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Early voting remains sluggish locally

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Voting in this year's municipal and school trustee elections remained sluggish Friday, as local election officials wrapped up the first week of early balloting in the contest.

According to Saundra Bloom, Howard County elections administrator, an average of 30 to 35 voters cast

their ballots early on a daily basis last week, bringing the total of mail-in ballots for Big Spring elections to 103 and the number of ballots cast in person to 164, a total of 267 ballots cast. In Coahoma contests, voters have cast 31 ballots in person and 23 ballots by mail, bringing their total to 54 bal-

far as disappointing.

"Honestly, with so many contest races and candidates running for the Big Spring City Council, you would think the turnout would be a lot more," said Bloom. "Voting picked up slightly Thursday and Friday, but you're still only talking 30 to 35 ballots a day, and that's very disappointing."

tion have caused some confusion toward the end of the week.

"We had several people come in and say they received an e-mail encouraging them to vote in a statewide election regarding homestead exemptions," said Bloom. "However, the May 9 election is local elections only, so when they get here and vote, they

Dog show remains big draw

By STEVE REAGAN

For the 39th straight year, Big Spring went to the dogs this past weekend.

More than 500 dogs, along with their human entourage, descended upon Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the 39th annual Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show, which concluded its run Sunday.

Show chairman June Moore said 525 entries, representing 112 breeds, were on display during the show.

This year's show was the first in several years that was not sponsored by both the Big Spring and San Angelo kennel clubs, but that didn't seem to diminish the event's appeal to dog lovers. Owners from across the country — and some from outside the United States, as well — made the trip to Big Spring.

Word has gotten out to dog people, Moore said of the show's success. "Most people in Texas really, really love their dogs and they want to go out and see the best of the best. And we received a lot of new entries this year, so the show just sort of perpetuates itself."

Aside from San Angelo bowing out from sponsorship — that club part-

Slow voter response isn't the only Bloom described the turnout thus challenge facing Bloom and her staff, as a rumor regarding a statewide elec-See **VOTING**, Page 3

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Handlers line up their bulldogs for showing at the Big Spring Kennel Club's 39th Annual Dog Show Saturday. The show concluded its weekend run at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Sunday.

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Fund-raising begins for Pops

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

The process of raising the funds needed to stage Pops in the Park will officially begin this week when letters to past donors asking for continued support are put in the mail. With just a couple of

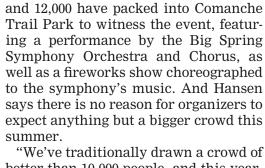
months to work with before this year's July 3 concert and fireworks show at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation, the event's organizers, are beginning the process of raising the approximate \$40,000 necessary to stage the event.

Letters are being mailed to former donors and prospective contributors,

according to Jan Hansen, who is again

heading up the organizing committee.

HANSEN



In the past, crowds of between 10,000

better than 10,000 people, and this year, with the economy worrying people, it's reasonable to expect even more people

this year, because I'm sure some people are scaling back their summer travel plans. "Of course, the committee has always worked to expand the show, making it bigger and better every year, and that's what we're planning this year," Hansen

added. "While things are still very much

in the planning stages, we're working on

a few surprises this year. We're hoping

that this is going to be the biggest Pops in the Park we've ever had."

Before that can happen, though, organizers have to raise the money needed to stage the show.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible is provided by local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. Those contributions make it possible for the organizers to open the gates to the park free of charge to all comers.

"It's important for everyone to remember that this is everyone's celebration ... the whole community's," Hansen noted. "And that's why it is important we get the entire community's help, if possible. The businesses and people in this community have always come through for us, and there's not any doubt in our minds that they will again this year. "At the same time we don't want

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Obituaries

Herman A. 'Jr.' Lander

Herman A. "Jr." Lander, 69, of Stanton died Friday, May 1, 2009, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 4, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Daniel Armstrong, pastor, and Van Pendergrass officiating.

He was born April 26, 1940, in Coryell County and married Mickey Pinkerton Dec. 31, 1964, in Big Spring.

Jr. was a lifelong resident of Martin County. He worked for Reagent Chemical Company as a truck driver for 29 years, retiring in 2006. He loved stock car racing, fishing and camping. He was a member of the

First United Methodist Church

Survivors include his wife, Mickey Lander of Stanton; his beloved dog "Boots"; one son and daughterin-law, Shandal and Santa Lander of Stanton; one daughter and son-in-law, Kresi JaNa and Bobby Roe of Stanton; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Faye Wagner of Midland and Josie and Ronnie Deatherage of Tarzan; 11 grandchildren, Zackery Pylant and wife, Karyn, Gentry Pylant and wife, Perla, Landery Roe, Ashley Novak and husband, Bryan, Nicholas Teel, Amber Lander, April Lander and fiance, Riley Dunham, Rebecca Lopez and husband, Ismael, Isi Olivares, Rosalie Magallanes and husband, Manuel, and Crystal Young and husband, Luke; 12 great-grandchildren, Kanyon and Koda Pylant, Morgan and Madison Novak, Caiden Simpson, Desiree and Destiny Lopez, David and Nadi Olivares, Adrian and Tristin Young and Natalie Magallanes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Alma Lander.

In 1969 Jr. experienced kidney failure and was on home dialysis for 11 years. In 1980 he had a kidney transplant and was a 29-year transplant survivor. The family suggests memorials to the Texas Kidney Foundation, 1525 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Hervey L. Gray Jr.

Hervey L. Gray Jr., 84, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 3, 2009, in a local nursing home. No services are planned at this time. He was born Nov. 25, 1924, in Potter and married

Martha L. Vincent July 24, 1946, in Mooringsport, La. She preceded him in death April 13, 2004.



Hervey graduated from high school in Mooringsport, La., and worked as a pumper for Gulf Oil Corporation for 38 years, retiring in 1978. He moved to Big Spring from Breckenridge in 2003. He was a Baptist.

He served in the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Brenda Edwards and husband, Connie, of Garden City; a son, Vincent

L. Gray and wife, Vickie Adams, of Big Spring; three granddaughters, Stefanie Park and husband, Daniel, of Liberty Hill, Tonya Crenwelge and husband, Bret, of Abilene and Shelby Gray of Odessa; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Paid obituary

Wayne Tollett

Wayne Tollett, 72, of West Tawokani and formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at the Veterans Adminstration Medical Center in Dallas. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

He was born Nov. 8, 1936, at Cisco, but grew up in Big Spring. He served on the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Department and was investigator for the District Attorney. He was later a deputy constable for Dallas County and then an investigator for the State Comptroller. He was a veteran, having served in the National Guard. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 1340, Lubbock Scottish Rite and the Suez and Hella Shrine.

