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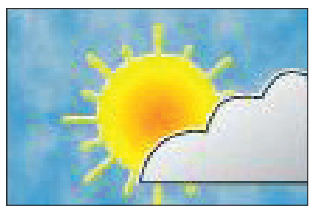
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Relay for Life is May 14-15



Survivor Committee members know the event's importance

By **NANCY KOGER**
 Special to the Herald

Survivors of cancer and their caregivers are the stars of every Relay for Life. The 2010 Relay theme is "A world with less cancer is a world with more birthdays," and the survivors will share a large birthday cake to celebrate another year of life. Those celebrants, wearing their distinctive purple shirts with the logo "Happy Birthday" is a victory song," walk or ride the Survivors' Lap, cheered on by everyone attending Relay. Then they are joined by the caregivers, those who play a large role in the lives of anyone who has had cancer.

The Survivor Committee for the Howard Glasscock Relay for Life is composed of both cancer survivors and caregivers: Marcie Lykken, Bonnie Miller, Debbye ValVerde and Koila Strickland.

Lykken had a form of breast cancer that has a high incidence of recurrence, so she underwent two mastectomies, in addition to chemotherapy treatment and radiation. Cared for and supported by friends during her treatment, she became active in the local Relay.

Spurred by the death of her pastor, Lykken instituted the HATS (Hope After the Sadness) ministry to help those who have lost their hair during treatment. She had applauded those who paced the survivor walk before; but after experiencing the disease herself, she said, "I felt an exhilaration when I stepped onto the track with all those others."

Debbye ValVerde came into first-hand contact with cancer when her dad, Tim Salazar, was stricken with pancreatic cancer. She helped care for him, seeing how difficult it was for him to ask for aid in personal

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Courtesy photo
 Survivor Committee Relay for Life 2010 members, from left, are Debbye ValVerde, Marcie Lykken, Bonnie Miller, and Koila Strickland.

Council's agenda brief, routine

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will meet Tuesday evening to discuss a rather brief agenda, with routine business topping the municipality's to-do list.

The council is expected to consider acceptance of board minutes from the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark Development Board and Howard

County Appraisal District Board of Directors, as well as approval of late homestead exemption refunds for March 2010.

Also on the agenda is consideration of vouchers from the weeks of April 15 and April 22.

The council will also hear a presentation from David Copeland concerning the comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2009 during the

meeting. The final agenda item is approval of the investment report for the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2010.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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

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Big Spring Junior High student gets third place during state science fair

Special to the Herald

SAN ANTONIO—Big Spring Junior High School student Bailey Pittman was an award winner at the ExxonMobil Texas State Science and Engineering Fair held earlier this month.

Pittman, the daughter of Paul and Wendy Pittman of Big Spring, was awarded third place in environmental management. She is the first BSJH student to place this high at the state science fair, according to Darrel Ryan, director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.

An eighth-grader, Pittman has always had an interest

in science, because this subject fits in with her goal of becoming a pediatrician when she grows up. She is very involved in her science class and has the desire to learn all that science has to offer, Ryan noted.

Her science fair project consisted of two solar ovens — one made from a shoe box and the other from a little larger box.

She had just started working on her project when the earthquake in Haiti occurred. She then decided to add information on how her solar ovens would be able to help

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Courtesy photo
 Big Spring Junior High eighth-grader Bailey Pittman finished third at the ExxonMobil Texas State Science and Engineering Fair.

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Obituaries

Lula Mae Greene

Lula Mae Greene, 88, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 24, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Dunn Cemetery at 2 p.m.

She was born June 28, 1921, in Trinidad, Colo., and married Robert Scott Greene on June 5, 1937, in Lubbock.

Lula and her husband were farmers and lived in Dunn for 30 years.

They came to Big Spring in 1998. She loved to garden and she canned fruits and vegetables and also sold eggs. She cared for her mother for many years and kept seven different foster children. Lula enjoyed cooking and hunting with her son.

She was a member of the Church of Christ and taught Sunday School from 1952 to 1995.

Survivors include husband, Robert Scott Greene of Big Spring; one son, Robert W. Greene and wife, Danielle, of Big Spring; one sister, Ruby N. Moran and husband, Jack, of Abilene; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Lula was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Olive McKinight; one sister, Bonnie Faye Brackeen; and one niece, Bonnie Ann Brackeen.

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

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Arnold Edward Parmley

Arnold Edward Parmley, 80, of Big Spring went to heaven Sunday, April 25, 2010. Graveside services will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Chaplain Walter McCall of Compass Hospice officiating.

Arnold was born Feb. 14, 1930, in Big Spring to Dr. Lee and Agnes Parmley. He was a member of a Howard County Pioneer Family. His grandparents were Henry Brown Arnold and Nora Louise Barber Arnold. His father was an early day physician in Big Spring.

Arnold grew up in Howard County and then attended Park Union Military School in Virginia and Morey Military School in Dallas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Medical Corps in Korea and Japan. He had worked as an optician in Big Spring and later worked a number of years at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Kerrville, returning to Big Spring about 10 years ago. Arnold had lived the last several years at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas Veterans Home. He was a Baptist.

Arnold is survived by his cousin, Luan Creighton Stallings and husband Louis of Big Spring, and their children, Dian and Lane Griffin of Borden County, Kyle and Jamie Stallings of Midland, Todd and Connie Stallings of Midland, and Layne and Ken Froman of Big Spring. His survivors also include several other cousins, David Arnold, Melanie Arnold Brownfield and Mary Lisa Bynum, all of Alpine.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by aunts and uncles, Charlie and Nettie Creighton, and Claude and Dorothy Arnold; and a cousin, Charles Arnold Creighton.

The family suggests memorials to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, PO Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174; or Vincent Baptist Church, 604 Bucknell Ave., Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

Sharleen Shree Moore

Sharleen Shree Moore, 48, of Big Spring died Friday, April 23, 2010, at her residence. The family will receive friends Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor William Vaughn of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born Aug. 17, 1961, to Ida Lee and Emmet Charles Moore Sr. in Beeville. She had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 30 years. She was employed for more than 25 years by Western Container.

She is survived by her mother, Ida Lee Moore of Big Spring; one brother, Emmitt Charles Moore Jr. and wife Louise of Pecos; two nieces; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins from Beeville and Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her father.

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

Brenda McCormick

Brenda McCormick, 30, of Stanton died Saturday, April 24, 2010, in Stanton. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Dorothy Coleman

Dorothy Coleman, 78, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 25, 2010, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

• WILLIAM BENERAD HUTCHESON, 28, of 1322 Harding, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and consumption of alcohol by a minor (two counts).

• RICHARD TREIGO MARTINEZ, 31, of 105 W. Eighth St., was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, operating a vehicle with an expired license plate and operating a motor vehicle with the wrong registration.

• DAVID GARZA, 46, of 511 E. 17th St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 63, of 1512 Wood St., was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of public intoxication.

• ROY GUERRERO CERVANTES JR., 30, of 409 E. Fifth St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JAMES DAVID KAMER, 25, of 1206 Silas St. in Sweetwater, was arrested Saturday on charges of failure to appear (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and operating a motor vehicle with an expired license plate.

• MARCUS HATTENBACH, 38, of 1806 E. 15th St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

In the 2200 block of Morrison Drive.

In the 200 block of N. Johnson.

In the 500 block of Highland Drive.

In the 1600 block of Owens.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 200 block of N.W. Second Street.

In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported: In the 2000 block of W. Fourth Street.

In the 900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• THEFT was reported: In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.

In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported: In the 2500 block of Langley.

In the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3900 block of W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

• JOHN MICHAEL EDMONDSON JR., 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for fraudulent use/possession of identifying information and evading arrest or detention.

• JUAN CARDONA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.

• VICTOR HERNANDEZ ZAMORA, 33, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charge of theft.

• HELEN M. ORTEGA, 52, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of theft and sex offenders duty to register life/annually.

• AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 63, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of violation of parole and public intoxication.

• JAMES KRAMER, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying an expired registration.

