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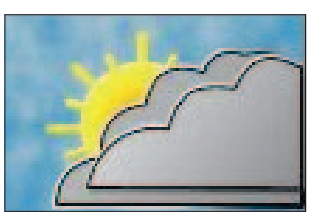
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# Festival to take flight

*Talent show, contests set at Hangar 25 all day Saturday*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Got talent? That's the question organizers with the Hangar 25 Air Museum's Big Spring Flight Festival — set for Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. — are posing to area residents, as the group prepares for a talent show that's expected to draw acts from all walks of life.

Heather Wallace, the museum's administrator, said the contest is based loosely around the television series "America's Got Talent." "It's called 'Big Spring's Got Talent.' We're going to have judges similar to the judges on the show," said Wallace. "And I really want to stress that this talent contest isn't just for children, but for people of all ages, even groups and teams. We're really hoping to draw some interesting acts, whether it's music, magic, dance or just about anything else. There's no entry fee and it's going to be a lot of fun for everyone involved."

**"And I really want to stress that this talent contest isn't just for children, but for people of all ages, even groups and teams."**



Wallace



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
**Members of the German World Hang Gliding Championship Team make their way down the steps of the Comanche Trail Amphitheater Wednesday evening during opening ceremonies for the worldwide competition. Races began today at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and are expected to continue through Aug. 19.**

Preliminary rounds for the contest are expected to begin at 9 a.m., according to Wallace, with the final round expected to take place around noon. Wallace said plans for the festival — which is being held in conjunction with the hang gliding tournament — are coming together nicely, and she's hoping to see **FESTIVAL**, Page 3A



Courtesy photo  
**U.S. Army Spc. Braden J. Long, shown with his wife, Teresa, was killed in action Saturday in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries sustained in a grenade attack.**

## Family recalls soldier as happy, determined man

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

It's difficult, if not impossible, to find a photograph of Braden J. Long in which he isn't smiling, and that's how relatives will recall the Sherman native who recently made the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Long, the son-in-law of a Big Spring couple, was recently killed while serving in Iraq.

He died Saturday afternoon in Baghdad from injuries received when his vehicle came under grenade attack, Army officials announced.

Long, the son-in-law of Robert and Mary Ford of Big Spring, was a cavalry scout assigned to 1st Squadron, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

He had been stationed in Baghdad since February and had served as a

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# Salvation Army in need of school supplies

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

As area schools prepare to welcome students for their fall semesters, the Big Spring Salvation Army is kicking its annual Back-to-School Supply Drive into high gear.

According to Salvation Army

Social Worker Paula Lafler, donations have trickled in over the last few weeks and more are certainly needed.

"It's been slow, very slow," said Lafler. "We recently purchased \$1,700 in materials, but in all honesty we're not sure how far that's going to go."

Lafler said budgetary

**How to help**  
**Bring monetary donations or school supplies to the Salvation Army office, 811 W. Fifth St.**

restraints have forced the local charity to leave backpacks off

its annual checklist this year.

"We had some backpacks left over from last year, and we will distribute those," said Lafler. "However, when those are gone, that's it. There's simply not enough funding this year for us to purchase the backpacks."

The application process and

distribution of the school supplies will be handled similar to past efforts, said Lafler.

"The last few years we've done the applications and distributions at the same time," said Lafler. "The parents come in and fill out the paperwork,

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**PROM FUNDRAISER SET**

John Wesley's Pickpocket Billiards will be the site of a fund-raiser from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday to raise money for the Big Spring High School Class of 2009 junior/senior prom.

The band "Hillbilly Freak Show," consisting of Mike Speck, Keith McGuire and Donny Green, will perform.

All money from the cover charge and pool tables that evening will be donated to the prom, organizers said.

Cover charge is \$5 per person.

For more information, contact Karen Martin at 213-1388.

John Wesley's Pickpocket Billiards is located at 102 E. Third.

**LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

The Friends of the Howard County Library are requesting donations for a book sale.

The book sale will be held Sept. 14 through Sept. 16 in the library basement.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the library. Its most recent project has been the summer reading program.

For more information on the book sale, contact the library at 264-2260.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Library should stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 annually, beginning in April.

**BLOOD DRIVING COMING**

Alon USA employees are celebrating life by sponsoring a blood drive from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 14, at their location next to I-20 and Refinery Road.

Blood donated at the Big Spring Refinery will be used to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals who are waiting for transfusions.

Donors will be entered to receive a trip for two to Las Vegas, special T-shirts and free cholesterol checks.

To sign up for an appointment, call the blood drive coordinator, Verna Davis, at 263-9392. Appointments are not necessary, but can speed up the process for those on a schedule.



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## IN BRIEF

### Lady Steer Booster Club meets Monday

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of junior high and high school Lady Steer athletes are welcome to attend.

Call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 with any questions.

### Youth soccer sign-ups begin Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will begin sign-ups at 1 p.m. Saturday at the former Athletic Supply site in the Big Spring Mall.

Boys and girls ages 4-13 can register for the upcoming season through Aug. 18. Sign-ups will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cost is \$50 and furnishes players with a jersey, shorts and socks.

Coaches are still needed and anyone interested can also sign up during registration times.

For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 264-0001.

### Steers season ticket public sales set

Big Spring High School will make 2007 Steer football season ticket available to the general public starting Wednesday. Potential buyers will have until Aug. 22 to make their purchase.

Tickets can be bought at the Athletic Training Center Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

### LULAC golf tourney for scholarship set

The League of United Latin American Citizens will host their First Annual LULAC Scholarship Golf Tournament at Big Spring Country Club Saturday.

The event will benefit a scholarship fundraiser for local high school or junior college graduates.

The format is an 18-hole 4-man scramble beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$75 per player and includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and refreshments.

Registration is due by Friday.

For entry and sponsor information, contact Anthony Mendoza at 264-0026 or e-mail him at anthonymendoza03@ya.hoo.com.

### Country club to host over-80 golf tourney

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting an over-80 scramble tournament starting at 1 p.m. Aug. 18.

The format is a 2-person team with combined ages of the teammates required to equal 80 or higher.

The tournament is to benefit the Big Spring Shrine Club and will conclude Aug. 19.

Entry fee is \$60 and includes barbecue on the course both days.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information.

# Bowen leads A's past Rangers

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Rob Bowen is with his third team this season, and he's finally getting accustomed to his new surroundings with the Oakland Athletics.

Bowen homered from both sides of the plate for his first career multihomer game and Lenny DiNardo gave up three runs over six innings as the Athletics beat the Texas Rangers 6-3 on Wednesday night.

Bowen had only 10 at-bats and four starts for the A's entering Wednesday's game, and he's

been anxious for more action.

"It feels good to get out there," Bowen said. "It's been tough moving around. I've gotten into a routine and I'm beginning to feel comfortable."

With the game tied at 3, Bowen homered leading off the seventh against reliever A.J. Murray (0-1) to break a 3-for-39 slump. It was Bowen's first homer and RBI since he was acquired by Oakland in a trade with the Chicago Cubs on July 16.

Bowen, who started the season with the San Diego Padres, added a two-run shot in the eighth off

right-hander Wes Littleton for a 6-3 lead.

It was the sixth time an Oakland player homered from both sides. Nick Swisher was the last on April 23, at Baltimore.