He is survived by two brothers, J.R. Tollett and wife, Doris, of Sanderson, and Lonnie Smith and wife, Shann, of Big Spring; one sister, Glendia Meek of Nogales, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews.

lett, and his mother, Jackie King.



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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7

Note: Arrest reports for Sunday, May 3, and activity reports for Saturday, May 2, were not available • SHERYY JOHNSON, 42, of 1708 Scurry, was

- arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while
- JOHN PANTOJA, 18, of 1106 E. 12th St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - THEFT was reported:
- in the 1600 block of Fifth Street.
- in the 900 block of Willia.
- in the 800 block of Intertstate Highway 20. in the 300 block of Owens.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600
- block of Bell. ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was
- reported:
 - in the 2200 block of Nolan.
 - in the 1900 block of U.S. Highway 87.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Mesa.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this

- JAMIE ATKINSON, 40, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- AARON BARNES, 26, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance. • JOSE INES BRITO, 22, was transferred to the
- county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief. • JUAN ANTONTO CANTU, 48, was arrested
- Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacture/ delivery of a controlled substance. JOSE TRINIDAD CANTU, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on an unnamed
- MARGARET EVELYN CLANTON-DAGESTAD, 34, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).
- CLINT ELLIOT, 46, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- DIANA ESPINAL, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.
- GEORGE GANDER, 44, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- JIMMY GARRARD, 35, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and possession of a dangerous drug. • GARLAND GREEN, 53, was transferred to the
- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (three counts). • JESSICA MARTA HERNANDEZ. 25, was arrest-
- ed Saturday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and a miscellaneous charge.
- JOSHUA JAMES HILDEBRAND, 24, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a firearm.
- JOHNSON HOWARD, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- MEAGAN LASHAE JENKINS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of duty on striking unattended vehicle.
- ROY JOHNSON, 66, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- SHERRY JOHNSON, 42, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense. • MANUEL LOZANO, 36, was transferred to the
- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawful delivery/manufacture with intent of a simulated controlled substance.
- EDWARD MADRON, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance. • ANGELA MARROW, 55, was transferred to the
- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- KARISSA MITCHELL, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery/possession of a controlled
- JESSIE ROGELIO OLGUIN, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of deadly conduct.
- JOHN ANTHONY PANTOJA, 18, was trans-He was preceded in death by his father, John Tol- ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com **MONDAY** Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact

- at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819. • Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon
- China Buffet.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information. • The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m.
- in the Texas RV Park meeting room. • Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: · MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of

- Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of N.W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to
- SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 2200 block of
- Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC. · GRASS FIRE was reported in the 100 block of Birdwell Lane.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Terry Road. Service refused. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the
- intersection of Fourth Street and State. Service TRAUMA was reported in the area of the VA
- Medical Center. One person was transported to
- TRAUMA was reported in the 4400 block of Beechnut. Service refused. • TRAUMA was reported in the 2200 block of

Nolan. Service refused.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to TRASH FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of
- Cherokee. MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of
- EDRION HOUSTON, 19, was transferred to the Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of
 - Airbase. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of 22nd Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

39-31-43-42-35-10. Estimated jackpot: \$11 million Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-10-28-32-20.

Number matching five of five: None. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 7-5-7-8. Sum It Up: 27.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 8-6-4. Sum It Up: 18.

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Texas News Briefs:

Two injured in small plane crash

ADDISON (AP) — Two people have been taken to the hospital after a small airplane veered off the runway and crashed at Addison Airport.

Airport spokesman David Margulies said the Beechcraft Bonanza crashed Sunday evening while attempting to take off and came to rest on the north end of the airport's property.

The two men aboard were taken to Parkland Hospital, one by helicopter.

Swine flu closes West Oso schools

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A suburban Corpus Christi school district is closing for a week because of a probable case of the swine flu while officials at a district near Houston are closing until at least

A compilation of school closing on the Texas Education Agency Web site late Sunday estimated more than 299,000 students at 462 schools were affected by closings.

Crawford Helms, superintendent of the West Oso Independent School District, said he would reevaluate the decision on Friday to give the virus a chance to run its course, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported. The school reported a probable case of swine flu at Kennedy Elementary School, which will reopen May 18.

The Libery ISD in Liberty County said it was closing its schools Monday and Tuesday because of a probable case of swine flu. If the case isn't confirmed, classes may resume Wednesday.

One hurt in Irving explosion

IRVING (AP) — One person was taken to Parkland Hospital in Dallas after an explosion blew off one end of an Irving home.

The person's condition was not known and the cause of Sunday's explosion is under investiga-

Irving firefighters had to put out a several small spot fires after the explosion.

Deputy involved in fatal shooting HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County sheriff's dep-

uty shot and killed a man who authorities said led him on a short chase after the deputy tried to stop

him for speeding.

Lt. John Legg, a spokesman for the sheriff's office, said the deputy shot the man after he jumped out of the car. Legg said the deputy was concerned for his safety and fired four times. He didn't know how many times the man was shot, the Houston Chronicle reported in its online edition.

Legg said the driver had refused to pull over and led the deputy on a short chase through a residential neighborhood before running a red light and crashing into two vehicles. His car spun out of control and came to rest on the side of the road.

Two passengers obeyed the deputy's commands to put their hands in the air, but the driver jumped out of the car and ran, Legg said.

The deputy shot the man when he apparently turned toward him while attempting to flee, Legg

No weapon was recovered. The shooting is under investigation.

State: 43 cases of swine flu confirmed

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of State Health Services says there are now 43 confirmed cases of swine flu in the state. Texas Department of State Health Services

spokesman Doug McBride said Sunday the latest number — an increase of four from a day earlier includes two people in Fort Bend County, one from Guadalupe County and one from Bexar County.

The swine flu outbreak has led to the closure of hundreds of schools in Texas, affecting about 350,000 students.

Dallas County fears loss of federal funding

DALLAS (AP) — After a 2006 public health preparedness drill showed that the Richardson Independent School District was not ready for a pandemic, Dallas County's chief medical officer wrote a detailed, step-by-step protocol to help them.

So when a swine flu outbreak forced the school district to decide whether to close Canyon Creek Elementary School last week, officials there were

Such emergency health drills have helped everyone from fire departments and hospitals to grocery stores prepare for the possibility of a pandemic, but now health officials say federal budget cuts are threatening to end or curtail such training exercises, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

A surge of federal support for public health emergency planning that followed bioterrorism fears in 2001 and the bird flu outbreak of 2004 ended last August. Now Dallas County health officials say they are struggling to prepare for unpredictable new bugs for which there's no vaccine, not nearly enough medicine, and a chance that throngs of patients could overwhelm hospitals.