• MARCUS LANCE HATTENBACH, 38, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROY GUERRERO CERVANTES JR., 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• DOMINICA THACKER, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• BRITTANY CHRISTIAN, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of open container and violation of a promise to appear.

• AARON HENDERSON, 49, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.

• JONATHON LAWRENCE, 18, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• CHARLSIE JOY COLE, 18, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• DAVID ARNULFO GARZA, 46, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• PAULA RENEE ARNOLD FRIDAY, 41, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• MATTHEW THOMAS CONDE, 20, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.

• JORDAN WESTON HAMILTON, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

• MILO JOEL ROMERO, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of assault against elderly of disabled individual and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• WILLIAM BERNARD HUTCHESON, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and municipal warrants for minor consuming alcohol (two counts).

• RICHARD TRIEGO MARTINEZ, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and municipal warrants for no driver's license, displaying wrong registration on vehicle, displaying expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• SCOTT RANDALL WHITLOW, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

• JAMIE LEE ATKINSON, 41, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOSEPH ALLEN OGLETHORPE, 41, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• MARCUS LANCE HATTENBACH, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Aylsford. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. Service refused.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 846 and County Road 7. Service refused.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and Goliad. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of S. Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

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75/52 Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High around 75F.	88/62 Mainly sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	91/60 Sunny and wind. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	91/61 Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	91/64 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:27 PM

Texas At A Glance

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	73	51	pt sunny	Kingsville	83	64	cloudy
Amarillo	69	48	pt sunny	Livingston	78	48	pt sunny
Austin	77	52	pt sunny	Longview	73	47	pt sunny
Beaumont	80	53	pt sunny	Lubbock	73	50	sunny
Brownsville	85	67	pt sunny	Lufkin	78	49	pt sunny
Brownwood	77	51	pt sunny	Midland	76	55	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	81	64	cloudy	Raymondville	85	65	cloudy
Corsicana	76	49	mst sunny	Rosenberg	81	55	pt sunny
Dallas	77	50	pt sunny	San Antonio	81	57	pt sunny
Del Rio	81	60	cloudy	San Marcos	78	52	pt sunny
El Paso	77	57	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	75	48	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	73	54	pt sunny	Sweetwater	75	51	mst sunny
Gainesville	73	46	pt sunny	Tyler	74	47	pt sunny
Greenville	74	46	mst sunny	Weatherford	75	47	pt sunny
Houston	81	56	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	72	46	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	67	44	pt sunny	Minneapolis	66	43	mst sunny
Boston	54	38	rain	New York	60	43	rain
Chicago	56	36	pt sunny	Phoenix	91	64	sunny
Dallas	77	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	48	rain
Denver	68	47	sunny	Seattle	55	45	rain
Houston	81	56	pt sunny	St. Louis	66	46	rain
Los Angeles	69	56	pt sunny	Washington, DC	65	47	rain
Miami	86	67	sunny				

Moon Phases

First Apr 21
Full Apr 28
Last May 6
New May 14

RELAY

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situations. She reminded him that he had helped her in the same ways when she was a child and they could find the humor in that. He told his family, "There may not have been a cure for me, but don't ever give up hope."

Dabbye says, "That's why our family gives the Candle of Hope at the Luminaria ceremony."

His advice stood her in good stead when she discovered that she had thyroid cancer six years later. Dabbye had been on a Relay team with the hospital and her family had formed a team in her dad's name. She became a dedicated worker at Relay, doing whatever was needed,

filling luminaria bags or handing out sunscreen. Sunscreen is something Bonnie Miller hands out and speaks about to anyone who will listen. Miller, a regional Hero of Hope for 2010, was diagnosed with melanoma in 2007. "It was just a little black spot on my leg that kept changing; they did a punch biopsy, then surgery. Now I see my 'best friend,' my dermatologist, every six months."

The following year, she discovered that she had thyroid cancer and had surgery. The physicians told her that a person with melanoma has a likelihood of having another cancer, so she gets regular check-ups.

She began working in Relay as a team captain for Cornell Corrections. "When you cross that line from the sidelines and get on the track

with the other survivors, there is a cleansing feeling, knowing that everyone is there to help," she said.

Strickland, who moved back here from Florida to care for her mother Freida Grant, speaks of similar feelings as a caregiver. "Being a caregiver gives a bond that develops between you and the patient that no one else ever has," she affirms.

She went with her mother for several tests and helped her decide to take one test that would not be paid for by insurance unless cancer was detected. Strickland says that having to tell her mother that the test showed positive for cancer was the hardest thing she ever had to do. She explained, "That news seemed to take all the life out of her."

Strickland placed her

mother in hospice care, which provided Koila with a "family" of people to rely on. In fact, a week after her mother's death, Strickland had an automobile accident and called the hospice bereavement counselor.

After that she started volunteering there to keep busy. Through that avenue, she got involved in the American Cancer Society and Relay. She is currently the nutrition chair for the ACS Board and has been providing food for their meetings.

The Survivor Committee strives to keep records of all the cancer survivors within the Howard-Glasscock area to get them to participate in Relay for Life, which is scheduled this year for May 14-15. They have a purple T-shirt for each survivor; even those who have not pre-

registered may sign up at the Relay.

There will be a free dinner and birthday party for these honorees the evening of the Relay. If anyone has not been contacted, you to get on the survivor list by calling 267-2015 or 432-816-6595.

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Manuel Marty (Meme) Pineda, 65, died Monday. Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. today at Lighthouse Restoration Center located at 604 E. 13th.

Sharleen Shree Moore, 48, died Saturday. Visitation will be today from 6:30 until 7:30 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Gilbert Reyna, 77, died Saturday. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 A.M. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Arnold Parmley, 80, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

PITTMAN

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the people in Haiti cook food. She thought about how many shoe boxes filled with needed

items are sent out at Christmas to different countries from different organizations and churches and how using the boxes as solar ovens would be a great way to recycle the items.

A total of 27 students from Big Spring participated in

state science and engineering fair April 9-12 in San Antonio. These students qualified with their winning entries in the Big Spring District Science Fair and the University of Texas-Permian Basin Regional Science Fair held earlier this year.

registered may sign up at the Relay.

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Take Note

- So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's much to know and many changes from year to year. That's why the DAV offers help. The DAV Mobile Service Office will be at the Big Spring VA Medical Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to provide the best counseling and claim filing assistance available.
- The Breathing Believers team is holding a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in honor of Raelynn Lee and in memory of Casie Wood, will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Pizza Inn. The restaurant will donate 10 percent of the night's sales, plus all tips and donations.
- The Big Spring High School Class of 2012 will hold a play day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Blankenship Stadium to raise money for the prom. There will be Air Extreme sports games and a dunking booth. Cost is \$10 per person. For tickets, call Valerie at 213-8315 or Shannon at 264-3641, ext. 1416.
- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications for scholarships from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the following autumn. Students must be Howard County residents who will be enrolling for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is May 1. For more information, visit the club's Web site at <http://clubs.aggienetwork.com/howardcountyamc/webhome.htm>
- On May 22, the Howard County Road Kill Running Club (HCRK) will host the first Bob Fishback 5K fun run/walk in Comanche Trail Park. The event will start at the Alice Hayes Pavilion which is located by the Kids' Zone play area. All proceeds will be donated to the Fishback family to help pay for medical expenses. Entry fee is \$20 and there will be awards for first through third place female and male participants. You can either pre-register, or register the morning of the event. Registration will open at 6:30 a.m. You can download the flyer at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/hcrk/docs/Annual%20Bob%20Fishback.pdf>
- If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training

dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

- The Big Spring High School Class of 1975 will have its 35-year reunion June 25-26. We will also have members from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1976 joining in the fun. If you, or someone you know, is a member of any of these classes and would like to attend and join in on the fun, contact Roxie McDaniel Blair at 432-553-8551 or by e-mail at roxieblair@matthewblair.com for more details.
- Tyler Keeton/Hightower has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer). He is undergoing chemotherapy at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. He has a surgery scheduled April 20 to remove a tumor and replace part of his femur and knee. An account has been established at Citizens Federal Credit Union under the name Tyler Keeton to help with medical expenses.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help! A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- A fund has been established at Wood Forest National Bank for Jeffery Cate (Bubba). He is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and is employed at B&E Roustabout. He was in a car accident New Year's Eve and is still in a hospital in Lubbock. He had surgery to remove his spleen and has several broken bones, including one in his neck. He has also suffered some memory loss due to a bruise on one side of his brain. He has three small boys. The medical bills and family travel expenses are adding up. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.
- Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund.