"Both pitches were fastballs," Bowen said. "I just tried to get into hitter's counts and got good pitches to hit."

Bowen grew up in nearby Bedford and went to Rangers games as a child before moving to Indiana. He visited his old house earlier Wednesday.

"I was a Rangers fan," he said. "I watched Nolan (Ryan) and

Pudge (Rodriguez) in the old Arlington Stadium."

Murray got the call because C.J. Wilson, the Rangers' top lefty reliever, pitched 1 1-3 innings Tuesday night. Wilson hasn't allowed a hit in his last 9 2-3 innings, but manager Ron Washington didn't want to overextend Wilson.

Murray, who gave up one run and one hit in 2-3 of an inning, said the pitch to Bowen was a mistake.

"I got behind and left a fastball

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# Bonds headlines baseball's Hall of Shame

If baseball were to create a Hall of Shame, it might be filled with higher profile names than its Hall of Fame.



JONATHAN HULL

Much of baseball's history is considered legendary to this country. It's part of the nation's backbone. No other sport has affected the conscious and heart of the American people like baseball has over history.

Unfortunately, much of baseball's greatest legacies are tainted.

The greatest record in all of sports was broken Tuesday, but for many, an asterisk will eternally hang next to it.

"This record is not tainted at all. At all. Period," Barry Bonds said following Tuesday's record-breaking performance.

Despite how Bonds might feel, all he's done is add to the controversy that surrounds some of baseball's greatest moments.

Pete Rose was perhaps the greatest singles hitter ever, but might never be in baseball's Hall of Fame because he bet on games involving his own team. Although many have drawn accustomed to his absence in Cooperstown, it still seems strange that the all-time hit king is left out of baseball's most hallowed shrine.

The summer of 1998 saw slugger Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire race toward Roger Maris' single-season home run record. They were deemed the saviors of baseball as the sport was still trying to recover its fan base following a player-strike in 1994.

Now the saviors' accomplishments are considered tainted as the great steroid cloud hovers over all that they achieved. McGwire hit 70 home runs to shatter Maris' record and Sosa

clobbered 66 over outfield fences. Yet, both will struggle to find their way into the Hall of Fame. McGwire has already been denied entry once.

Neither Big Mac or Slammin' Sammy's career is as hazy as Bonds' career is though.

Considered one of the most egocentric athletes the American sporting world has ever seen, it appears to have almost killed Bonds to see the two saviors receive most of the attention.

He was already widely considered a great all-around player and likely a first-ballot hall of famer, but the lure of the long ball captivated him. Bonds had hit more than 40 home runs in a season just three times by 2000. He proceeded to slug more than 40 homers in five straight seasons after that— including a record-breaking 73 in 2001 — at the age of 36, when most players begin to feel the decline of age.

Everyone around Bonds has been linked to steroids, but there's no clear link to the man himself. Personally, I don't think it would hurt Bonds' legacy at all if he were to admit to steroid use. It would just mean that he fits in with the rest of baseball's history. Then Bonds could be what he's always strived to be — the headliner in baseball's Hall of Shame.

It isn't like cheating in baseball is a recent development. The game has seen scandal after scandal ruin its reputation.

The 1919 Black Sox Scandal, when several members of the Chicago White Sox conspired with gamblers to throw the World Series, is the first highly publicized account. Several decades later, Rose rocked the sporting world with another betting scandal.

Keeping these guys out of the Hall of Fame has never made sense though. Baseball embraced a large part of the cheating. Owners knew that

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MCT photo/Bob Larson/Contra Costa Times

San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds celebrates home run number 756 to break Hank Aaron's home run record in the fifth inning Tuesday against the Washington Nationals at AT&T Park in San Francisco.

# Cowboys open preseason tonight against Colts



MCT photo/Khampha Bouaphanh/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) makes a pass against the Indianapolis Colts action Nov. 12, 2006. The Cowboys will face the Colts in their preseason opener at 7 p.m. tonight at Texas Stadium in Irving.

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — There are so many ways to hype the Colts-Cowboys game Thursday night.

Wade Phillips making his debut as Dallas coach against a team playing its first game since being crowned Super Bowl champions!

The Colts returning to Texas Stadium, where their bid for a perfect season ended after a 9-0 start last November!

Dallas' upstart quarterback Tony Romo vs. the standard of excellence, Indianapolis' Peyton Manning!

And how about this for a new grudge between franchises linked since the Colts beat the Cowboys with a field goal in the final seconds of Super Bowl V: Indianapolis seeking payback for the May vote that awarded the 2011 Super Bowl to Dallas' new stadi-

um instead of its own!

Alas, this is only the preseason — worse yet, the opener. Not even Fox, which will televise the game to a national audience, has enough exclamation points to make this game more meaningful than it really is. Uh, isn't.

"You do like to go down there and play well and try to put on a good performance. It just makes you feel better about yourself," Manning said. "But, ultimately, it's about doing what you have to do to get ready for the regular season."

Phillips and Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy will be far more interested in examining the bottom 30 players on their rosters than the top 30. That, plus the fear of injury, is why Romo, Manning and most known commodities will play about one quarter, if that

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## Obituaries

### Justin Michael Salazar

Justin Michael Salazar, 17, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, at the Home Hospice House of Odessa. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Norma Jean Nichols

Norma Jean Nichols, 80, of Ackerly died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, in a Big Spring nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Take Note

• **A RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER DANCE AND SILENT AUCTION** will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday at Club 432, located at 3103 S. Gregg. Music will be provided by DJ Big Roc. Cover is \$5 per person. Food, drinks and dancing will be available at the event, which is sponsored by the Yellow Dogs. Call 213-1117 for more information.

• **A FUNDRAISER FOR HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 408 NE 11th. Barbecue brisket, chicken and sausage, potato salad, beans and bread will be available for \$6.50 a plate. Also available will be chocolate cakes, lemon pie and coconut pie at \$6.25 each. Call 263-5621 for more information.

• **ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN** until 6 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 North Birdwell Lane. For more information, call 267-2203.

• **A BENEFIT DINNER FOR RAUL ROBLES** will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Thomas Parish Hall, 605 N. Main. The Menu will consist of munedo, carne guisada, asado, rice, beans and desserts.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT COSDEN CREDIT UNION** to help pay medical expenses for Raul Robles. Any assistance would be appreciated. The account is No. 761882.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF ALBERT "BERT" CARRILLO**, who was killed in a traffic accident near Ft. Stockton Saturday. The fund has been set up at the Big Spring Education Employees Credit Union to help offset burial expenses. The Credit Union is located at 1110 Benton. Call 263-8393 for more information.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN CREATED** to help Garland and Malynda Helmstetler raise the \$25,000 needed for medical treatment that the family's insurance will not cover. Malynda, director of Mobile Meals, has been diagnosed with breast cancer that cannot be treated by radiation and chemotherapy. Doctors have told the family she should begin treatment on Aug. 1 so that the cancer does not spread to other organs. Donations may be made payable to Malynda's Cancer Fund at the Federal Employees Credit Union located on FM 700.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager, or Cruz Rodriguez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. for donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

- **JOANIE LEDESMA**, 24, of 2500 Langley, was arrested Wednesday on 14 local warrants and charges of no insurance and no driver's license.
- **BILLY KIRK**, 62, of 2610 Langley, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of forgery.
- **JESUSITA M. ZAPATA**, 30, of 701 Creighton, was arrested Wednesday on a local capias warrant.
- **JAMES LESTER NEWTON**, age not provided, of 701 Creighton, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County warrant.
- **EDWIN JAMES DEAN**, 42, of 1205 Lancaster, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 200 block of Marcy.
  - in the 500 block of Lamesa.
  - in the 400 Birdwell Lane.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 1300 block of State.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT - LANGUAGE** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 800 block of 14th Street.
  - in the 3000 block of Navajo.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of N. Goliad.

## Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 50 inmates at the time of this report.
- **CRYSTAL COBLE**, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
  - **FRANCIS MAURICE OVERTON**, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping - failure to appear, bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid, bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, bondsman off bond for criminal mischief and bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
  - **SAMMY FERRELL**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
  - **XAVIER GONZALES**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
  - **NATASHA MICHELLE MORRIS**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
  - **AGUSTIN FIERRO JR.**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a parole warrant for driving under the influence.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 400 block of Owens. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported at the city park. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. Service refused.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

## Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

### TODAY

- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

### SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

### 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.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800-392-8677.

### TUESDAY

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

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

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

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-22-23-38-44-46.  
Number matching six of six: 0.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-9-14-17-29.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-5.

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RANGERS

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up," Murray said. "I tried to make a perfect pitch instead of sticking with my game plan." DiNardo (6-6) allowed eight hits, struck out four and walked three. He is 2-1 in six career appearances, three starts, against Texas with a 2.19 ERA. DiNardo needed the homer by his catcher, Bowen, to get the win.

"Rob was able to pick me up," DiNardo said. "It's the first time Rob has caught me. He did an outstanding job. Tonight was an example of what he's capable of." Alan Embree got three outs for his 14th save in 17 opportunities. Mark Ellis went 2-for-4 and is 17-for-40 against Texas this season. Brad Wilkerson homered for the Rangers, who have lost six of seven. Oakland took a 1-0 lead in the

second against Kevin Millwood when Ellis led off with a double and scored on Marco Scutaro's one-out single. Texas tied it in the second on Jason Botts' RBI single. Jack Cust's run-scoring single and Mike Piazza's RBI ground-out gave the A's a 3-1 lead in the third. The Rangers drew even in the fifth when Ian Kinsler walked and Wilkerson followed with his 17th homer. Millwood left after six innings with the game tied. He allowed

three runs and five hits, struck out six and walked four. Millwood has been slumping, losing four of his last five decisions, and he felt Wednesday night's effort was an improvement. "I feel like I made a major step today," Millwood said. "I felt I was a lot better. There were two innings when I wasn't real good but overall I felt like I gave us a chance." Notes: It was 94 degrees when the game started. ... Murray had his first major league deci-

sion. ... Adam Melhuse, normally a catcher, started at 3B for the first time as a Ranger. He has 11 career appearances at the position. Melhuse, acquired from Oakland in a trade on June 9, made a diving stop and threw out Dan Johnson in the second. ... 3B Eric Chavez visited a local doctor before the game and said he has a bulging disk in his back. Chavez, who went on the 15-day DL on Friday, said he has been advised to rest for two weeks and then be re-evaluated.

COWBOYS

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much. "We will probably have more of a mass substitution at the tail end of the first quarter," Dungy said. Still, this game will help both teams start compiling the answers to the biggest questions they face heading into this season. For Indianapolis, it's how they will replace injured defensive tackle Anthony McFarland and retired left tackle Tarik Glenn. For Dallas, it's whether Phillips and his new staff can get more out of virtually the same lineup that went 9-7 and

didn't win a playoff game for Bill Parcells last season. Although this is Phillips' 31st year in the NFL and his third stint as a head coach, he's excited about stepping onto the field, looking up at the hole in the roof knowing he's in charge. Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett likely will get a similar thrill in his first time on the Dallas sideline since he was Troy Aikman's backup in 1999. As much as the newcomers want to see their players handle live action, they'll have to balance that with revealing little about the new playbook. "I'm not for hiding everything," Phillips said. "If you don't ever

run it in the game and then all of a sudden you try during the regular season, you're not able to execute well." Ken Hamlin, signed this offseason to settle the free safety spot, likely will sit out because of a recent hit to the head. Linebacker Greg Ellis isn't back from a torn Achilles' tendon that ended his 2006 season, making room in the starting lineup for top pick Anthony Spencer. On offense, the Cowboys will be without receiver Terry Glenn and both starting tackles, Flozell Adams and Marc Colombo, all because of recent knee surgeries. Terrell Owens is expected to play despite having missed some practice earlier this week because of

back spasms. "I'm going to try to be smart about it," Owens said. Dungy said his starters likely will play 10 to 15 snaps, which means they could be done after one long drive. Exceptions may include top pick Anthony Gonzalez at receiver and second-rounder Tony Ugoh, the front-runner to inherit Glenn's starting job protecting Manning's blind side. Charlie Johnson, Ugoh's competition, will miss the game because of a hip injury. The focus is more likely to be on a defense that was high on turnover before McFarland went down. Defensive tackles Corey

Simon and Montae Reagor, cornerbacks Nick Harper and Jason David, linebacker Cato June and safety Mike Doss are all gone. Plus, safety Bob Sanders hasn't practiced because of offseason shoulder surgery. Tackle is the only spot where the replacements are still vague. Rookies Quinn Pitcock and Keyunta Dawson, who has always been an end, have been practicing there. Sanders, linebacker Keith O'Neil (sports hernia), rookie defensive back Brannon Condren (groin) and defensive end Bo Schobel (chest) won't play Thursday night because of injuries. Sack specialist Dwight Freeney

didn't know if he would be used. "When you practice, you want to play," he said. "So, hopefully, I'll get out there and do something." The teams also will have the semi-bonus of seeing how they can handle the heat. Temperatures are expected to approach 100 degrees Thursday afternoon, and the turf likely will be every bit that hot for the 7 p.m. CDT kickoff. It may take more of a toll on the Cowboys, as they've been training inside the 70-degree Alamodome, while the Colts' practice field reached 118 degrees Tuesday afternoon.

SHAME

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steroid use was increasing at a rapid rate in the late '90's, but just chose to ignore it. They helped things by juicing the balls. In previous years, the powers that be in baseball also had knowledge of pitchers altering the ball on the mound to

make it break harder. Gaylord Perry has admitted that he never threw a legal pitch in his major league career. You can find him enshrined in Cooperstown. So why keep Bonds, McGwire, Sosa, Rose and the Black Sox out of the hall? I say make a large room for all of the supposed scandalists. Separate them from the rest of the inductees if you must.