"We took a significant cut nationwide in the pandemic influenza funding," Dallas County Health and Human Services Director Zachary Thompson told the newspaper. "That has impacted local health departments in terms of reductions in staff to respond to these types of outbreaks.

"Right now is showing you why you need public health preparedness funding," Thompson said. "Any reduction would be devastating."

In 2002, Dallas County received \$3.44 million for bioterrorism and pandemic flu preparedness in 2002, with more funding in each of the five following years. Funding peaked at \$4.5 million in 2005. The county's allocation dropped to \$3.47 million in 2008 and \$2.48 million this year, a 28 percent decrease from the initial 2002 level, the newspaper reported.

Three killed in Arlington traffic accidents

ARLINGTON (AP) — Arlington police are investigating three separate traffic accidents that left three people dead Saturday, including a pedestrian who was run over by several cars when he tried to cross a highway.

In that accident, the pedestrian was struck by several vehicles as he was trying to cross the West I-20 Freeway around 8:30 p.m. Saturday. The first driver, in a 2003 Mazda Protege, tried to swerve out of the way on the westbound lane but could not avoid striking the victim. Arlington police Lt. Blake Miller said. Two other drivers in the westbound lane also ran over the victim. Police believe other vehicles also ran over the victim but were un-

In another accident, a 47-year-old Arlington resident riding a Suzuki Intruder motorcycle on U.S. 287 died around 12:24 a.m. The cause of the accident is still unknown, but police are looking at the possibility that a duffle bag may have become loose just

A 37-year-old man was also killed around 7:15 p.m. in an accident that may have involved drugs or alcohol, police said.

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people to think we're taking them for granted," she added. "We really appreciate those who support us, no matter how much they donate — from the biggest corporate sponsor to the change a youngster puts in the donation cans during the concert. It's all important."

Presenters for this year's event so far include the *Big Spring Herald*, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony and KBST — each providing donations of \$5,000 or funding or in-kind services.

Last year, KBYG and Cornell Companies were also presenters.

In addition, last year's only "Stars and Stripes" sponsor that donated \$3,000 or more was HEB, while the only "Texas Star" sponsor, donating \$2,500, was The Click Ranch.

"Rocket" sponsors last year, those donating \$1,000 or more, were Alon USA, Fiberglass Systems, Medicine Center Pharmacy, Robinson Drilling, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, T. Blackshear Interiors, Wal-Mart and the Worthy Company.

Countless others in the community, "Sparkler" contributors, made donations of other amounts.

Those providing services for last year's show included: Big Spring EMS, Big Spring Fire Department, Big Spring Police Department, Big Spring Printing, RSVP, the Big Spring Symphony Guild, Bond Web Designs, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts, Betty and Ricky Cain, Cathey Construction Co. Inc., CERT, Citizens Police Academy Alumni, Big Spring Parks and Recreation Department, Comanche Trail Golf Course, Jobeth Corwin, Earthco, Zelda Gibbs, Lela Hansen,

Howard College, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, Becky Letz, Keep Big Spring Beautiful, Leonard and Cathy Reitzer, Sonic Drive-In, Ina Stewart, Tessco, the Vietnam Memorial Committee, Water Water Inc. and Helen Worthan.

Hansen said the committee will be working hard to raise funds this year, especially when one considers economic challenges some businesses and individuals are facing. "We're well aware that things are

difficult for some people financially, but we're at least not facing some of the things others around the country are," Hansen said. "We certainly aren't going to ask people or certain amounts. We want people to donate what they can.

"It seems like we say this every year, but we really do believe that nobody celebrates the Fourth of July holiday like Big Spring does," she added. "And that's why we always get

lots of visitors from outside our community for the event. That's another of the reasons that we want to make sure this is an evening of quality entertainment for everyone."

Becky Crane will again coordinate the list of businesses and organizations wanting to operate vendor's booths during the show. She can be contacted at 267-5449 or at 517-0373. Vendor packets are already available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

Anyone interested in making a donation, whether they've been contacted by mail or not, can do so by contacting Debbye ValVerde athe the chamber by calling 263-7641. In addition, donations can be mailed to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

Contact John A. Moseley at 263-7331 ext. 230 or by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com

VOTING

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think they are missing out on it."

The statewide election concerning homestead exemptions took place in 2007, according to Bloom.

mail and even the election dates are from 2007,

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nered with Midland's

Kennel Club for a recent

show — one other annu-

al attraction was a casu-

alty of renovation work

being done at Howard

College. The obedience

show, which usually at-

tracts several local dog

owners, had to be can-

celled this year because

rooms at the coliseum

so there's no question it's a simple mistake," she said. "It's just funny how much confusion something like that can cause."

Other than the homestead rumor, Bloom said the election is moving along smoothly for her and her staff.

"We haven't had any

But the coliseum's

arena was a dog lover's

hounds, terriers, poo-

dles and hundreds of

other breeds competed

Moore, who enters her

dogs (schipperkes, papil-

lons and bull mastiffs)

in about 25 shows a year

and has even present-

ed an entry in the presti-

gious Westminster Ken-

for Best in Show.

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it's going to look a little different than it has in the past couple of years. However, the difference is pretty slight, and we haven't had any problems with it. That portion of the election is going smoothly."

Bloom said branch voting will be held Monday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. the same location from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. The same extended hours will apply to the polls at the County Courthouse Tuesday, as well.

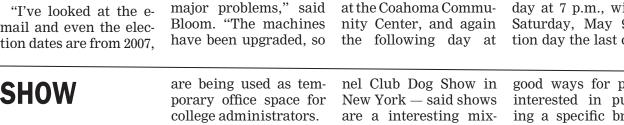
Bloom also encouraged voters who haven't yet posted their mailin ballots to do so this week. Early voting polls will close for good Tuesday at 7 p.m., with the Saturday, May 9 election day the last chance

for area voters to cast their ballots. For more information, contact Bloom's office at

> 264-2273. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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"What I like most is showing and spending time with my dogs,' she said. "I also really, really enjoy spending time with people whose whole world revolves around dogs ... Most of these people would do anthing for their dogs, or a dog in need."

Dog shows are also

good ways for persons interested in purchasing a specific breed to see them in action. "If you wanted (a spe-

cific breed) and didn't know where to find one, you could just come down to the show and we'd help you get in touch with breeders," Moore said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



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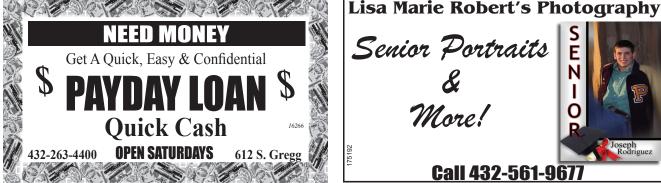
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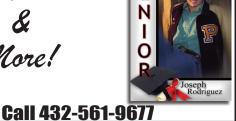
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Our View

Pops in the Park solicitation finally getting under way

embers of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation, after running into a little snag, will begin mail-Into a little sliag, will begin much ing solicitation letters to past supporters this week, as they make plans for this year's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park.