Lottery

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

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:
6-1-1. Sum It Up: 8.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order:

0-5-4-5. Sum It Up: 14.

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0-9-1. Sum It Up: 10.

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OTHER VIEWS

McCain, Kyl plan for Arizona ignores very real problem

Let us be clear. We support the idea of enhanced border enforcement, but we support it as one ingredient in the recipe of comprehensive immigration reform. Enforcement only doesn't work as a national strategy to control illegal immigration.

In October 1994, we supported the launch of Operation Gatekeeper, which helped secure the California-Mexico border and bring order to the San Diego sector. But when the Clinton administration cracked down on the flow of illegal immigrants into California, it squeezed more illegal immigrants across the border into Arizona.

Those illegal immigrants might have kept right on going to points north in search of work had Arizona employers refused to hire them. That didn't happen. Cities all over the Grand Canyon State were booming, and there was a hunger for cheap labor. In fact, so many illegal immigrants wound up working and settling in Arizona that the state now has the most illegal immigrants in the country in terms of a percentage of the total population.

To reverse that trend and regain control of the Arizona-Mexico border, Republican Sens. John McCain and Jon Kyl this week channeled the spirit of Operation Gatekeeper and announced a 10-point enforcement plan aimed at the border. The Arizona senators want the Obama administration to send 3,000 additional Border Patrol agents to Arizona, deploy 3,000 National Guard troops to the border, increase funding for programs that help local law enforcement agencies fight drug and immigrant smuggling and require that anyone caught crossing the border illegally more than once serve 15 to 60 days in jail.

All this is needed, the senators said, because the federal government has failed to secure the border.

This is disappointing. McCain and Kyl know better than that. Representing a border state, they know that there is no shortage of personnel or resources on the U.S.-Mexico border. There are more than 20,000 Border Patrol agents, according to the Homeland Security. Four thousand — or 20 percent — are in Arizona. The senators should also know that it's not wise to concentrate all your focus on the border and ignore what happens in the heartland or, in this case, even just the rest of Arizona. You can have all the Border Patrol agents and National Guard troops you want on the border and, if employers are still hiring illegal immigrants in Tucson, Phoenix, Flagstaff and other cities throughout the state, illegal immigration will continue. It would have been nice to see McCain and Kyl take a hard line against employers.

Be that as it may, even if the federal government were able to seal the Arizona-Mexico border, what good would that do? It might give politicians in Arizona something to crow about for a while. But, sooner or later, the problem would return. And in the meantime, all those illegal immigrants who are now entering the United States through Arizona would just go farther down the road.

New Mexico, here they come.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

A key relationship with You, Lord, will bring pleasant surprises.

Amen

Don't let Iran be a nuclear power

While we wage war in Iraq and Afghanistan — nations that may well deserve our scorn, but countries that do not have the capacity to hurt us — the real enemy goes unchecked. Iran, a country run by an American-hating Holocaust denier, gets ever closer to having nuclear weapons while we essentially do nothing.

Not only does Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad pretty openly hate the United States, but in that country he's considered a moderate. His boss, the actual leader of the country, Ali Hoseyni Khâmene'i, dislikes America so much that in comparison he makes Osama bin Laden look like he might soften up and come over to the White House for a beer.

At least Iraq now has a government that we essentially installed as does Afghanistan. Admittedly, despite our helpful job recommendations, neither country's leader seems to actually like America, but it seems unlikely that either one would actually attack us.

Afghanistan and Iraq likely harbor terrorists who have the ability to do harm to the United

States. Unfortunately, full-scale invasions and open warfare are not only ineffective methods for rooting out these villains, our presence actually creates sympathy for the terrorists.

It's hard to bomb a secret Al Qaeda that moves every day and lacks a conventional military profile. Hiding from armies in the mountains of Afghanistan or the anonymous sands of Iraq has not proven to be difficult for terrorist leaders specifically because their lack of organization and traditional structures specifically makes them elusive.

Taking Iran out of the nuclear arms race would be relatively simple as its fairly hard to hide full-scale nuclear facilities from detection. Sure, a country might buy some black-market plutonium and build one bomb, but actually producing your own warheads requires factories that our satellites can find.

While, the administration of George W. Bush ignored Iran as a nuclear threat and President Barack Obama continues that policy, the Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, has at least tried to sound the warning. In January, he circulated a memo that appeared in press accounts this week, which stated the following:

"If Iran obtained the fissile material, designs and triggers needed for a nuclear weapon but did not assemble a bomb, Washington would be unprepared to

counter the country's emergence as a 'virtual' nuclear weapon state."

President Obama must not let Iran become a nuclear power. If that means giving them a warning and then bombing any site suspected of being part of the country's nuclear program, then so be it.

You cannot negotiate with religious fanatics and Ahmadinejad and are most Khâmene'i will not be reasonable in their handling of nuclear weapons. These are lunatics who mean to do us harm. They are not hiding their intent and they can't hide their weapons.

America must not strike maliciously or without warning, but if Iran refuses to abandon all efforts to obtain the ability to create nuclear weapons, then the U.S. military must take that option away.

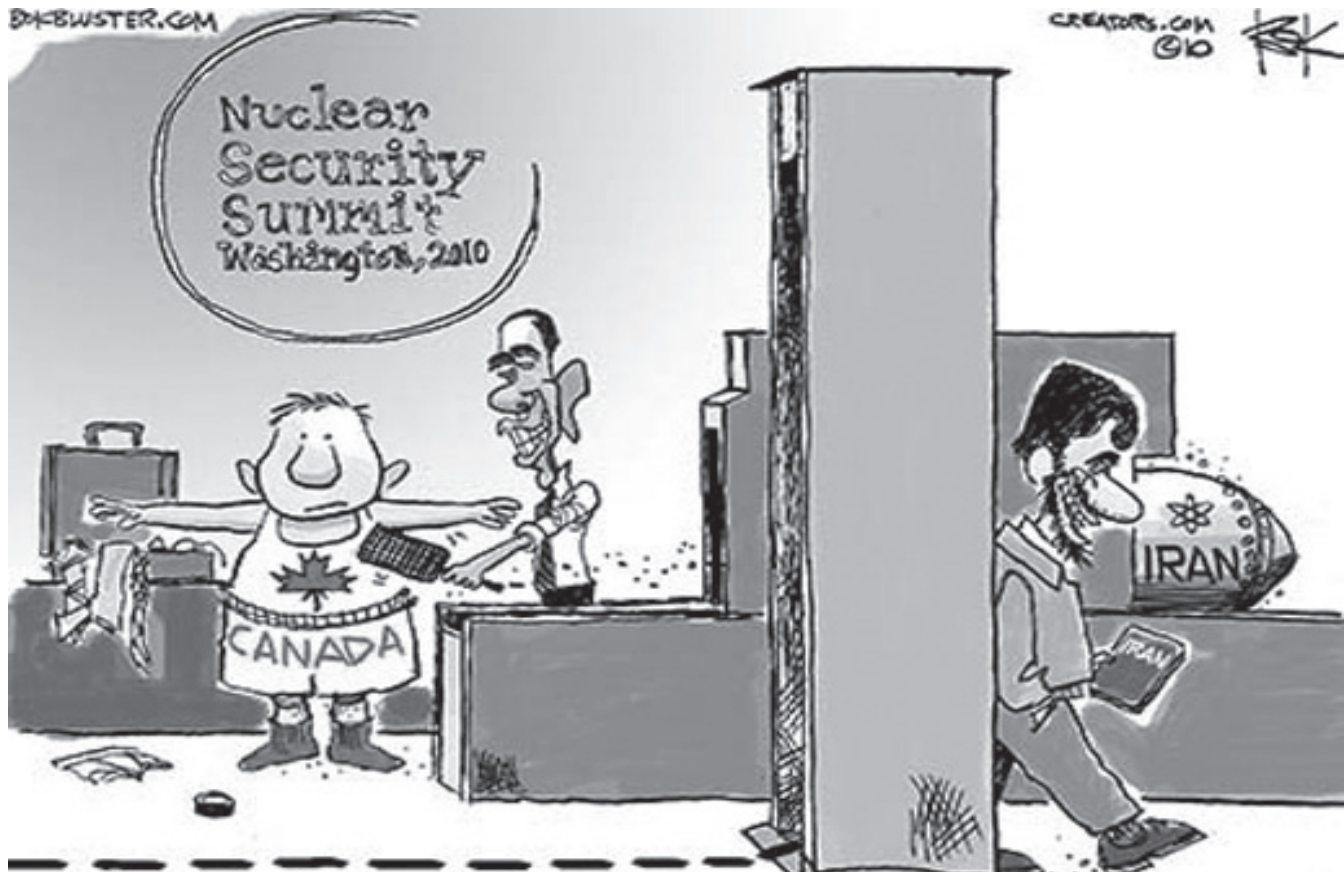
This isn't a hidden terrorist that we can't find or shadowy cells plotting evil below the radar, these are full-fledged comic book-style super villains who mean to kill us all.