Whatever they do, baseball needs to just stop pretending that cheating is such a new development in its sport. The game wouldn't be what it is today had the rule benders never crossed the sport's threshold. Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling him at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

2007 Property Tax Rates in Glasscock County

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for Glasscock County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,457,231	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$2,457,231	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's tax base	\$678,231,060	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's total tax rate	\$.362300/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,457,231	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$773,259,400	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.317775/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.317775/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$2,457,231	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$773,259,400	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= This year's effective rate	\$.317775/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.343197/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.343197/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.343197/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Glasscock County adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.317775 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$2766.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$1,500,000

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Glasscock County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office. Name of person preparing this notice Royce Pruitt Title Glasscock County Tax Assessor/Collector Date prepared August 6, 2007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Forsan Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on August 20, 2007, in the Forsan High School Board Room, 411 W. 6th Street, Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.0400 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.1181 / \$100 (Proposed rate for bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	5.23% increase
Debt Service	0.03% increase
Total Expenditures	5.26% increase

Total Appraised Value and total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value *of all property	\$397,259,716	\$464,303,491
Total appraised value *of new property**	\$235,098	\$2,310,113
Total taxable value***of all property	\$348,081,738	\$392,464,587
Total taxable value***of new property**	\$163,420	\$1,974,765

\*\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\*  
\*Outstanding principal \$4,540,000

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	1.37000	0.13000	1.50000	7683	1818
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operators Revenue & Pay Debt Service	1.04351	0.11811	1.16162	6801	3045
Proposed Rate	1.0400	0.11810	1.15810	6802	2918

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$42,025	\$55,143
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$18,620	\$29,115
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$.150	\$.116
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$279.20	\$337.73
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$58.43

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.15810. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.15810.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$3,757,067
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$31,161

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**Garage Sales**

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**Legals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Howard County Auditor will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 24, 2007, for prescription medicine and services for the County Indigent Health Care Program, County Welfare, Howard County Jail and the Howard County Juvenile Probation Office. Specifications may be obtained at the County Indigent Health Care Office, located at the Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Room #310, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court for their consideration on August 27, 2007 for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson, County Auditor #5457 August 9 & 17, 2007.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Like your favorite motivational speaker, Mercury and Jupiter in fiery Leo and Sagittarius are big talkers with big promises, their irrepressible optimism convincing you they have the tools to



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deliver — and they do. A little exploration yields more possibilities for the future, far vaster than you'd imagined. So go ahead and believe the hype.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The planets encourage you to stretch your powers of imagination, observation and memory. You may not need to exercise these powers in order to get by, but in order to thrive, you've got to work them.

TAURUS (April 20-May

20). You're trying to learn from the master, but the best way to learn is to do it yourself. A demonstration will bore you to sleep. Get your hands on your subject of interest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Untried territory is your favorite, and here you go again. You're working without knowing what the end result is supposed to look like. This is how genius is born.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're seeing the world through cockeyed lenses, but at least you're being true to your vision. Your particular eccentricities are irresistible to someone who can, in some small way, relate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Contrary to what some of your loved ones think, living exactly the way you want to live isn't selfish. And you wouldn't dream of making them live like you. To each his own is your motto.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's getting a little quiet in your neck of the woods. It almost makes you long for the days when you were talked about. Alas, one phone call tonight puts you right back into the mix.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want things that are so unnecessary — that, it turns out, is the beauty of it. If you wanted only practical things, you'd be so boring to yourself. A Pisces person finds you irresistible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The intent of borrowing is to give it back. If someone isn't "giving it back," this person isn't a borrower, but a thief. So speak up. Offer your offender a chance to make amends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'd rather be left out than trapped. Flee quickly from stifling institutions and people. Your escapist fantasy provides not only respite, but inspiration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). It's in the transitional moments — waiting in line, in traffic or between appointments — that you connect with the greatness of this day. Absorb the gorgeous colors of your life, wild and varied.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When things go all wrong, don't assume you deserve it and accept the knock. Figure out what's really going on. Karma is about lessons you need to learn, not about punishment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Consider this radical idea: Take care of yourself before attending to other people's demands. The result from putting yourself first is equally radical — a fulfilled heart.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My birthday is July 24, 1967. I've lived in Los Angeles for almost 10 years. I moved here to pursue a career in acting, for which I had studied at a renowned university in

New York. I did some work, but L.A. was full of disappointments.

Recently my mother became very ill in Florida and needs someone to care for her. I've decided to leave L.A. and go care for my mom. We come from a very dysfunctional family. I fear going to Florida, although I am relieved to leave L.A. I don't know exactly what I'll be doing with my life, although in my heart I know that one day I'd like to return to N.Y. What do you see for me? I'm clearly at a turning point."

Have confidence that you're making the right decision for the right you, right now. Not forever. Help your mother, but stay clear on your personal boundaries. This is a huge crossroads for you, one that will give you the time and space to consider your next move. You're impatient to hightail it out of L.A., and quick. But you'll be in "Never-Never thought

I would land here" Land by September.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: With that world-recognized voice, Whitney Houston's record sales are second only to another Leo diva, Madonna. So what's troubling Houston? Neptune and Saturn have been hanging around an already difficult relationship between the sun, Neptune and Saturn in her chart. Houston will want to take control of her image this year. Aligning herself with only mature, accountable friends would help.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I haven't been able to speak to my parents for many years because my daughter was abused by my father. My father had molested me when I was young. I told my mother, but she didn't believe me and said I was just making it up to hurt her. It went on until I was old enough to put a stop to it on my own.

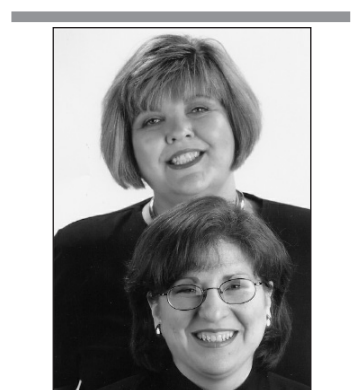
I never allowed my children to be alone with my father. I thought that was enough protection, but when my 9-year-old daughter needed to see a therapist, she told him my father had been touching her. The therapist went to child protective services, and everything came out about what my father had done to me. My daughter and I had to testify in court. Dad initially denied the charges, and my mom and sister stood by him and hated us for what we were doing. Dad eventually pleaded no contest, got probation and now has to register as a sex offender.

It has been four years since I have spoken to any of them, although I send cards every Mother's Day because I miss my mom so much. A year ago, my sister contacted me to say I've treated my parents badly and my dad is dying because of me. She said Mom is upset because I never inquire about Dad when I send cards.

My husband's family lives in the same city as my parents, and we are thinking of moving back so we can be closer to them. But it scares me to be in the same town as my parents. I have finally got past my crying fits, but there are days I don't do so well. Am I wrong? Should I be doing anything else? — California

Dear California: It is a parent's primary job to protect his or her children. Your mother, when told about the abuse, made no effort to help and still blames you for what your father did. If Dad has expressed remorse, it is OK to inquire about him if you feel it would help you reconcile with Mom. However, because Mom still refuses to take responsibility for abetting the abuse, a better relationship may not be possible. Our hearts go out to you.

Dear Annie: I was diagnosed with genital herpes at the age of 20, after dating my boyfriend for over a year. (He cheated on me.) I was a



KATHY MITCHELL  
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virgin until I met him. At the time, I was scared and depressed and thought my love life was over. I am now 45 and have come to realize that herpes is not the end of the world. I have been married and have healthy children. I've never had a man walk away after telling him I have this virus.