Committee members had hoped to get solicitation letters in the mail almost a month ago, but new letterhead for the committee was still being developed and not available until this

Jan Hansen, who again is serving as the organizing committee's co-chairman for Pops, said she doesn't expect the delay to hamper fund-"There have been other years when we

couldn't get the letters out until the first week in May and we've still always met our goal," she said.

As we've noted before, it's not too early to be thinking about July the Fourth, because such programs aren't put together in a couple of weeks. Especially not when they carry a price tag in the neighborhood of \$40,000 — money that comes from donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and individuals.

Now heading into its 12th year, Pops in the Park has become a tradition — one the entire community looks forward to, as do many living in other cities.

Foundation members have begun the process of contacting previous donors, as well as soliciting contributions from new sources — funds that make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

To make donations, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

"It is the entire community's celebration. That's something that is on every committee member's mind," noted Hansen. "It's a time to get together with friends and family at the park, join our neighbors and celebrate the birth of our nation."

The Big Spring Herald is again among the presenters for the show. Those committed as presenters to date are the Big Spring Symphony, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Visitors and Convention Bureau, the city of Big Spring and KBST, which broadcasts the situation. concert for those who are unable to get into the amphitheater.

The Herald is proud to be a part of such a spectacular event and we encourage others in the community to do the same. Help us make sure Big Spring can keep celebrating our nation's birthday in impressive fashion.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can be at the top of our game, Lord, with Amen

Helping handle abuse problem

a wide-spread problem in Texas communities. Last year, 83,000 children were victims of child abuse and neglect and 213 children died.

The Texas Legislature and the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) have been working hard to improve the state response and have had encouraging results. However, legislators and advocates should take another look at programs that



can support DFPS in protecting children from abuse.

High-quality early education is one creative method that has been proven to reduce the rates of child abuse and neglect.

The early care and education landscape in Texas has three components: Child care, public pre-kindergarten and Head Start. Research shows that highquality early care and education,

hild abuse and neglect is when done right, can and does reduce the rate of child abuse and neglect.

> High-quality programs do this through parent involvement, which includes parent education classes, home visits, or even just encouraging parents to volunteer in the classroom.

Even better, these programs have been proven to help all parents improve their parenting skills and interact more positively with their children. Children don't come with instruction manuals, and all parents can benefit from the support and information.

Parent education and involvement teach parents how to be involved with their child, how to respond to their child's behavior, what is normal for their child's age and new educational games to play with their chil-

High-quality early care and education helps to build stronger families before a problem ever

Texas should use the early care and education infrastructure that already exists to bolster its efforts to combat child abuse and

It just makes good sense to expand on a resource that parents and children use and love. Parents and teachers already know one another and already communicate about the child. The simple fact is that child deaths due to child abuse and neglect are much less likely to occur when there are more adults involved with that child.

High-quality early care and education not only gives children a leg-up on education that will last their whole life, but it can actually keep children safe. Imagine the impact this could have on Texas' most vulnerable children if more families had access to high-quality early care and education.

When people consider how to prevent child abuse and neglect, early care and education is not always on the list.

Maybe it should be.

More information on highquality early care and education is available at www.tecec.org.

Kara Johnson is the executive director of the Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition.



There's always a misdiagnosis!

t seems in most every aspect of life, people are searching for answers, help and relief. We may often begin our search by examining the symptoms of a problem. Perhaps

many believe that this process will help identify the cause of some phenomenon so that we can determine how to treat the

In my recent prayers for some family members, an inspiration came to me that has changed how I approach my prayer regarding problems.

Various loved ones were (and some still are) struggling with physical illness and disabilities. Some have received a medical diagnosis, and others are afraid of getting one, fearing what it

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In trying to console a family member who was about to get a diagnosis that would reveal whether a tumor was benign, I pondered the meaning of "diagnosis." The short definition could be simply stated as an opinion." Or a longer way to give a definition could be — "the evaluation of history, symptoms or signs and a review of data in order to reach an opinion or conclusion."

The key word for me was -

opinion. Somehow this word suddenly made an unwanted medical diagnosis less horrifying or daunting. And here's why...

I spiritually reasoned that any opinion — or diagnosis — that is not the same as what God would say, think, know or conclude about his beloved children is

always a misdiagnosis. For me, this conclusion although simply stated — has become very powerful, reassuring and hopeful.

I've decided that the only way I can approach my prayers is to begin with what I believe God knows as well as wants for his children. I believe that this approach is based upon what is spiritually and eternally true about God and His children. So, consequently, any other opinion or fear could never change, replace or destroy the spiritual

I shared these thoughts with my family member, and she later told me they helped her gain a peace of mind before she went in for the examination and further testing. Gratefully, the tumors (it turned out to be more than one) were all medically determined to be benign.

My prayers that continue for other family members are holding firm to what I believe is the God-view for each one of them. No one can ever make me believe that a loving and good God

wants his children to suffer. I can't help but consider how Jesus healed, and I recall that many times he didn't even know the nature or name of the illness or condition. I read again about the dear woman who the Bible says had an issue of blood for

twelve years and who had appar-

in search of a cure. (Luke 8:43-48)

Jesus didn't know her plight be-

ently been to many physicians

fore he healed her. She told him her story after she was healed.

I have to believe that Jesus must have maintained a spiritual point of view of everyone he saw regardless of the physical evidence or what opinions might be. This spiritual viewpoint would have surely been based upon what God sees and knows. And this point of view was transforming and healing and didn't require an analysis of the

problem. Beginning with a focus on a problem, or sometimes many problems, has often been overwhelming. So much so in fact, that I have found it difficult to even know where to turn or how to begin to find a solution or make progress.

But as I approach a problem with first pondering what God would say or know, fears are calmed, hope is encouraged, fresh answers are discovered and in some instances, healings have been experienced and

Don't ever give up hope, my friends. God loves you. God sees infinite possibilities for your life. He knows your perfection. He discerns your unlimited potential. He is aware of your many talents and abilities. He is conscious only of your wholeness and goodness.

Anything that would have you believe otherwise is a misdiag-

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Cowboys assistant coach Reed set for surgery

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys' special teams coach was set for surgery Monday on his fractured cervical vertebrae after the team's tentlike practice facility collapsed in fierce

Joe DeCamillis was one of 12 people injured and three Cowboys staff members still in the hospital following Saturday's accident. The Cowboys didn't immediately return a call

43-year-old assistant had begun early Monday.