Fortunately, we already have the weapons to stop them from ever harming the United States. It's unclear though if we have the courage to do what must be done.

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Give me that mountaintop view!

Do you ever feel like your life is nothing but an uphill journey? I've found that when I make such a complaint it's because I'm more focused on the climb — particularly each step I'm striving to make — rather than the broadening view surrounding me as I go up.

I had never stood on a mountaintop before my trip to Italy — much less stood on any snow-covered mountain. So when my friend suggested we take a gondola ride to the top of Italian alp, Monte Baldo, I said yes with some trepidation.

Now I realize that I took the easy and fast way up. Most mountains don't have a way to comfortably ride to their top. So I suspect mountain climbing usually involves a slow walk and a steady pace with perhaps times where crawling is even appropriate. And undoubtedly, there would be many needs to take a break and rest along the way.

I can't help but think if I had walked my way to the top of this mountain, I might have been more prepared for how I felt when I got there.

"Breathhtaking" is a good word, and it wasn't a physiological reaction to the high altitude. We trudged through the snow to Baldo's scenic point. I wanted to look down at times to make sure my feet were following the path, but it was almost impossible to not constantly look up and outward to the infinite horizon encompassing me.

I had to pause many times — not for rest — but to take in a

deep breath of appreciation for the beauty and observe the new vista I had come upon.

I had no idea there would be countless numbers of other mountaintops that would be capturing my gaze — I suspect only visible by air or on top of a neighboring mountaintop. I was surprised by the many hillside villages tucked discreetly away in between mountains. And I thought, "I never would have known they were there."

The butterflies and anxiety I felt before boarding the gondola left almost immediately as I stepped foot on the mountain. With every step, I gained an air of calm, confidence, composure, equanimity and self-assurance that I've never felt before.

I didn't need to ski or ride the snow mobile, although these would have been fun to learn and experience. It was enough — at least that day — to just be there.

I was so glad our mountaintop day was at the beginning of my Italy experience. It helped me realize what I had accomplished by making the journey. And it set the tone for the rest of my trip — dare I say, for the rest of my life.

One might think that an invitation to stay in a little Italian villa on the hillside of Lake Garda would not cause any hesitation or apprehension. But for me, it was one of the most difficult decisions of my life!

Somehow, after almost thirty years of marriage and a life devoted to the care of my husband and only child, I was feeling unsure about my purpose for the rest of my life. And I seemed to lack any independence needed to act on my own or the ability to even think about what was best for me, myself and I — as they

say.

So, to go on a trip to another country — something I had never done before — without my husband, was no small feat for me. All the days leading up to my decision felt like a steep uphill climb to be sure!

I decided to go as suddenly as the invitation came, without any reason other than the feeling that it was something that I had to do.

Standing on top of Monte Baldo brought to mind a Bible scripture: "And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo we be here, and will go up unto the place which the Lord hath promised." (Numbers 14:40)

Being on that mountaintop assured me that the Lord promises purpose for our lives throughout our lives. Our purpose doesn't reach a conclusion or diminish with age. Sometimes our journey to achieve our purpose is smooth, sometimes rugged. But it is an ascent that is doable and obtainable. And we can be certain we'll have the angels of His presence with us every step of the way.

Yes, my friends, our life journey is always uphill. We want it to be! We need it to be! As we go up, we can be guaranteed of a better and fuller point of view. And we definitely want to reach that ultimate vantage point that the top of the mountain provides.

So give me that mountaintop view! It's worth every step required to get there!

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Slugfest supreme

Hawks, Midland split Saturday doubleheader

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

To call Saturday's doubleheader between Howard College and Midland College "wild" might be putting things mildly.

For more than seven hours, Howard and Midland each turns battering each other and, at the end, the difference between the two squads could have been measured in microns. Midland held off a Howard home run barrage to take the opener, 11-10, while Howard escaped with a 13-12 victory in the error-plagued nightcap.

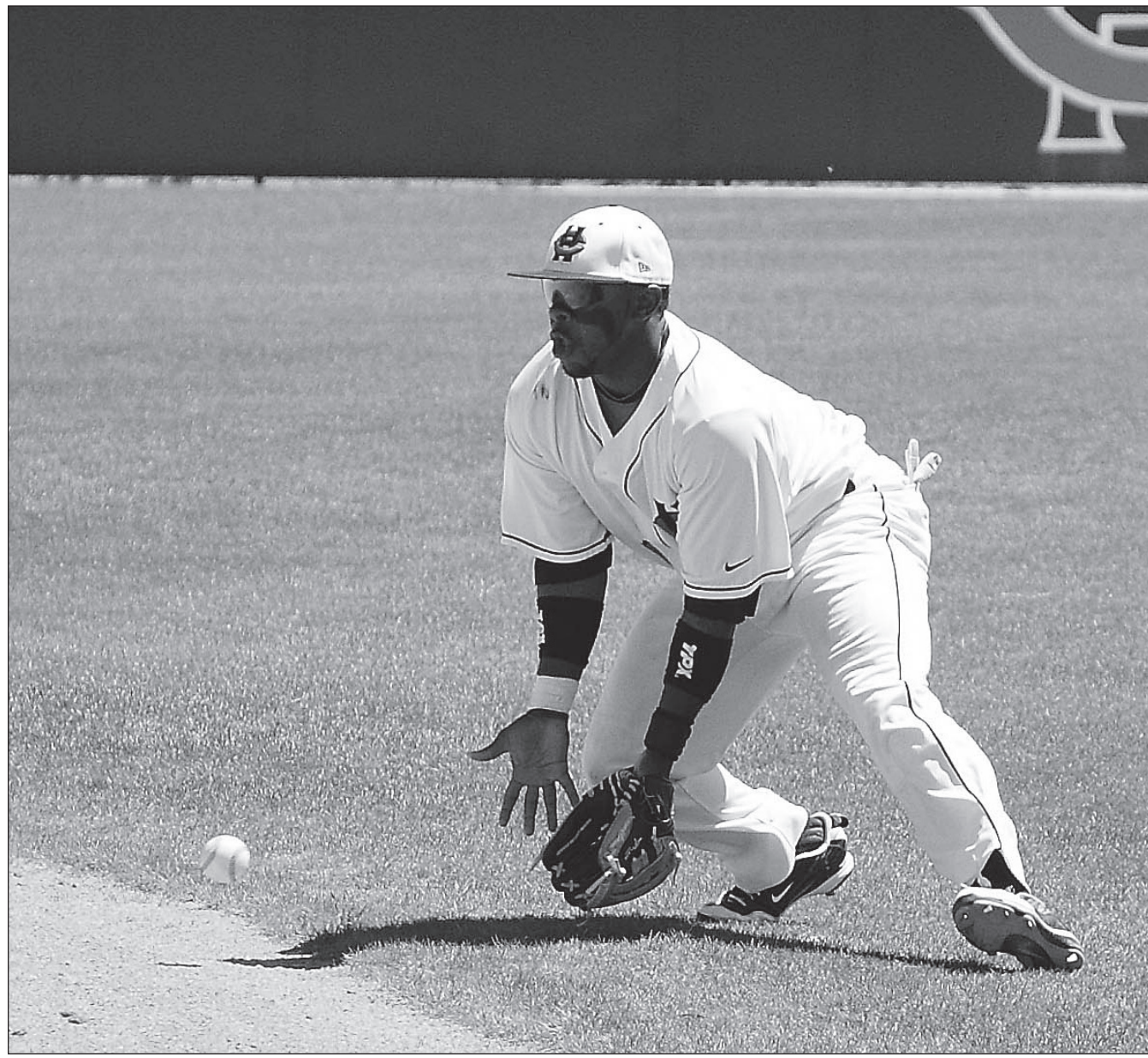
The split allowed No. 4-ranked Howard to take three wins in their four-game weekend series with Midland and improve to 36-8 overall and 21-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action. Midland now stands at 28-18-1 overall, 15-13 in WJCAC play.