I am now divorced and dating again. It is nerve-racking to think about telling men I have this virus. Can you please inform the public that people don't need to freak out about herpes? In fact, one out of five people is now carrying the virus, and most don't even know it. — Appleton, Wis., Reader

Dear Appleton: Herpes is common enough these days, and treatable, so it should not be a major barrier to a relationship. You don't need to tell a new boyfriend about the virus until you intend to become intimate. For those who want more information on herpes, or on breaking the news to others, contact the American Social Health Association at ashastd.org, or call their hotline at 1-800-227-8922.

Dear Annie: May I say something about women with decreased libidos? Sometimes, birth control pills can cause this problem.

Although it may take a while to find a pill that works, they should talk to their gynecologist about their concerns and ask that they be switched to a different brand. — Problem Fixed in Nevada

Dear Nevada: Thanks for the warning. If anyone thinks this could be her problem, please see your doctor immediately. Dear Annie: I am a 15-year-old girl whose mother has left her behind for a new boyfriend. Mom met "Hayden" about six weeks ago, and ever since, she spends all her days off with him, at his house, which is an hour

away. Sometimes she'll come home late, or not at all.

I recently wanted to have a day alone with Mom, but she said no, she was busy with Hayden. Mom has been through two divorces. The current one isn't final yet, and she's already out there. I worry she's going to get hurt again, and I've told her, but she says I shouldn't worry because she can handle herself.

I am very stressed and don't know what to do. I know I can be out of the house in a few years, but I need to trust my mom, and most of all, I need to

be able to relax. — Anxious in Arizona

Dear Anxious: We think your mom is a little anxious, too. Some women are afraid to be alone and judge their worth by whether or not they have a boyfriend. It would be a good idea for your mother to take some time and work on herself and her choices before embarking on any new relationships. She also should not be neglecting her daughter. However, you cannot force her to behave in a more responsible manner. Is there a trusted adult you can talk to about this — perhaps your father, or

one of your grandparents, aunts, uncles or family friends? You need someone to intercede with your mother and speak up on your behalf.

Dear Annie: How can I help a friend who has a sexual addiction? Please give me the name of an agency that will do something. I'm afraid she will end up dead on a country road somewhere. — Befuddled in Texas

Dear Befuddled: You do realize that your friend has to admit she wants help. Most sexual addictions are connected to other underlying problems, such as stress and depression. If your

friend is willing to seek help, suggest she contact Sex Addicts Anonymous (saa-recovery.org) at 1-800-477-8191.

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**News briefs**

**Rescuers get two-thirds of the way to trapped Utah miners by boring through rock**

HUNTINGTON, Utah (AP) — Rescue crews drilling into a mountain to bring air and food to six trapped miners were two-thirds of the way to their target with one of two holes late Wednesday, officials said.

A 2 1/2-inch hole was drilled to 1,000 feet by 11:30 p.m. MDT, said Lane Adair, general manager of the Crandall Mine, where the men were caught in a collapse early Monday.

The miners were believed to be in an area 1,500 feet below ground, according to Bob Murray, chairman of Murray Energy Corp., part-owner of the mine.

The smaller hole is intended to ferry a communications line into the shaft. There has been no contact with the miners, and it's not known if they survived the collapse, which was so powerful that it rained rock and blew apart the ventilation system.

Rescuers have drilled the smaller hole at a rate of 60 feet per hour but that pace likely will slow. Still, the company predicted both holes could be finished in 48 hours or less.

**Endeavour heads for international space station carrying teacher-astronaut**

HOUSTON (AP) — After Endeavour launched into the clear blue sky and reached orbit with teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan aboard, Mission Control announced that class was in session.

Morgan, zooming with the other crew members toward the international space station, was finally fulfilling the space program's quest to send an educator into space — a dream that could have died in 1986 with the Challenger explosion that killed teacher Christa McAuliffe and six astronauts.

Once Endeavour was safely past the 73-second mark of the flight, the moment when Challenger exploded, Mission Control exclaimed that Morgan — McAuliffe's backup for Challenger — was "racing toward space on the wings of a legacy."

Immediately after the shuttle reached orbit, Mission Control announced: "For Barbara Morgan and her crewmates, class is in session."

Endeavour was scheduled to dock with the space station on Friday afternoon, after astronauts spend a day checking for possible damage from debris shaken loose during Wednesday's launch.

**Pakistan government may declare state of emergency over mounting threats**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Legal experts and security officials met with Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf Thursday, as the government weighed whether to invoke a state of emergency for what it said were mounting "external and internal" threats, officials said.

Tariq Azim, minister of state for information, said talk from the United States about the possibility of

U.S. military action against al-Qaida in Pakistan "has started alarm bells ringing and has upset the Pakistani public." He mentioned Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama by name as an example of someone who made such comments, saying his recent remarks were one reason the government was debating a state of emergency.

But it appeared the motivation for an emergency declaration was domestic political woes of Musharraf, a key ally in the U.S. war on terrorism.

His popularity has dwindled and his standing has been badly shaken by a failed bid to oust the country's chief justice, Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry — an independent-minded judge likely to rule on expected legal challenges to Musharraf's bid to seek a new five-year presidential term.

**New York City storm leaves mess**

NEW YORK (AP) — All it took was about three inches of rain in three hours to bring the nation's largest mass transit system to its knees.

Subway tracks were swamped, buses were overwhelmed and commuter trains were held up for hours because of flooding Wednesday. Some roads became waterways, and one woman was killed in a car accident during the storm.

The weather also created problems for the region's airports, where delays of up to an hour were reported, and thousands of people throughout the region lost electricity for part of the day.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
**David Glover, coordinator for the World Hang Gliding Championships, introduces the teams competing in the tournament during opening ceremonies at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater Wednesday evening.**

**FESTIVAL**

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ing the event will be able to dodge some of the pitfalls it ran into in 2006.

"Last year, the flight festival took place during the state's tax-free weekend," said Wallace, referring to the statewide suspension of sales tax on back-to-school items. "And I think that may have hindered us to a certain degree. It also rained last year, so we're really hoping for better conditions this year."

"We have so many events and contests planned for the festival it's hard to keep up with all of them," she said with a laugh. "We have a dog and master look-alike contest set for 10:30 a.m., a peanut spitting contest at 1 p.m. and a bug race at 2 p.m."

"At 3 p.m. there will be a horseshoe pitching contest and an ugliest dog contest at 4 p.m. Then, at 5 p.m., we'll hold a pepper eating contest."

In addition to enjoying classic cars, motorcycles and model aircraft — not to

mention a plethora of vendors from all over the Permian Basin and beyond — residents planning to attend will also have the chance to support a new project for the facility, according to Wallace.

"On the mezzanine, during the hottest part of the day, the temperature can get as high as 123 degrees," said Wallace. "We've already seen significant damage to some parts of our collection because of the heat and ultraviolet rays. We need solar blinds for the museum, but it would cost approximately \$20,000 to get them."

"We received funding from the Permian Basin Area Foundation for \$5,000, so we have to raise the remaining \$15,000. We'll have T-shirts and ball caps for sale during the festival, and all of those sales will go toward the purchase of the solar blinds."

For more information on the festival or the museum, call 264-1999.

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**SOLDIER**

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gunner on a Humvee armored vehicle.

Long was remembered as a cheerful young man by relatives.

"He was always happy, always smiling and he was a very loving person," said his mother-in-law, Mary Ford.

That cheerfulness, however, masked a strong sense of determination, said his wife, Teresa, who was staying with her parents while Long was overseas.