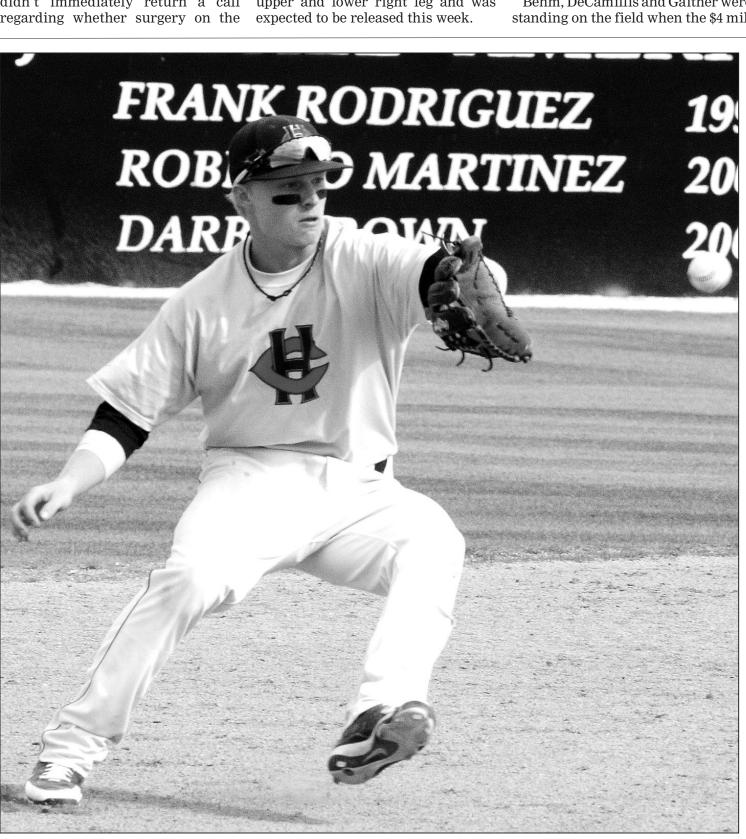
The most seriously injured was Rich Behm, the team's 33-year-old scouting assistant who was permanently paralyzed from the waist down after his spine was severed. Behm and assistant athletic trainer Greg Gaither, 35, remained hospitalized. Gaither had surgery on his fractured upper and lower right leg and was

About 70 people, including 27 players attending a rookie minicamp, were in the structure when the storm hit. Wind in the area was clocked at 64 mph. 1 mph shy of the threshold for a weak tornado. National Weather Service officials said a "microburst" may have pushed the wind beyond 70 mph at the top of the structure that was built in 2003.

Behm, DeCamillis and Gaither were standing on the field when the \$4 million structure gave way, sending debris such as the framework and lights crashing to the ground.

Most players at the minicamp were drafted the previous weekend or signed as undrafted rookies, but none was hurt. No veterans were involved. Coaches, support staff and media were also in the no-frills building, which is essentially a 100-yard

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College shortstop Bryan Johns makes a play in the field during final game of a four-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference series against Frank Phillips College Saturday at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks swept FPC, finishing the regular season undefeated at 54-0.

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20 Hawks finish regular season and advance to Region V unboots

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Remarkable.

Incredible.

Unbelievable.

How about just "Wow"?

"Wow is as good of a word and reaction as any," said Howard College Baseball Coach Britt Smith. "That kind of sums it up for me. I'm still having a tough time believing this team just accomplished what it did." The Hawks, ranked No. 1 in the nation,

Saturday with a pair of games against Frank Phillips College, winning both, 12-5 and 10-1, and finishing the first stage of their 2009 schedule 54-0. "It's remarkable. This team is doing

wrapped up their regular season

something special," said Smith. "I knew we were going to be pretty good, but I

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Hawks play in honor of greater cause Saturday

The Hawks had a bigger cause in mind when they took the field for a doubleheader Saturday.

For a second straight year, the Hawks home finale was used as a backdrop to raise money for breast

Call it a success, as \$3,066 was raised to be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research.

HC softball falls in Region V tourney

Herald Staff Report

For a second straight season, Howard College's softball team were two and down in the Region V Tournament.

However, Howard was playing host and were perhaps too gracious. The Hawks saw their season

come to an end Saturday, falling to Midland College, 3-1, and then Clarendon College, 6-4, in the double-elimination tournament held Foundation Field over the weekend.

In both games, the Hawks got on the board first, taking a 1-0 advantage after the first inning.

In Game 1, Ashley Calles put Howard on the scoreboard with a solo home run. Unfortunately, the Hawks wouldn't cross the plate

Midland tied the game with a run in the second and took the lead, 2-1, with another in the third.

Brooke Hernandez then put the game away with a solo shot in the bottom of the sixth, giving the Lady Chaps a two-

run advantage. Kristen Marris picked up the win for Midland, while Diana Espinal suffered the

After losing to Odessa, 4-2, the opening round, Clarendon drew the Hawks in the tournament's first elimination game.

Again, Howard got out to a 1-0 lead after the first inning, but Clarendon answered and led 5-1 in the fifth inning.

Howard wouldn't go away, but couldn't produce enough to stave off elimination, either, eventually falling to Clarendon by two runs.

The Hawks, who were seeded fourth in the tournament, finished the season with a mark of 32-25.

Odessa eventually won, defeating Midland, 9-0, for the title Sunday.

It was the second shutout victory for the Lady Wranglers over Midland. They handed the top-seeded Lady Chaps their first loss in the bracket in the final game played Saturday, 5-0.

Midland eliminated Clarendon with a 5-3 win in the first game of the day Sunday, eliminating the Lady Bulldogs and setting up the rematch with Odessa.

Odessa now advances to the National Tournament, which begins May 14 in George,



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College pitcher Katie Smith winds up in a Region V Tournament game against Clarendon Saturday at Foundation Field. The Hawks were the first team ousted from the double-elimination tourney over the weekend, falling to Midland and Clarendon.

AP source: Lebron named NBA MVP

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer CLEVELAND Unstoppable at both ends of the floor this season, Cleveland superstar LeBron James is the NBA's Most Valuable Player.

James, who led Cleveland to a team record 66 regular-season wins and the top overall seed in the playoffs, will receive the award Monday afternoon, a person with knowledge of the choice told The Associated Press. James has chosen Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, his alma mater, as the site for the award presentation, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official announcement has not been made.

James is the first Cavaliers player to win the award. The 24-year-old averaged 28.4 points, 7.6 rebounds and 7.2 assists this season, his sixth as a pro. He also finished second in voting for defensive player of the year, making him perhaps the league's most dominant two-way player since Michael Jordan.

At 24 years, 106 days, James is the youngest player to win the award since Moses Malone (24 years, 16 days) in 1978-79. Wes Unseld was 23 when he won it in 1968-69.