Fans of offense would have loved the games. Pitching and defense aficionados, however, would have been close to despair. Coaches, on the other hand, could do little afterward but shake their heads.

"That's about as bad as we've played in the nine years I've been here, and that's frustrating," Howard Coach Britt Smith said. "You have to give Midland credit, though. They came in here with a plan, and they executed it. We easily could have lost all four games this weekend. By the same token, we could have won all four, so I should give our guys some credit, too. They competed."

**Game 1
Midland 11
Howard 10**

Midland first baseman Toby Semler was the main Hawk-killer Saturday, going 9-for-10 in the doubleheader and 4-for-5



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Howard College second baseman Marcellous Biggens fields a grounder during the first game of a doubleheader between the Hawks and Midland College Saturday at Jack Barber Field.

with two home runs in the opener.

"He needs to move on to Division I level ball," Smith said of the Hawks' main Saturday nemesis. "He's definitely got the talent."

Simler's first homer of

the game gave the Chaps a 4-0 lead in the third, a lead they stretched to as much as seven runs before the Hawks began battling back in the bottom of the fifth, thanks to a two-run homer by Joe Leftridge.

But it was in the sixth that the Hawks really put on a power display. Landon Steinhagen led off Howard's half of the inning with a solo home run to right and Anthony Calhoun followed with another solo shot to

right to make the score 9-5. Marcellous Biggens then followed up a Chase Durham single with a two-run blast to left and Leftridge added his second homer of the

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Lewis, Young lead Rangers to win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Colby Lewis needed a couple of innings to figure out that he should throw more than just his fastball.

Lewis started doing a better job of mixing his pitches after giving up four runs in the first two innings, and the Texas Rangers went on to an 8-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Sunday.

Lewis (3-0) threw 50 pitches and allowed eight baserunners in the opening two innings before settling down, getting 16 consecutive outs from the second through the seventh.

A mound visit from pitching coach Mike Maddux in the second helped convince Lewis to change his approach.

"I just kind of got out of rhythm," Lewis said. "I was using my fastball too much. (Maddux) said, 'Mix in your off-speed stuff. Don't get too comfortable with your fastball.'"

Lewis, who spent the last two seasons with Hiroshima of the

Japan's Central League, matched a career high with 10 strikeouts and allowed four runs and seven hits over 6 1-3 innings.

"Colby was outstanding," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He got off to a rough start, but he righted the ship. He was throwing his pitches a little too much over the plate. Then he got a feel for his breaking ball, and got the fastball down in the zone. He showed he can come out there and struggle, and still get it done."

Michael Young had three hits and drove in five runs, and David Murphy homered in support of Lewis.

"We needed one of our guys in the middle of that lineup to come through, and Michael did it," Washington said. "I can't say enough about what he can do in crucial situations."

Tigers rookie Austin Jackson hit his first major league homer, leading off the game with a 410-

foot shot off Lewis' 2-0 pitch that sailed onto the grass hitter's background in center field.

Ramon Santiago followed with a single, and Santiago raced home on Johnny Damon's double that stretched his hitting streak to 12 games. Don Kelly's RBI single later in the first made it 3-0.

Murphy's first homer of a season, a two-run drive in the first, got the Rangers within a run, but the Tigers moved to a 4-2 lead in the second on Santiago's RBI single.

"After the first inning, I was like 'I've got to clean things up,'" Lewis said. "Our bullpen has been run out there a lot. But the guys stepped up huge coming back with two in the first after giving up three early."

Texas answered with a four-run second as Tigers starter Rick Porcello (1-2) issued a bases-loaded walk to Elvis Andrus

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Spurs push Mavs to brink of elimination

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If Spurs coach Gregg Popovich hasn't already done so, he may want to apologize for calling his role players "dogs."

Because they put the Dallas Mavericks on the brink of elimination.

Tim Duncan had a miserable 34th birthday and Manu Ginobili looked as bad at times as his bandaged-up nose. But George Hill scored 29 points and San Antonio beat the Mavs 92-89 on Sunday night to take a 3-1 lead in their first-round series.

Popovich called out his supporting cast after losing Game 1. But it was his Big Three who had little bark in Game 4.

The Spurs have won three straight since Popovich's tongue-lashing, and they've put the Mavs on the edge of their third first-round exit in four years.

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Dallas. It could be a rough-and-tumble elimination game.

Tempers flared as the Mavs threw away a 14-point lead in the third quarter, none more so than when Eduardo Najera was ejected after hooking a hand around Ginobili's head and sending him belly flopping to the floor.

A livid Popovich leaped from his chair and began stomping toward the basket before being slowed down by his assistants. Minutes earlier, Richard Jefferson and Jason Terry had to be separated when words escalated in the third quarter.

Just more fuel on an already intense Texas rivalry.

Dallas might need to tap into that aggression to stay alive. It was three years ago that the top-seeded Mavericks were shocked in the playoffs by eighth-seeded Golden State. Dallas is now in danger of getting ousted by the No. 7 Spurs.

Only eight teams have come back from being down 3-1 in a best-of-seven series.

The Mavs can no longer count on shutting down San Antonio's Big Three as enough. Hill was 11 of 16 from the floor, while Jefferson scored 15 points and Antonio McDyess had 10.

Duncan had four points and made just 1-of-9 shots — a roaring success for Dallas, considering Duncan scored at least 25 points in the first three games. Tony Parker scored just 10 points off the bench.

Astros complete sweep of Pittsburgh

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have gone from baseball's last winless team to one of its best.

Lance Berkman hit his first home run, Carlos Lee and Pedro Feliz drove in two runs apiece and the Astros completed a three-game sweep of the Pittsburgh Pirates with a 10-3 victory on Sunday.

The Astros have won eight of 10 games after losing their first eight. A difficult early schedule was a big factor in the rough start — they faced San Francisco, Philadelphia and St. Louis in the first three series.

Houston's starting pitching has been reliable from the beginning,

but the offense is producing now that Berkman is back after missing the first two weeks with a knee injury. The Astros averaged 1.75 runs in their first eight games, and 4.6 in their last 10.

"I think we have as good a team as anybody in the National League right now," Berkman said. "But you have to be sharp when you play those teams, or you're going to get beat. We weren't sharp and we got beat. Now, we're back together, everybody's here, everybody's healthy and we're playing well. We just need to maintain it."

Brett Myers (1-1) allowed 11 singles and

struck out six in six innings and Michael Bourn tied a single-game career high with three steals.

Charlie Morton (0-4) gave up five runs and five hits in three innings for the Pirates, who've lost six in a row after a 7-5 start.

Morton has allowed 24 earned runs in 13 1-3 innings this season, but the offense was also misfiring on Sunday. The Pirates had 14 hits and stranded nine runners.

"When you get down big, it emphasizes how tough it is to score runs," Pittsburgh manager John Russell said. "We did start to swing the bat well, and I hope we can build off that.