"He had a can-do attitude," she said. "He was always nice to everybody, and he never said he

couldn't do something. If he could do something, he did it."

Long met his future wife while both were students at Sherman High School. They were married Nov. 4, 2005, and were living in Fort Riley, Kan., at the time of his deployment to Iraq.

"I met him Aug. 18, 2004," Teresa said. "The first day of school, I heard about him. The second day of school, I saw him. The third day of school, I met him, and the fourth day of school, I started dating him."

Funeral services will be held at a later date in Sherman.

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**SUPPLIES**

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and if they are eligible, they can pick up the supplies right then. It makes it easier to keep up with our supply, and it makes it easier on them because they don't have to make a second trip to the office.

"We'll be taking applications and distributing the supplies beginning Monday, and continuing through Wednesday, Aug. 15. We'll be doing this between 9 a.m. and noon, and pick up after lunch from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. each day."

Capt. Russ Keeney said the program has been such a success over the years because of commu-

nity support, and there are two ways for area residents to help.

"If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money," said Keeney. "The Salvation Army is tax exempt, so we don't have to pay the taxes on them. But if they prefer to purchase the supplies and bring them to us, it's fine as well. If they make a monetary donation, they also need to earmark it for the back-to-school supplies."

Keeney said applying for assistance through the program is simple.

"We need people who are coming in to apply to bring a birth certificate or

Medicaid card for each child," said Keeney. "We also need to know what school the child is going to and what grade they will be in. Also bring proof of income and expenses, and a picture ID for the person applying for the program."

Keeney said the program, which provides back to school basics such as paper, notebooks and pencils, is one of the most important things he and his staff does each year.

"It's an investment in our future, and the future of Big Spring," said Keeney. "Next to our

Christmas program, I see this as the most important thing we do each year. This gives our kids the basis on which to go back to school. We want everyone to go back to school with new equipment. We don't give away anything that's used."

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## OUR VIEWS

# Airpark will be the place to be this Saturday

Looking for something different to do this weekend? Well, Hangar 25 Air Museum officials have just the ticket. They will be celebrating flight in conjunction with the FIA World Hang Gliding Championships by offering Big Spring residents the second annual Big Spring Flight Festival.

While the Hangar 25 event isn't an official part of the championship flights, Museum Administrator Heather Wallace said the festival will once again offer area residents a different way to enjoy the competition.

"We wanted to do something that would give the spectators a little more than just watching the gliders take off," said Wallace. "We hope this will help them appreciate flight and everything that goes into it."

As a result, there are a number of events planned, including contests, game booths and plenty of food.

Vendor booths — more than 20 of them — will be offering festival-goers all sorts of food and entertainment, including carnival games for both children and adults.

A talent contest, based loosely around the television series "America's Got Talent," is scheduled. There will also be a dog and master look-alike contest that should provide plenty of laughs for everyone.

Add to those contests a peanut spitting contest, a bug race, horseshoe pitching contest, a pepper eating contest and an ugly dog contest, and there's not much doubt there's going to be something for everyone.

And yes, the classic cars, motorcycles and model aircraft will be on display.

Don't forget that proceeds from the festival will help museum officials raise the \$15,000 they need to make improvements that will safeguard some of the museum's displays.

It just sounds like a lot of fun.

In fact, we're betting it will be. So pack up the family Saturday and head out to Hangar 25 at the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

We hope to see you there.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*Even when we are slow getting going, Lord, You love us.  
Amen*

# Social liberals long shots in GOP

For the longest time I have believed — and continue to believe — Republicans will not nominate a social liberal as their presidential candidate, but even more so that if they do, they will severely handicap themselves in the general election.

The Washington Times reports that some Republican Party officials are concerned their party is drifting away from social conservatism in anticipation of the 2008 election. One RNC member said, in effect, that it would be electoral suicide for the GOP to nominate a pro-choice and pro-homosexual marriage presidential candidate.

Another member (not surprisingly, from the Northeast), said the party is drifting away from social conservatism but seemed to be pleased with the development. Robert Manning said, "There's an awareness among the national committee that the issues which are of dominant importance to a broad section of voters are tending toward national security and economics and less the social-religious issues that were dominant in prior campaigns."

But Manning's money quote was, "If the party has its headlights on, it responds to issues that concern a majority of voters. That's how you craft successful platforms, and that's what candidates build successful candidacies around."

Manning, like most GOP "moderates," is promoting the exact wrong formula for GOP electoral success.

A vibrant, contagious, successful GOP is not reactive, as Manning suggests, nor a dog that allows itself to be wagged by its tail.

Moderate and liberal Republicans have long argued that the key to GOP success is to

"moderate" its positions, which means adopting social liberalism to appeal to the so-called broad center.

But the most successful Republican coalition in ages was that built by Ronald Reagan, a proactive, unapologetic economic, social and foreign policy conservative. He did not build his coalition by diluting his principles, but by articulating them without compromise or filter.

For those who might have forgotten, the mainstream media, which was immeasurably more powerful at the time of Reagan's rise, tagged Reagan as a dangerous extremist. They said his tax-cutting policies would bankrupt America, his social policies would send women to the back allies for abortions, and he would ignite World War III with the Soviet Union.

The GOP social liberal who urges the party leftward in the name of sound strategic analysis is allowing his own policy preferences to skew his thinking. For if he truly understood history or the pulse of the conservative movement that still drives the GOP, he would see the folly of his prescriptions for the party.

Those GOP "moderates" can't seem to get past their own belief that pro-life conservatives are indeed extreme and so assume it will be easy for Democrats to paint them as such in the election. But most Americans are less likely to view those defending innocent life as extreme than those defending its extermination in the name of women's rights. They are less apt to consider the championship of traditional marriage as extreme than forcing society to sanction, even celebrate homosexual unions.

Interestingly, Democrats instinctively understand the awesome power of social conservatives — they call them values voters. That's why for the last three or

four years we've seen stories every other month or so about the Democrats' "new" efforts to woo values voters. That's also among the reasons those same Democrats have made such a concerted effort to shut out Christian conservatives from the public square under the cover of a church-state separation crusade.

No matter what the polls now show, I believe social liberals like Rudy Giuliani are long shots for the GOP nomination. Even promises to appoint originalist judges won't likely mollify the conservative base, because if you are pro-choice, it's doubtful you strongly believe Roe v. Wade was wrongly decided or that you'll be passionate about overturning it. You'll also be less inclined to disagree with the left's expansive view of the Establishment Clause that effectively suppresses religious liberty in the name of protecting it.

Much of Mitt Romney's difficulties with the base can be traced to its unease with his flip-flop on the life issue.

It's not that the base is unforgiving concerning his past views, but that it is not sure his "conversion" is authentic. With the base, trust is as important as the underlying issues.

I admit I'm less certain than I was before 9/11 that it would be virtually impossible for a social liberal to capture the GOP nomination. But "virtually impossible" has only been upgraded to "highly unlikely."

To argue it's more important to have a strong leader in the war on terror than one who will stand up for traditional values is to present a false choice.

There are a number of capable, credible and electable candidates out there who are "right" across the spectrum.

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# The problem with catfights

Nothing like a good catfight, don't you think?