Focused from the start of the 2008-09 season, the 6-foot-8, 250-pound James sharpened his magnificent skills this

He started a career-high 81 games and set personal bests in field-goal (49) and free-throw (79) percentages. James became just the second player to post five straight seasons of at least 27 points, six rebounds and six assists. The other is Oscar Robertson, whose well-rounded game is the one James' is most often compared.

James was in a three-way battle all season with Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant and Miami's Dwyane Wade for MVP honors. The trio teammates last summer on the U.S. Olympic team that won gold — seemed to upstage each other on a nightly basis.

It's not a surprise that the loyal James would select his high school for the ceremony. It's where he won three state basketball championships and where he burst onto the national scene, becoming a cover subject for Sports Illustrated as a 17-year-old. He announced his intention to skip college in the Fighting Irish's quaint gym and recently filmed a "60 Minutes" interview there.

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couldn't have ever imagined this. This team simply doesn't want to lose. It's not in them." Now, the Hawks will

advance to the Region V Tournament at LaGrave Field in Fort Worth, which begins Saturday. The top four teams from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference will compete in a double-elimination bracket.

Howard is the No. 1-seed out of the WJCAC and its first game is set for 1 p.m. Sunday against the NTJCAC fourth-seed, which will be either North Central Texas College or McLennan College.

For a third consecutive weekend, the Hawks found themselves getting a challenge from their opponent in Game 3 of the series Saturday.

After jumping out to a 7-0 lead after three innings. Frank Phillips made a charge in the fourth as Bill Tom Milburn tripled off the top of the wall in center field, knocking in two runs. Milburn scored on a wild pitch to make it 7-3 and Steven Florence homered to right with two outs in the inning, bringing the Plainsmen within 3.

Frank Phillips made it 7-5 in the sixth, when Kilby Perdomo, who had tripled to lead off the frame, scored on an error by Howard pitcher Anthony Collazo.

With the outcome in doubt, the Howard bats answered the call by batting around in the bottom of the sixth, scoring five runs in the process. Will Calhoun, the nation's top hitter with a .527

average, got things started by singling with one out. Tommy Vukovich came in as a pinch runner and scored when the next batter, Andrew Collazo, doubled to left center.

Collazo moved up to third when FPC shortstop Heath Johnson committed an error on a ball hit by Runey Davis, placing runners at the corners. Joe Leftridge then got on via an error and Collazo was able to score on Frank Phillips' second fielding miscue of the inning.

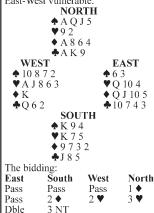
Leftridge and Davis then executed a double steal and Davis took third and Leftridge slid in safely to second. Bryan Johns was walked to load the bases for Miles Hamblin.

Hamblin took advantage of the situation, doubling in Davis and Leftridge and giving Howard an



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand



East dealer.

3 NT Opening lead — six of hearts. This deal occurred at the 1985 world team championship in the

round-robin match between Israel and Venezuela. The declarer was Michael Hochzeit of Israel, who took advantage of a subtle slip by an opponent to bring in a seemingly impossible three-notrump contract. After taking East's queen of hearts with the king at trick one,

Hochzeit could count four spades, a diamond and two clubs to go with the heart already in the bank, but a ninth trick was nowhere in sight.

Undaunted, he began by cashing all four spades, on which East let go of a diamond and a heart. While this last discard seems harmless enough, declarer proceeded to prove otherwise. The ace of diamonds was cashed, producing this position with

South needing three more tricks:

North West East ♥10 ♦ Q J ♣Q62 **1**0743 South

Even with all the cards exposed, it isn't easy to spot the winning play, but Hochzeit found it looking at only two hands. At this point, he led the nine of hearts! This play rendered the opponents

helpless. Regardless of defender won the heart, declarer was sure to make his game. If West overtook the ten to run his hearts, he would then be forced to lead a club, allowing South to score the jack.

Alternatively, if East's ten of hearts held and he cashed his two

high diamonds, dummy's last diamond would become good. And if he didn't cash his diamonds, his club return would trap West's queen.

In practice, West elected to over-

take the heart, and Hochzeit scored three club tricks to make his game. Observe, though, that had East dis-

carded a club or a diamond instead of

a heart on the fourth spade, the contract would have failed. Tomorrow: Haste makes waste.

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2009 Howard College Hawks

Milburn at first, who stepped on the bag and threw to second in time to double up Kreder. However, Johns was able to get across the plate before the second out of the double play was executed, putting Howard ahead 12-5.

he faced in the seventh for a 1-2-3 inning, solidifying win No. 53 for the Hawks.

lasting 5.1 innings and allowing five runs — four earned — on four hits and four walks, while striking out 12. Adams pitched the final 1.2 innings, giving up no hits or walks with three strikeouts.

Caleb Nine and Popescu hit back-to-back solo home runs in the second inning to put Howard on the board first. Popescu ended up with three RBI in the game. Miles Hamblin and Monk Kreder each had two RBI.

first. The first three batters reached base on a pair of singles and a walk, loading the bases. Milburn hit into a double play and the Hawks traded two outs for one run as Johnson came across for the

That's all the scoring they would do, though, as the pitching trio of Burch Smith, Blake Barnes and Hunter Hill stranded six Frank Phillips runners in

Howard's bats answered immediately, scoring three in the bottom of the first. The first run came via a solo home run by Bryan Johns, tying the

Hamblin reached on a single and Kreder followed with a double, placing two runners in scoring position for Popescu.

The sophomore third baseman came through again for the Hawks, getting a base knock to plate Hamblin and Kreder. Popescu was Howard's most opportunistic hitter throughout the four-game

11-5 advantage. With Hamblin on second and Johns on third, Monk Kreder was walked to reload the

Unfortunately, Nick Popescu hit a chopper to

Chase Adams struck out two of the three batters

Anthony Collazo picked up the win in Game 3,

Game 4 wasn't nearly as dramatic, although Frank Phillips was able to get a run across in the

scoring position over seven innings.

series, finishing the weekend with 11 RBI.

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Puzzles by Pappocom

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The Hawks hit two home runs in the second inning. The first was a two-run shot by Runey Davis with no outs in the frame and the second was a two-out homer launchedoffofHamblin's bat and over the men's dorm building that sits behind the right field

Popescu picked up his third RBI of the game with a double that brought Kreder, who had just walked, placing Howard ahead 7-1.