Now, we need to be able to swing with guys in scoring position."

Garrett Jones, Ryan Doumit and Andy LaRoche singled in the second inning to give Pittsburgh a 1-0 lead. Myers then fanned Morton for his 1,000th career strikeout.

Myers didn't think the milestone was a big deal — especially since it came against a pitcher.

"I really wish it was somebody else, but oh well," Myers said. "It took a lot of guys to get there."

Berkman led off the Houston half of the second with a homer to left. It was Berkman's 314th

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Wade scores 46, Heat stay alive

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade watched the 3-pointer drop perfectly through the net, then turned upcourt and extended the fingers on his right hand.

And he screamed. "In kid-friendly terms," Wade would say later, "I was telling him he was hot."

That hand — that player — had never been hotter in a postseason game, either. And that's why Miami's season isn't over.

Playing what might have been his final game in Miami, Wade scored 46 points, 30 in the second half — both franchise records — and the Heat beat the Boston Celtics 101-92 on Sunday in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference

first-round series. He made 16-of-24 shots, 5 of 7 from 3-point range, and outscored the Celtics 19-15 in the fourth quarter.

"Phenomenal," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said.

"Greatness," offered Heat coach Erik Spoelstra.

Heat forward Quentin Richardson went even further, likening his teammate to a superhero.

"Sometimes, you know, he puts on the cape, man," Richardson said. "There's not a lot of things you can do when he's playing that way."

Boston would concur.

The Celtics still lead the best-of-seven 3-1, and get a chance to close it out in Boston on Tuesday night. But

their worst fear came true Sunday.

Miami has hope.

"They did what they were supposed to do, which is defend the home court," Celtics forward Kevin Garnett said. "And now we're thinking the same thing going back home."

Richardson scored 20 points and Michael Beasley added 15 for the Heat, who wasted an 18-point, first-half lead before digging deep to extend the season.

Leg cramps kept Wade off the court for the deciding moment of Game 3, the jumper that Pierce hit at the buzzer to give the Celtics a 100-98 win. So he spent Saturday getting his body right, chug-

ging fluids, jumping into the cold tank, hanging out in the pool with his mother Jolinda, visiting from Chicago.

On Sunday, it showed, never more than down the stretch.

He shot 5 for 6 in the fourth quarter and made all four 3-pointers, all coming in a 5-minute stretch and the last putting Miami up 93-82 with 6:12 remaining.

"I just thought, time to be aggressive," Wade said. "Very aggressive. So I was shooting all those shots, no matter what was going to happen. And I started to make a couple, so I got hot at the right time. Just wanted to will my team to this victory."

The Celtics were 6-0 against Miami this season, and had

won 14 of the last 15 between the clubs since April 2007. And yes, Boston made a big run, getting within 96-92 on a free throw by Allen with 2:36 left.

Then a funny thing happened.

Or, more precisely, three funny things.

Not only did Allen — a 91 percent foul shooter this season — miss the second, he missed two more with 1:50 left, keeping it a two-possession game.

And when Dorell Wright missed a jumper with 1:29 left, Beasley swooped in, got the rebound and scored, making it 98-92.

Exhale, Miami. The season will go until at least Tuesday.

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career home run, tying him with Reggie Smith for fifth all-time among switch hitters.

Feliz singled later in the inning, stole second and scored on J.R. Towles' single to put Houston up 2-1. The Astros stole six bases, their highest total since stealing seven in a May 2006 game against Washington.

"We're kind of work-

ing on it all the way around," Bourn said. "We're looking better out there, putting everything together and winning games."

The Astros loaded the bases with one out in the third. Bourn scored on a fielder's choice before Feliz drove a two-run single to center for a 5-1 lead. Feliz had five RBIs in the series.

Brian Bass relieved Morton for the Houston half of the fourth and walked Bourn and Jeff Keppinger with one out.

Pittsburgh's pitchers gave up eight walks.

Lee then found the gap with a liner to right-center. He slid into third, Bobby Crosby's relay throw skipped away from LaRoche and Lee was awarded home for an 8-1 lead.

The Pirates loaded the bases and added a run in the sixth, but Myers got Aki Iwamura on a groundout to end the threat.

Mills replaced Myers with Chris Sampson for the seventh. Myers threw 91 pitches and wasn't happy with the decision.

"I didn't feel like I was tired or anything like that," Myers said. "I wanted to stay in there, but it was probably a good time to get me a break there and not let me throw 100 pitches every time I go out there, and be fresh for the next one."

With the game out of hand, Mills wanted to get some of his relievers work.

"He goes, 'I'm a 120-pitch pitcher,'" Mills said. "I said, 'Well, thanks. We only need 90 today.' That didn't go over too well."

Houston scored two

runs in the seventh off left-hander Brian Burres. Tommy Manzella drove in the first with a double to right and Burres yielded a bases-loaded walk to Keppinger to make it 10-2.

Jeff Clement doubled and scored in the eighth against Tim Byrdak, the first run allowed by the Astros' bullpen in 12 1-3 innings.

NOTES: The Pirates have been outscored 55-9 during their six-game skid. ... Pence, Berkman and Manzella all accidentally threw their bats on swinging strikes. Pence also threw a bat

into the seats in Saturday's game. ... Pirates P Chris Jakubauskas was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a concussion and bruise after he was struck in the head by a line drive in Saturday's game. He was released from the hospital on Sunday. The Pirates recalled Burres and picked up Bass' contract from Triple-A Indianapolis before the game. The team also optioned right-hander Daniel McCutchen to Indianapolis and designated outfielder Brandon Jones for assignment to clear roster space for Bass.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A
♥ K J 7 4 3
♦ J 10
♣ Q 10 7 5 4

EAST
♠ K 9 7 3
♥ 10 6 5 2
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ J

SOUTH
♠ 5 4 2
♥ A Q 8
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A K 8 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1♠ 2♠ 3♠ 4♥
4♣ Pass Pass 5♣

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

There are many bidding conventions a partnership may adopt which, when the right hand comes along, can prove very effective. Consider this deal from the 1970 world team championship match between Norway and the United States.

With Norway North-South, the bidding went as shown. The two-spade bid, as played by the Norwegian pair, indicated a hand with five hearts and either five diamonds or

five clubs.

By using this convention, often called a Michaels cuebid, North was able to immediately paint a picture of his hand. South ultimately landed in five clubs, which he easily made, losing only two diamond tricks.

At the other table, with a U.S. pair now holding the North-South cards, the bidding went:
West North East South
1♠ 2♥ 2♠ 4♥
4♣ Pass Pass Dble

The Americans were not playing Michaels, so North overcalled at his first turn with two hearts. After East bid two spades, South jumped to four hearts, but he found himself faced with a difficult decision one round later when West bid four spades.

South elected to double, which did not turn out well when West lost only a spade, a heart and a club to make his contract. As a result, Norway gained 990 points on the deal, scoring 400 points at the first table and 590 points at the second table.

One can easily sympathize with the American South for choosing to double four spades instead of going on in hearts. He knew far less about North's hand than his opposite number at the first table, who had much more explicit information to lean on.

Tomorrow: You don't need a calculator.
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and Young followed with a bases-clearing double.

Porcello gave up six runs and 10 hits over four innings before he was replaced by Dontrelle Willis, who was scratched from Saturday night's start due to flulike symptoms.

Willis, who's scheduled to start again on Thursday at home against Minnesota, walked three in the fifth, and two scored on Young's single that boosted Texas' advantage to 8-4.

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game to cut Midland's lead to 9-8.

When Calhoun hit another home run in the seventh to tie the game at 9-all, it appeared that momentum was finally in Howard's corner, but the Chaps battled back in the top of the eighth, scoring two runs on a wild pitch and a RBI single by Nick Smelser.

Howard added another run in the bottom of the eighth when Patrick Palmeiro scored on a bases-loaded walk, but Midland reliever A.J. Longoria struck out

Texas' Vladimir Guerrero avoided serious injury in the fourth when he ducked out of the way of Porcello's high and inside pitch that seemed headed for Guerrero's face.