Mary Mapes, the onestars CBS producer who got taken by an unreliable source selling phony documents about George W. Bush's service record, is making her comeback by trashing Katie Couric. Mapes has a book out and is trying to promote it, which is fair enough, but why do it on Katie Couric's back? Piling on to the week of Couric-trashing, Mapes described Couric as "someone who looks like they've been kidnapped and drugged and are making a hostage tape. It has nothing to do with her being a male or female, it's just not comfortable to watch."

Then there's Cindy Sheehan, who lost her son in Iraq, for which she deserves our sympathy. She recently announced her retirement from politics, only to now decide that she's back — this time attacking not George Bush, who is running the war, but Nancy Pelosi, who is trying to stop it. Ms. Sheehan has vowed to run against Pelosi for Congress unless Pelosi files articles of impeachment against the president — as if that would stop the war. Would Cindy really prefer President Cheney, or is she planning to impeach him, too?

And then there's Elizabeth Edwards, whose courage and tenacity I greatly admire, but whose efforts to bolster her husband's campaign by moving from Ann Coulter to Hillary Clinton raise serious questions of judgment. A headline in a recent Drudge Report was the classic stuff of Edwards: "GENDER BENDER: WIFE EDWARDS SAYS

HILLARY 'BEHAVES LIKE A MAN.'" In fairness to Mrs. Edwards, the context made it a little less vicious. Discussing what it's like to be the only woman in the room, an experience she says she had as a young lawyer, she told Salon:

"[S]ometimes you feel you have to behave as a man and not talk about women's issues. I'm sympathetic — she wants to be commander in chief. But she's just not as vocal a women's advocate as I want to see. John is. And then she says, or maybe her supporters say, 'Support me because I'm a woman,' and I want to say to her, 'Well, then support me because I'm a woman.' The question is, what does her campaign tell you about how she'll govern? And I'm not convinced she'd be as good an advocate for women."

This is not the first time Mrs. Edwards has criticized Hillary. In comments that made headlines last year (for which she later apologized, but which the magazine insisted were accurately quoted) Mrs. Edwards, while promoting her book, said of Hillary: Clinton "and I are from the same generation. We both went to law school and married other lawyers, but after that we made other choices. I think my choices have made me happier. I think I'm more joyful than she is."

Say what you will about Hillary Clinton, but no one I know — during her days in Arkansas and in the White House, in her Senate office and in this campaign — has been as committed to hiring and promoting women to top positions, to speaking out on issues of equality, children's rights, education, legal representation for women, the whole shebang, as Hillary Clinton. It's one of the reasons people don't like her. Her comment that abortion should be "safe, legal and rare," which Mrs.

Edwards singled out for special criticism, is the position of everyone I know in the pro-choice movement, which I've been part of for more years than I care to count.

But catfights aren't about the merits. They are about the spectacle of women attacking each other, particularly when the woman being attacked is trying to shatter a glass ceiling or a cement wall. What Katie Couric, Nancy Pelosi and Hillary Clinton have in common is that each is the first to be doing what they're doing. Katie is the first woman to solo in a network anchor chair. Nancy Pelosi is the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House. Hillary Clinton is the first woman to mount a serious, credible, front-running campaign for the presidency, the first woman who has ever had a chance of actually winning.

I'm not saying women have to support other women, no matter what they say or do. I've taken on Ann Coulter myself, many times, although I'm not sure if that counts given her claims to be "more of a man than any liberal." I support Hillary Clinton, not only because she's a woman, but also because I believe she's the best candidate. If you disagree with her on the merits, of course you shouldn't vote for her.

But make no mistake. More is involved in the efforts of Couric, Clinton and Pelosi than their own futures.

If they succeed, it will be easier for the next woman. It will send a message to our daughters about what's possible.

And if they fail, you can be sure people will say that America just wasn't ready for a woman in the job.

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## Laura on Life: My silverware will save me in move

**W**e are going to be moving soon. I love my house, but it's time that my husband gets what he wants: Land. So we are going to sell my house and live in a much smaller rented space for a time until our new house is built on the land he's always wanted.

Don't get me wrong, it's a nice spread; big enough to soothe his need for land and small enough for us to manage. But with every box I pack and every picture I take down, I mourn. I have to decide which of my things I will be taking to



LAURA SNYDER

that very small space and which ones I will not see for perhaps a year or more because they are being put in storage. There are other things that we will

need to sell or give away as well.

It's hard, because I feel like all of the furnishings in my house are staring at me, hoping they'll be the ones chosen to go

with us. I feel like the captain of a ship that's going down choosing the people who will be assigned to a single life raft. It's not fair that I should have to choose between them.

If I think a little more cold-heartedly about it, I can direct and assign with the efficiency of an army sergeant. But there will always be that little lamp in the corner waiting with bated breath for

my decision. Will she put me in a box for an indefinite period of time? Will she send me away with strangers that come to a garage sale? Banish me to a dumpster? Or will she hand me the brass ring: A private corner set aside just for a little lamp in her temporary residence.

Somehow that little lamp knows that if it gets put in a box, we may never find room for it

again. Because once you've lived without something for so long, you find you really don't need it in your life.

It's the same feeling you have a year after being dumped by someone. You've lived without him long enough, you

find you really don't need him nearly as bad as you thought you did.

When I got to my kitchen, it was much harder to decide which things to take. If I didn't take the turkey roaster,

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
*Half a Chance Is Better Than None*

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦K Q 4 3  
♥7 6 2  
♦K J 8  
♣Q 6 5

**WEST**  
♦A 6  
♥Q J 9 4  
♦10 7 5 2  
♣A 9 7

**EAST**  
♦8  
♥K 10 5 3  
♦Q 9 6 4 3  
♣J 10 2

**SOUTH**  
♦J 10 9 7 5 2  
♥A 8  
♦A  
♣K 8 4 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass  
3♣ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

**A declarer is obliged**, both for himself and his long-suffering partner, to seek a line of play that might allow him to succeed rather than adopt a course that will surely fail. This means declarer must think at the outset rather than play impulsively. That is, after all, what the game is all about.

**Take this case** where West led a heart against South's four-spade contract. Declarer won with the ace and followed the line of least resistance by cashing the ace of diamonds and then leading a spade toward dummy. He was hoping that whoever had the

ace would not take this trick, in which case he could next discard his heart loser on dummy's king of diamonds. After that, the most he could lose would be two club tricks.

**This, of course**, was nothing more than wishful thinking, and West would have no part in it. When the spade was led, West rose with the ace, cashed the jack of hearts and played a third heart, ruffed by declarer. South still had to lose two club tricks, and so went down one.

**Declarer had the right idea** about trying to get to dummy to discard a heart, but he chose the wrong approach. Had he tried leading a low club toward dummy at trick three rather than a low spade, he would have gotten home safely. This may look like the same play, but there is a huge difference. If West has the ace of clubs — basically a 50 percent chance — he finds himself in a hopeless position.

**What can West do?** If he plays low, declarer wins with dummy's queen, discards his heart loser and eventually loses two club tricks and the trump ace. And if West rises with the club ace and takes his heart trick, South winds up losing only one club instead of two.

**The recommended play** offers declarer essentially a 50-50 chance to make the contract. In anybody's book, that's a lot better than no chance at all.

