on the Lady Bulldogs in a four game conference series. The two teams split yesterday's games, with Clarendon winning the first game 6-2 and Howard College winning the second in a 14-1 blow out.

Game one: Howard College 2 - Clarendon College 6

Following a scoreless first inning, the Lady Hawks took an early lead in the second when Jackie Mercado was driven across the plate from an RBI single by Madoline Seumalo.

Both teams pulled off quick defensive stops in the third inning, and Clarendon was able to tie it up with a solo home run by Sierra Achtley in the bottom of the fourth.

The Lady Hawks took the lead right back when Kaylynn Lopez was brought across from an RBI single by Evelyn Loyola, which brought the score to 2-1. In the bottom of the fifth

inning, the Lady Bulldogs answered back by driving five runs in to reclaim the lead for good.

The big inning for Clarendon came when Jenna Perez crushed an RBI homer, a 2RBI double by Achtley, followed by an RBI single from Emily Benitez.

Howard College could not bounce back, as the Lady Bulldogs were able to hold them scoreless for the remainder of the game.

With a final score of 6-2, the Lady Hawks fell to Clarendon in game one.

The Lady Hawks were able to get off just as many hits as the Lady Bulldogs, with seven for the game, but weren't able to capitalize as they only managed to drive in two runs.

"We had a really bad start to that first game," said head softball coach Kelly Raines. "We never really got anything going offensively and didn't seem to have the energy to get it done. We just did not play very well."

Game two: Howard College 14 - Clarendon College 1

The second game was a completely different story, as the Lady Hawks

blew out the Lady Bulldogs 14-2 in a five inning victory.

Howard College came out in the second inning strong as they racked up a total of nine runs to establish a large and early lead over Clarendon.

The huge inning was thanks to a solo home run by Loyola, a 2RBI double by Alexis Velazquez, an RBI homer by Lopez, an RBI single by Mariah Young, an RBI single by Tiare Lee and a 2RBI double by Seumalo.

The Lady Bulldogs couldn't respond as the Lady Hawks stopped them with a one-two-three series to retire the inning. With a run drove in on a sacrifice fly and an RBI single by Loyola, Howard College brought themselves up 11-0 over Clarendon.

In the bottom of the third inning, the Lady Bulldogs were able to bring across their only run of the game with a score on a sacrifice bunt.

Howard College sealed the game with back-to-back RBI singles by Lopez and Mercado in the fourth inning, a run drove in on a sacrifice bunt by Tayiah Hamilton in the fifth and gave no chance for Clarendon to make a

comeback as they shut down the first three batters in the final inning.

With a final score of 14-1, the Lady Hawks got the win in the second game and forced the two teams to split for the day.

"In game two we had several girls with big hits," said Raines. "We were able to come out hitting and really turned things around."

Mickaela Brown earned the win for Howard College, as she went for the whole five innings, surrendered just one hit, one run, zero walks and struck out six. Howard College will take on Frank Phillips in Borger today, at 1:00 p.m. with the second game to immediately follow.

Next weekend, the Lady Hawks will host Western College in a four game conference series. The first two games of the series will be in Big Spring and are scheduled for April 7 at 1:00 p.m. with the second game to immediately follow. The last two games of the series are also in Big Spring, and are scheduled for Saturday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. with the second game to immediately follow as well.

HAWKS

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11 runs across.

The huge inning was thanks to a 2RBI single by Reese O'Farrell, a 2RBI homer by Robert Bullard Jr, an RBI single by Ochoa, a 2RBI homer from Beck and a 2RBI single by Bullard Jr. which brought the score to 15-0 heading into a scoreless forth inning.

The Hawks sealed the game when they drove in three runs in the top of the fifth from another RBI single by Ochoa, an RBI double by Bryan Scheker and a run brought across on a sacrifice fly.

Frank Phillips could not avoid the shut out as their first three batters in their final attempt to piece anything together were out as quick as they stepped up to the plate. With a final score of 18-0, Howard College took the first win in a very one-sided match.

"It was a great team effort," said head baseball coach Rob Martinez. "We played really well and were successful on both sides of the ball."