The ball struck Guerrero in the shoulder. Porcello, a 14-game winner as a rookie last season, has allowed six runs in each of his last two starts to swell his ERA to 7.91.

"I'm giving up way too many belt-high fastballs," Porcello said. "When you do that, you're gonna get hit. I've got to do a lot better job of getting the ball down. Today was a poor effort of that. I take full

responsibility." Tigers starters continue to struggle, which has overextended the bullpen.

Manager Jim Leyland said his starters must provide more innings. "It's simple," Leyland said. "This is about pitching, and right now our starting pitching has not pitched well."

NOTES: Young is the Rangers' all-time leader with 495 multihit games. ... Leyland said he would not use "under any circumstances" three members of his overworked relief corps: RHPs Joel Zumaya and Eddie Bonine and LHP Brad Thomas. "I've been around long enough to know that you've got to

protect your pitching," Leyland said. "You start using guys too much and they're gonna get hurt, you can take it to the bank." ... Detroit OF Magglio Ordonez got the day off, as did Texas OF Josh Hamilton. Hamilton started the day hitting .230 with 15 strikeouts. ... Texas C Jarrod Saltalamacchia is still having occasional trouble throwing back to the pitcher during his rehab assignment for Triple-A Oklahoma City. Saltalamacchia, on the 15-day DL with an upper back strain, experienced the same throwing problem in his two games for the Rangers at the start of the season.

Steinhagen and Calhoun with the bases loaded to secure the win.

Longoria earned the win for Midland, while Mark Roberson was tagged with the loss for Howard.

Game 2 Howard 13 Midland 12

It appeared Howard was going to drop both ends of the twinbill until the Hawks received an unwilling gift from Midland's defense in the final inning.

As they had all day, the two teams went back and forth in the nightcap, but Howard found itself on the short

end of a 12-10 score and down to its last out in the bottom of the eighth. That's when Midland outfielder Jordan Littlefield dropped a fly ball from Calhoun, allowing Leftridge and Nathan Burns to score and tie the game at 12-all.

Then, with Calhoun at third thanks to a wild pitch, Durham laced a single to right to bring home the winning run.

The late comeback made a winner out of Taylor Snodgrass, the third Howard pitcher of the game. David Walkling took the loss for Midland.

The Hawks return to action when they begin a four-game series

against Clarendon with a doubleheader beginning at noon Friday at Jack Barber field.

Game 1
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Day, Bafidis (6), Longoria (7) and Small; King, Gonzales (3), Patton (7), Barnes (7), Roberson (8) and Steinhagen; W — Longoria; L — Roberson; LOB — Midland 8, Howard 7; 2B — Midland (Whaley); HR — Midland (Whaley, Semler 2); Howard (Leftridge 2, Steinhagen, Calhoun 2, Biggens); SB — Howard (Leftridge).

Game 2
MC 030 024 03 — 12 15 3
HC 002 502 04 — 13 12 3
Posada, Valles (4), Bafidis (4), Kruckenberg (5), Stewart (6), Walkling (8) and Semler; Hahn, Scoggins (5), Snodgrass (7) and Stover; W — Snodgrass; L — Walkling; LOB — Midland 9, Howard 5; 2B — Midland (Semler, Littlefield), Howard (Sahj 2, Durham); HR — Midland (Salas), Howard (Burns).

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Saturn-Uranus opposition will be exact today, and the effects will spread like contrails in the sky through the spring and summer. This is a global aspect, but it still has to do with you personally. The things that happen at the societal level are the result of someone's personal choice — and another person's and another person's. You count.



HOLIDAY MATHS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Judgmental thinking hurts you. Whatever you think about the other person, chances are you're even harder on yourself. Negativity chips away at your personal power. Find something to like about everyone you meet.

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). You don't have to go out of your way to do something original — just do what comes naturally. You cannot help but make a unique imprint on the world. Being different isn't bad or good. It's just different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Take the high road. As you respect another person's rights and help him or her succeed, you are helping yourself, too. Your reward may not come for another two weeks, but it's still coming.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll find out what a person's expectation is and cater to that desire. Instead of treating people how you want to be treated, you treat them how they want to be treated — a most effective choice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be meeting with people for an extended time and will benefit from a little preparation. Think about your subjects. What about them piques your curi-

osity? Ask excellent questions and take interest in the answers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Nothing good ever comes from lies. You'll hear something that doesn't seem true. It's not necessary to call out the dishonesty, but do take note of it. Avoid future contact with untruthful people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're going to be busy over the next few days, and your schedule will change often. It is better not to promise anything — you'll be comfortable later if you keep your plans as loose as possible now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be a coach to someone in an area of life that has nothing to do with fitness or sports. Socrates was a coach, too, you know! You'll tap into ancient wisdom as you encourage someone toward greatness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll witness life's beautiful way of balancing things. You'll reach out to help those who are open to and want help. The others will find their own way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be gathering the information you need to make a change in your personal life. A slightly different way of being will net you the reward that eluded you before. You'll be pleased with the way things turn out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel responsible for someone. You take this person's success seriously and personally. And when this person makes a mistake, you feel you've made a mistake, too. Today will be a proud day for both of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a time for maximizing your current resources. Do what is effortless, and go where you know the greatest number of people. Small consistent efforts will pay handsome dividends.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 26). You are talented and will enjoy sharing with other talented people. June through September brings playful connections that help you push an important project forward. Invest in August. The spectacular environment in which you land in October will train your mind to see and appreciate beauty to a greater degree. Aquarius and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 5, 14, 39 and 7.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "What are astrological aspects, and how do they work?"

An "aspect" is the relative mathematical angle between two planets. One theory is that when two heavenly bodies form specific angles to each other, their combined gravitational and electromagnetic fields yield predictable forces upon each other and upon Earth and, thus, upon the humans living

here. There are four major aspects used in astrology: the conjunction, the trine, the opposition and the square. I will cover each of these major aspects separately throughout the week because each one has its own special qualities and functions. Not only do the planets make angles to each other as they travel across the sky day by day, but a snapshot of specific aspects were in place at the moment of your birth, which had an impact upon your personality. Think of it like a bottle of wine. Many factors determine the flavor and qualities of that wine: the richness of the soil, the ratio of sunshine to rain that year, etc. The same principle applies to people. The placement of the planets in relation to one another during the nine months of your fetal development had an affect on your position in the universe.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Is it unusual for a 25-year-old to not know her sexual orientation?

In her senior year in high school, our daughter told us she thought she was gay.

She then had a relationship with another girl that didn't turn out well. When she was a college sophomore, she had a long-term relationship with a guy who treated her beautifully. It was the happiest we had ever seen her.

However, that relationship broke up, too, because he wasn't the right guy for her. (We agreed.)

Since then, she has dated men who have treated her poorly and women with whom things haven't "clicked."

She told me she is not opposed to dating men as long as they are decent guys.

We will accept her for whoever she is. But tell me, Annie, isn't this kind of confusion unusual at this stage of the game? — *Confused Parent*

Dear Confused: Not necessarily. There is often a lot of experimentation at this age, and it is also possible your

daughter is simply bisexual and attracted equally to both sexes.

Her bigger problem seems to be choosing inappropriate partners, which may contribute to her vacillation about whether she's better off with men or women.

We are glad you will accept her regardless, so please allow her to sort through this on her own, and help by encouraging her to find partners who will respect her.

Dear Annie: I have always dreaded taking a bath or shower. Baths always leave me chilled, no matter how warm it is.

I dislike showers because I nearly drowned as a child and, as a result, cannot tolerate getting my head wet.

It has gotten so bad that I go for weeks without washing. Friends



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

have noticed and commented on my unpleasant body odor.

I don't want to offend them, but I cannot overcome my washing phobia.

I'd rather be dirty.

I am seeing both a psychiatrist and a

counselor, but I'm ashamed to bring this up to them. — *Need Help in the Midlands*

Dear Midlands: There are ways to shower without getting your hair wet, and chills are the reason there are bathrobes.

Your problems go much deeper. If your friends have noticed your lack of hygiene, your psychiatrist and counselor certainly have, as well.