Collazo doubled to lead off the third and scored when Davis tripled to

left. Davis scored courtesy of a single by Joe Leftridge, making Howard's lead 9-1. Howard's final run of the regular season was appropriately scored by Popescu, who doubled with one out in the fourth

and scored on a hit by Collazo. Barnes registered the win in Game 4, pitching 4.1 innings. He allowed no runs on four hits and three walks with three strikeouts, after relieving Smith, who gave up a run on two hits and a walk, at the

start of the second inning. Hill finished the game, pitching the final 1.1 innings. He allowed just one hit and struck out

For the first time this season, the Hawks publicly displayed a great deal of emotion following their 54th win. Howard, which had wrapped up the WJCAC title weeks ago, is only the second team this decade to be ranked No. 1 in the nation in every single JUCO Division I poll of the season.

The Hawks are one-win shy of the all-time win streak mark. They could pick up that win with their first-round game at the Region V Tournament Sunday.

Smith is confident the Hawks can tie and eventu-

ally surpass that record. "The only team that can beat us is us," said Smith. "If there's a team that can take us down when we're playing our best baseball, I'd like to see it. If we go out and make a bunch of errors, then we could definitely get beaten. We know that. This

team doesn't want to lose. We have never gotten

complacent this season. Being undefeated means a

lot to us. It's been a unbelievable season, but it's

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not over vet."

Corey Goudeau, Scott Hughes (3), Nick Duncan (6), Aaron Pate (6) and Jesus Favela. Anthony Collazo, Chase Adams (6) and Miles Hamblin. W - Collazo (9-0). L - Goudeau. 2B: HC - Andrew Collazo (21), Nick Popescu (23), Hamblin (25). 3B: FPC - B.T. Milburn, Kilby Perdomo. HR: FPC - Steven Florence; HC - Caleb Nine (10), Popescu (8). RBI: FPC - Florence, Milburn 2; HC - Joe Leftridge (51), Hamblin 2 (72), Monk Kreder 2 (69), Popescu 3 (70), Nine (46), Will Calhoun (55), And. Collazo (61). SB: HC - Runey Davis 3 (34), Leftridge 2 (30). LOB: FPC 2, HC 2.

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Dylan Evans, Austin Carnahan (1), Eric Zagone (2), Jesus Favela (2) and Larry Broussard. Burch Smith, Blake Barnes (2), Hunter Hill (6) and Monk Kreder. W - Barnes (8-0). L - Evans. 2B: FPC - Regan Janda; HC - Kreder 2 (17), Nick Popescu 2 (23), Andrew Collazo (21). 3B: HC - Runey Davis (8). HR: HC - Davis (7), Bryan Johns (8), Miles Hamblin (16). RBI: HC - Davis 3 (39), Collazo (62), Popescu 3 (73), Hamblin (73), Johns (76), Leftridge (51). SB: HC - Collazo (25), Joe Leftridge (31). LOB: FPC 9, HC 6.

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football field with a few more yards of clearance all the way around. The roof was 80 feet high.

Media were restricted from the Cowboys headquarters through at least a week because of "ongoing work that is scheduled to take place in the aftermath of the accident.'

Safety Occupational and Health Administration is investigating, Irving police told The Dallas Morning News. A call to OSHA, which investigates workplace accidents, wasn't immediately returned to The Associated Press early Monday.

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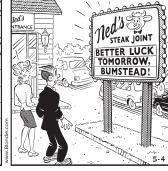
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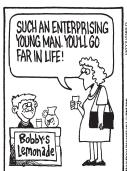


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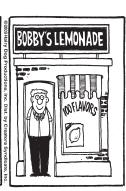




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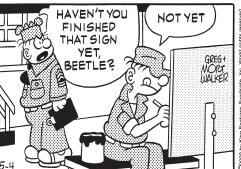


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This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 4, the 124th day of 2009. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

Fifty years ago, on May 4, 1959, the first-ever 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."

On this date:

In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island. In 1886, at Haymarket Square

in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an eight-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded. In 1904, the United States

took over construction of the Panama Canal

In 1916, responding to a demand from President

agreed to limit its submarine warfare, thereby averting a diplomatic break with Washington. (However, Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare the following year.) In 1932, mobster Al Capone,

Woodrow Wilson, Germany

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

In 1945, during World War II, German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany agreed to surrender. In 1946, a two-day riot at

Alcatraz prison in San Francisco Bay ended, the violence having claimed five lives. In 1961, a group of "Freedom

Riders" left Washington, D.C., for New Orleans to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals. In 1970, Ohio National

Guardsmen opened fire on antiwar protesters at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine oth-

In 2001, Bonny Lee Bakley, wife of actor Robert Blake, was

shot to death as she sat in a car in Los Angeles. (Blake, accused of the killing, was acquitted in a criminal trial but was found liable by a civil jury and ordered to pay damages.)

Today's Birthdays: The president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is 81. Opera singer Roberta Peters is 79. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 72. Rock musician Dick Dale is 72. Singersongwriter Nick Ashford is 67. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia (The Angels) is 65. Actor Richard Jenkins is 62. Country singer Stella Parton is 60. Actor-turned-clergyman Hilly Hicks is 59. Irish musician Darryl Hunt (The Pogues) is 59. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 58.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

65 One who's

admired

66 Not on time

fixture

69 Fencing

71 See to

weapon

70 Snow vehicles

72 Time in office

classrooms

2 Opera solos

4 Tex-Mex dips

Doo-Dah"

7 Soccer score

DOWN

1 Science

Korea

fabric

6 "Zip-

ACROSS

- 1 Scottish girl
- **5** Madly in love 9 Rotini or rigatoni 67 Playground
- 14 Carpet
- measurement
- 15 Altar vows
- 16 Moral principle
- 17 High-school
- science: Abbr.
- **18** Clutter-free
- 19 Exact copy 20 Breakfast-plate
- item
- 23 Stop-sign color
- 24 Reduce, as prices
- 25 One way to
- cook chicken 27 Wild guesses
- 30 Office crews
- **33** Light-switch settings
- **36** High-tech
- message 38 Gas-tank
- contents 39 Helicopter blade
- 41 Improve, as wine
- 42 Sauce made with basil
- 43 English
- nobleman
- **44** Sleeveless shoulder wrap
- 46 Have lunch **47** Police officer's
- badge **50** Secret agents
- **52** Not a single
- person **54** Measuring
- device **57** Gas-
- consumption
- figure: Abbr. 59 Governmentissued
- investment 63 Convertibles,

8 Up and about

- 9 Nibble like a bird 10 Pacific
- counterpart: Abbr.
- 68 Detective's lead 11 Quick temper
 - **12** Fork prong
 - **13** Scored 100 on 21 Late-blooming
 - flower 22 Phone-book
 - listings: Abbr. **26** Strongbox relative
 - 28 Sheep sounds
- 3 Capital of South 29 Sorrowful sounds
- 31 Greek cheese **5** Checked cotton 32 Vendingmachine
 - opening 33 Rocks that are mined

Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com 34 Biblical

JOIN IN by Gail Grabowski

- shipbuilder 35 Narrow neckwear **37** Jump
- 40 Toast topping 42 "Guilty" and "not guilty"
- 45 Squirmed 48 Sports setbacks **49** Genetic letters

51 Re-rent one's

- apartment 53 Kick out 55 Rant and rave
- 56 Walk in **57** Church service
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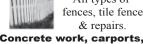
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In order to take advantage of the productive energy this Virgo moon offers, you might have to roll up your sleeves and get into something messy, either literally or figuratively.