Young earned the win for the Hawks as he threw for five innings, gave up zero runs, only one hit, struck out seven and walked one. Howard College collected a team total of 19 hits for the game.

Game two: Howard College 8 - Frank Phillips 4

A four RBI game from Caleb Kyle propelled the

Hawks to an 8-4 victory over the Plainsmen in what was a little more competitive of a game than the previous.

The Hawks established a two run lead in the first inning, which came from back-to-back RBI singles by Facendo and Beck.

Frank Phillips was not able to respond, and Howard College tacked on another run to their lead with another RBI single from Facendo in the third.

After the Hawks forced another quick three outs to retire the inning, Kyle stepped up to the plate and smashed a grand slam out of the park to put them up 7-0 over the Plainsmen.

Howard College held Frank Phillips scoreless throughout the fourth and fifth innings, and brought another run across in the top of the sixth with an RBI single by Facendo, bringing their lead to eight runs.

Just as the Hawks started to get comfortable, Plainsmen Infielder, Brett Esau, breaks off a 2RBI homer in the bottom of the sixth inning to bring the score to 8-3.

Following a fast, three-up-three-down seventh inning from both sides, Frank Phillips manages to

drive in one more run with an RBI single by Taner Latham.

"We were up by eight and the guys just kind of relaxed," said Martinez. "I told them, you just need to press the pedal and finish them when you have the chance."

Howard College was were able to do just that from the defensive side of the ball as both teams were able to hold each other from scoring in the ninth inning. This brought game to an end with a final score of 8-4, Hawk victory.

Ryan Williams earned the win for Howard College. He pitched for five innings, gave up three runs, five hits, walked one and struck out four.

The Hawks collected 11 hits for the game, with Beck and Facendo leading the team with three hits each, and Kyle leading in runs batted in with four.

Howard College and Frank Phillips College will continue the conference series with the final two games to begin today at noon.

"We showed up and played really well today," said Martinez. "So, hopefully we can show up tomorrow and do the same for another pair of wins."

Next weekend, the Hawks will face off in another four game conference series with Western Texas. The first two games will take place in Big Spring on Friday, April 7 at noon with the second game to immediately follow. The last two games will take place in Snyder at noon with the second game to immediately follow as well.

BUFFS

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out to end the game and ensure their 16-3 victory over Borden County.

"The guys played a really great game and we were able to be disciplined at the plate," said head baseball coach Stephen East. "It makes a big difference when you can put pressure on the defense and keep guys in scoring position."

Yeater earned the win for Forsan, as he pitched four innings, gave up two runs, only one hit, and struck out six.

"Blaze Yeater pitched lights out for us today," said East. "The defense was clean and did an outstanding job to back him up."

The Buffs had a strong day at the plate, as they

collected a team total of 10 hits. Christian, Yeater, Darden, and Watson managed two hits apiece to lead the team offensively.

Forsan was sure-handed in the field as they did not commit a single error. Hillger made the most plays with seven.

Darden led the Buffs with three stolen bases, contributing to the team's total of 14 as they ran wild on the base paths.

"I am really pleased with the guys right now," said East. "Borden County always has a solid team and this was a big district win for us."

For their next game, Forsan will host the Rotan Yellowhammers in a district game that will take place on Tuesday, April 4, at 5 p.m.

DEFEAT

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duration of the game." Pearson got the win on the mound for the Lady Buffs. She pitched for six innings, surrendered eight hits, four runs, walked two, and struck out six.

A force at the plate, the Lady Buffs knocked off a team total of 16 runs for the game. Mata led the team offensively as she collected four hits in five at bats and drove in three runs. She also led the team in stolen bases, contributing four to the team's total of 14.

Forsan did not commit one error in the field. Mata was also able to lead the team defensively with eight plays made.

"It is great to have girls that can step up when others are struggling at the plate," said Taylor. "That is what teamwork looks like. I am proud of the way our girls work together and make plays under pressure."

Up next, the Lady Buffs will host Tahoka in a district match up that will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m.

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