If you are writing to us, it means you are getting ready to open up on the subject. Please don't be embarrassed to discuss it with the very people who can help you most.

And believe us, they've

heard everything.

Dear Annie: Your response to "Frustrated in Pa." was not my favorite.

He said she was more interested in sex after a night out with the girls.

Along with other advice, you gave the impression that something else might be going on.

Assuming this woman is in her 40s, she is just like me. I, too, have a tendency to be more "vibrant" after being out with the girls.

Certainly a few drinks loosens anyone up, but the time away from dishes, laundry, kids, homework, bills, etc., along with time to be myself, makes me feel younger and sexier than anything.

It is sometimes hard to be in the mood at the end of a long day. "Frustrated" is probably tired and stressed.

To insinuate that she is doing more than decompressing offends me. Instead of blaming everything on menopause, maybe you should have suggested he talk to her honestly to see how he can help put her in that relaxed mood more often. — *Glad My Hubby*

Understands

Dear Glad: We are all in favor of a girls' night out and understand how it can help relax an overworked, stressed-out wife.

That wasn't his problem. It was that the only time they had sex was after such a night out, when the wife was completely drunk and her sexual appetite was

voracious.

Your situation sounds normal. Hers does not.

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6:PM	News Ent	Jeopardy! Wheel	Mi Pecado (SS)	Two Men	News Ent	Caso Cer-rado	News Millionaire	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Van Impe Holmes	PBS News-Hour	MythBusters	The Ultimate Fighter	NBA Basketball: First-Round Playoff: Teams TBA.			Wizards of Waverly Hills	Football NFL Live	MLB Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Mets.
7:PM	Dancing With the Stars	Dancing With the Stars	Hasta que el Dinero	House	How I Met My Rules	El Clon	Chuck	Fam. Guy Upd	Antiques Roadshow	MythBusters	Movie: First Blood, Brian Dennehy	TNA Wrestling			Movie: Steppin': The Movie	Harriet the Spy: Blog Wars	E:60	Poker Stars
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DENNIS THE MENACE

"I'M NOT UP TO MY OLD TRICKS... SOME OF 'EM ARE BRAND NEW!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"You better watch it, PJ. Someday you'll be old enough to know better."

HAGAR

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS! TO WHAT DO I OWE THE HONOR OF THIS VISITATION?

I AM HAGAR THE HORRIBLE HERE TO OVERRUN YOUR CASTLE!

I RATHER DOUBT THE VALIDITY OF THAT UTTERANCE, BUT PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DISPENSE YOUR MAXIMUM EFFORT IN REGARD TO THAT ENDEAVOR, MY GOOD MAN!

HE KNOWS WE DON'T HAVE ANY LADDERS

BC

AWWW... LOOK AT HIM.

IMAGINE A LIFE SO SIMPLE THAT YOU MIGHT WRAP YOUR ENTIRE BEING INTO THE ACTIONS OF A LITTLE ROUND BALL.

AARRGGHHH!!!

PERISH THE THOUGHT.

BLONDIE

ALL I'M SAYIN' IS, I THINK IT'S PRETTY SILLY.

REALLY?

IF YOU ASK ME, I SAY FORGET IT!

THAT'S NOT VERY NICE

SO? DID YOUR NEW PENCIL-THIN MUSTACHE GET RAVE REVIEWS TODAY?

HEY! IT WAS JUST A LITTLE EXPERIMENT!

WIZARD OF ID

I'M SORRY, BUT THERE WAS ONE STAIN WE COULD NOT GET OUT

I DON'T SEE ANY STAINS

IT WAS ON THE INSIDE

AGNES

DO YOU LIKE SPRING?

WHY WOULDN'T I LIKE SPRING?

WELL... SOMETIMES THE ANGUISHED SCREAMS OF TREES AWAKENING FROM WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS THE SWEET PEACE OF DEATH KEEPS ME AWAKE AT NIGHT.

YOUR EYES ARE SORT OF BUGGING OUT AGAIN.

YOU ALWAYS MAKE ME SO GLAD I'M ANYONE BUT YOU.

HI AND LOIS

BRAP!

DITTO! IT'S NOT POLITE TO DO THAT IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE.

SORRY.

DITTO IS BURPING IN THE CLOSET.

This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 26, the 116th day of 2010. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 26, 1785, American naturalist, hunter and artist John James Audubon was born in present-day Haiti.

On this date:

In 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Va., on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.

In 1909, Abdul Hamid II was deposed as sultan of the Ottoman Empire.

In 1937, planes from Nazi Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War.

In 1945, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain (an-REE' fee-LEEP' pay-TAN'), the head of France's Vichy government during World War II, was arrested.

In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1.3 megaton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

In 1970, the Stephen Sondheim-George Furth musical "Company" opened at the Alvin Theatre in New York.

In 1980, following an unsuccessful attempt by the United States to rescue the U.S. Embassy hostages in Iran, the Tehran government announced the captives were being scattered to thwart any future rescue effort.

In 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maurice Williams is 72. Songwriter-musician Duane Eddy is 72. Singer Bobby Rydell is 68. Rock musician Gary Wright is 67. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 52. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 50. Actress Joan Chen is 49. Rock musician Chris Mars is 49. Actor-singer Michael Damian is 48. Actor Jet Li (lee) is 47. Rock musician Jimmy Stafford (Train) is 46. Actor-comedian Kevin James is 45. Actress Marianne Jean-Baptiste is 43. Country musician Joe Caverlee (Yankee Grey) is 42. Rapper T-Boz (TLC) is 40. Country musician Jay DeMarcus (Rascal Flatts) is 39. Country musician Michael Jeffers (Pinmonkey) is 38. Rock musician Jose Pasillas (Incubus) is 34. Actor Jason Earles ("Hannah Montana") is 33. Actor Tom Welling is 33. Actress Jordana Brewster is 30.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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SNUFFY SMITH

HERE'S A LIL' TIP FER YA, YOUNG FELLER--NEVER SAY, "WHO DIED AN' MADE YOU BOSS?"

TO A JUDGE !!

BEETLE BAILEY

YOU! SIT DOWN! DON'T MAKE A MOVE!!

THIS SOUNDS LIKE MY KIND OF MOVIE

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Performs in a play
- 5 Out of the office
- 9 Lean slightly
- 13 Casual talk
- 14 Ration (out)
- 15 Video's counterpart
- 16 Computer input
- 17 Sign of the future
- 18 Not correct
- 19 Lawn invader
- 21 On the ocean
- 22 Rural hotel
- 23 Feel unwell
- 24 Competes in a bee
- 28 Strong feeling of disapproval
- 33 Christmas song
- 34 Fishhook attachment
- 35 In ___ straits
- 36 Mideast native
- 37 Breadbasket items
- 38 ___ even keel
- 39 Cluttered condition
- 40 Wartime partner
- 41 Major happening
- 42 Makes believe
- 44 Salespeople
- 45 CPR specialist
- 46 Miami's state: Abbr.
- 47 Paris subway
- 50 Postal delivery, informally
- 56 In pieces

DOWN

- 2 Burn slightly
- 3 British "Bye-bye!"
- 4 Wild guess
- 5 Decks out
- 6 Female
- 7 Pub drinks
- 8 Hankerings
- 9 Soft-cooing bird
- 10 Altar vows
- 11 Toe the ___ (behave oneself)
- 12 Ancient Roman garb
- 15 Look forward to
- 20 Fish's "lung"
- 23 Picnic pests
- 24 Mischief-maker
- 25 Potato-peeling implement
- 26 Wipe away, as chalk
- 27 Badly sunburned
- 28 Uses the phone
- 29 Greasy
- 30 Coal worker
- 31 Practical joke
- 32 Campsite shelters
- 34 Not timid
- 37 Talk wildly
- 41 Israeli airline
- 43 Overdo it, on stage
- 44 Lawyer's hirer
- 46 Loses color
- 47 Grade-school subject
- 48 Blunted sword
- 49 Carton sealer
- 50 Get groceries
- 51 Playful bites
- 52 Has to
- 53 Prefix meaning "against"
- 54 Admired celebrity
- 55 Easy stride

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