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are worse than the actual problem. Clever fixes, speedy solutions and instant improve-



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ments abound! ARIES

(March 21-April 19). There are too many questions directed at you today and you cannot possibly answer them all. Sometimes your silence will say more than words ever could.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's rare that you will allow yourself to vent your frustration to a friend. Take advantage of the chance to unload your burden on a willing listener. Your confidante will feel accomplished in having been there for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your excitement about an upcoming event is building. In the beginning, you didn't think this was such a big deal, but you now realize how important this might be. And it will be fun to make more preparations.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be dealing with sensitive, creative types. You are required to give direction and it's a dicey proposition. There is a fine line between constructive and deflating criticism, but you'll strike the right bal-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you find that you're disappointed in your own behavior and internally chastising yourprobably did the best you could at the time. Now is a new moment and is not well spent dwelling on past mis-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be even more sensitive than usual to the energy of people you see every day. You may notice that someone is going through an emotionally intense time, either a high or a low. Reach out and share. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Someone seems interested in you, but their interest ebbs and flows. You're not sure what to make of it. It will benefit you to stop caring what this person thinks of you. Aloof equals attractive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You could be asked to make a sacrifice in the name of love. It might be a small concession, but it's the meaning of it that matters. Is it loving for the other person to ask you to do this? Consider this move carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though you are feeling independent. in order to accomplish what you want to accomplish, you really need a partner. Be choosy. Seek one whose strengths are your weaknesses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The phone will ring with calls you shouldn't answer. Your time is your most precious commodity. Your privacy is a cherished gift. Protect these assets from unwanted intru-

AQUARIUS 20-Feb. 18). There are a number of things you used to be frightened of that don't bother you in the least now. Think about all you've overcome in your lifetime and take on that monstrous issue that's on your mind.

(Feb. **PISCES** 19-March 20). Life is demanding you to do the impossible. It's as

self, consider that you though the people in charge think you're limitless. Well, maybe you're more amazing than you give yourself credit for being. When the pressure is on, you perform magic tricks.

ASTROLOGY 101: WHATISCAPRICORN LIKE?: Capricorn has a way of super-sizing whatever it focuses on. Capricorn energy is the magic ingredient that turns an inkling into a massive enterprise.

It's what makes the difference between a dime store curio and a wonder of the world, a minor talent and a superstar, or a momentary personal whim and a powerful dream for the future of mankind. Capricorn is a sign of

ambition and conscientiousness, hard work and smart moves. It's a winning energy that doesn't shy away from challenge.

In fact, the more challenging an endeavor seems, the more attractive it is to Capricorn. The sea-goat sees obstacles as gifts to help sharpen his skills and keep him strong and resourceful.

Capricorn has a reputation for being all work and no play, but this is simply untrue. Capricorn, work "is" play, which is why this sign can pull long hours and slog tirelessly through long-term and large-scale projects.

A natural leader, Capricorn keeps high the morale of his teammates by bringing enthusiasm and a cando attitude to projects. Capricorn has incredible wells of self-discipline. This sign usually ages more slowly than others and typically takes great pride in keeping up their lovely appearance.

CELEBRITY **PROFILES:** Grammy Award-winning maker Randy Travis was a celebrity guest on "American Idol" this year, helping contestants deliver an authentic performance during country music week. Taurus is the sign associated with country music because its energy is down-to-earth, rootsy and genuine. Travis has both his sun

planet Mercury in

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have a good friend, "Steve," who is a manager at a company where my husband used to work. My husband is still pretty close to a lot of the people there. Steve has access to the

property 24/7 and has been stealing cash from the company. There is absolutely no accountability in his position and plenty of ways to cover his tracks so no one will be the wiser.

My question is, should we tell the general manager what we know or just look away? It kills me that Steve is taking money and who knows what else and getting away with it, especially since he is in a management position and should know better.

If we inform the GM, should we do it anonymously by letter and let him check it out, or should we tell him in person? — Know Too Much

Dear Know: Are you 100 percent certain Steve is stealing? If so, the GM should be informed. If you are willing to risk your friendship with Steve in order to talk directly with the GM, by all means, do so. Otherwise, an anonymous letter, e-mail or phone call will alert him to the problem. After that, it's up to him.

Dear Annie: Tobacco use is the No. 1 cause of preventable death in America, yet tobacco products are exempt from basic health regulations that apply to other products we consume, such as food and

As a teen and especially as a girl, I am continuously targeted by the tobacco companies. In the past two years, the industry has launched an aggressive marketing campaign to depict cigarette smoking as feminine and fashionable, rather than the harmful and deadly addiction it is.

Cigarettes are now packed to look like perfume and as things called "purse packs." Considering lung cancer is the leading cancer killer of women, these cigarettes are putting the health of girls like my friends and me at risk.

I have never been one to just sit around and complain, so I joined the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids as a youth advocate leading the fight to reduce tobacco use and its devastating consequences.

The campaign is working to change public attitudes and policies on tobacco, prevent kids from smoking, and help young smokers to quit. Your readers can get

involved by visiting tobaccofreekids.org and learning more about FDA legislation that would regulate the manufacturing, marketing and sale of tobacco products.

They can also learn about how they can raise awareness about tobacco-related disease prevention. Thanks for your help spreading the word. Itis time to show tobacco companies they can't target women and

kids anymore. — Auriel Rolle-Polk, ageTallahassee, Fla. Dear Auriel: We

appreciate your wise words and the helpful information. It's a great website and we hope our young readers will take a look. Annie: You Dear

weren't tough enough "Concerned Mother," who worried about whether her husband's persistent verbal and physical abuse of their 5-year-old son would have any effect on his self-esteem.

With an abusive father and a clueless mother, this poor boy is lucky if he doesn't spend the rest of his life on a therapist's couch.

The father is re-enacting his own miserable childhood, and even if she could get him to a therapist, it won't change him enough to undo the damage already done. If that mother wants mentally healthy children, she should start packing all their bags now. — Been There

Dear Been There: Nothing can undo what's been done, but if Dad can learn to change his behavior (and it's possible), a healthy, intact family would be the best outcome.

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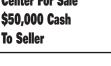
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