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# East Texas 'Redneck Games' come under more scrutiny ▶ Briefs

By **MATT SLAGLE**

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — The way Bobby Williams tells it, his ranch on 100 acres of rural piney hills in East Texas was supposed to be a quiet way to enjoy retirement after a career in the insurance business.

But for years now, he's instead woken up to the roaring engines of all-terrain vehicles, midnight fireworks shows and thousands of drunken revelers who every so often gather across the narrow county road from his property at events like the "Texas Redneck Games" and the "Texas Redneck Muddy Gras."

"We're just a nice calm community and nobody can get any rest, nobody can get any sleep," says Williams, 76. "We've got a problem and I don't know what we're ever going to do to get rid of it. We need something to ban these things."

The latest event ended Sunday with more than 50 arrests and citations, and authorities said Wednesday that they're considering charges against the show's organizer.

Modeled after similar games that have been going in Georgia for more than a decade, the four-day "Redneck Games" took place about 70 miles southeast of Dallas and included an estimated 6,000 people, live music and competitions such as an ugly "butt-crack contest" and the "Mattress Chunk."

The goal in the mattress contest was to see how far a team of two people could throw a mattress from the back of a pickup truck.

By the time the event was over, more than 54 arrests and citations had been issued on charges ranging from public intoxication to speeding, according to the Henderson County Sheriff's Department. Officials are considering charges against the organizer and landowners where the event was held.

"I'm an old fuddy duddy and all that, but you got a vehicle, you got alcohol, and you got illegal dumping, and you're making a contest out of that?" said Lt. Pat McWilliams, public information officer for the sheriff's department. "We are very fortunate that we didn't have a fatality."

McWilliams said the organizer, Oscar Still of Kilgore, could face a misdemeanor charge for not having a permit. Telephone messages left with Still weren't immediately returned Wednesday.

Texas law requires any gathering of more than 2,500 people to get a permit, which McWilliams said Still didn't have.

Adults had to pay an admission fee of \$25 plus \$15 for each ATV. Children were free.

McWilliams said the misdemeanor charge carries a fine of \$1,000 and 90 days in county jail.

He said it was less clear if there was any wrongdoing by Garland Pool, the owner of the 3,000 acre Pool Ranch ATV Park, a mix of sand, mud bog, prairie and forest where the events were held.

The Pool family was described by many as longtime residents in the area.

Pool, who lives about 5 miles from the ATV ranch, said he was

aware of neighbor complaints but hadn't heard anything from the sheriff's department.

"That's all I know. Since I leased the property I'm not in charge of whatever happens out there," he said. "Maybe the neighbors don't particularly like the traffic, but it seems like most of the businesses in town had a lot of success."

During the event, some two dozen troopers with the Department of Public Safety, a dozen agents with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 38 sheriff's deputies and other local law enforcement were on hand at one point or another to maintain crowd control, McWilliams said.

On its Web site, the Redneck Games has a list of rules, including no underage drinking, a 10 mph speed limit and no fence cutting. "Being a REDNECK is allowed....IGNORANCE is not," according to rule No. 5.

There were other competitions, including one to see which guy could throw an engine starter the farthest and a "Daisy Duke Show-Off" for women in cut-off blue jeans. Cash prizes ranged from \$40 up to \$200 per contest.

Williams said he and about 100 neighbors have started a petition to stop the gatherings. But he's not too optimistic, he said as a work detail made up of local inmates picked up discarded beer cans, bags of trash and hamburger wrappers across the street.

"We need someone to tell the people they can't do this, they can't destroy our lives," he said.

## Desalination plant opens in El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — A desalination plant that officials say is the world's largest outside a coastal area and is expected to supply this desert city with water for 50 years has opened for business.

The opening of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant, named for Texas' senior U.S. senator, marked the end of a 15-year project to design, fund and build the plant that eventually will be capable of supplying 27.5 million gallons of drinking water daily.

The El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board will run the \$87 million plant.

The plant will treat brackish, or salty, water pulled from hundreds of feet below the ground, where the supply was considered worthless before the plant was built.

## U.S. lawmakers press for action on Juarez murders

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 90 members of Congress signed a letter to Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Wednesday urging action on the murders of young women in the border town of Ciudad Juarez.

The letter was initiated by Rep. Hilda Solis, D-Calif., and signed by 92 other members of the House, Democrats and Republicans.

Hundreds of women have been murdered in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from Juarez, and the state of Chihuahua since 1993, and about 100 killings followed a pattern in which young women were sexually assaulted, killed and dumped in the desert.

## Longview company voluntarily recalls sandwiches

LONGVIEW (AP) — A Longview company has voluntarily recalled more than 4,200 Cloud's tuna salad and egg salad sandwiches because of the possibility they could be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

That type of contamination can cause listeriosis, which is uncommon but potentially fatal.

"We've had no reports of anybody getting sick from these sandwiches and most were probably consumed during July," David Floyd, president of Cloud Food Services, said in a story in Wednesday's online edition of the Longview News-Journal.

## LAURA

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what would I make for Thanksgiving? But it was so big. If I take it, then I'll have to leave behind the bread machine and the crock pot. Am I likely to make bread any more often than I make a

turkey? I know the only time use the crock pot is when we make chili.

Does that mean we can't have chili for a year? Can we do without chili for a year? Well, my husband's the only one who really likes chili, so I guess I'll take the turkey roaster.

My silverware drawer was full of mismatched

utensils in various patterns. For some reason, I looked at that mess of old stainless steel silverware that had lost its shine and appeal many eons ago and I just wanted to cry. For the next year or so, I was going to be living in an old rented place that no one has cared for in who-knows-how-many years. It will be tar-

nished and mismatched and ugly, just like this silverware.

I decided right then and there to go to the store and buy a beautiful new set of stainless steel silverware that we would use everyday. It was a gorgeous, shiny, service for eight with a pretty pattern and every single piece matched. It makes

me smile every time I use a piece.

That set was definitely coming with us. I didn't have the least amount of empathy for the old mismatched stuff, because I knew it was just there to taunt me about my misery. That set would be put in the garage sale.

Though I created the feeling artificially, by

buying a set of silverware, I knew I had hit upon a sure-fire way to make me smile and see beauty every day while living in our temporary ugly place.

My silverware would get me through it.

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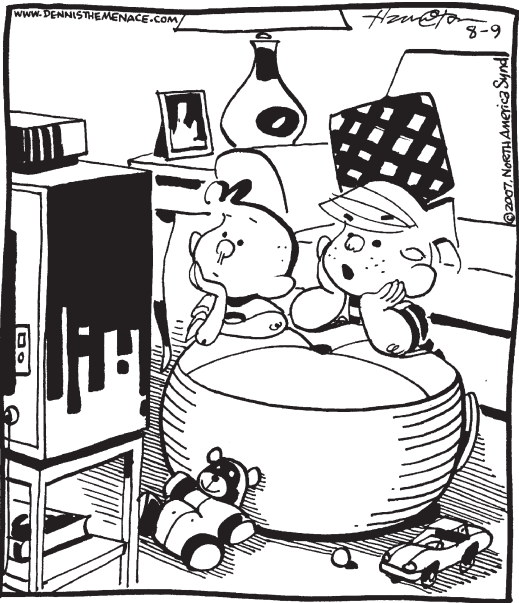
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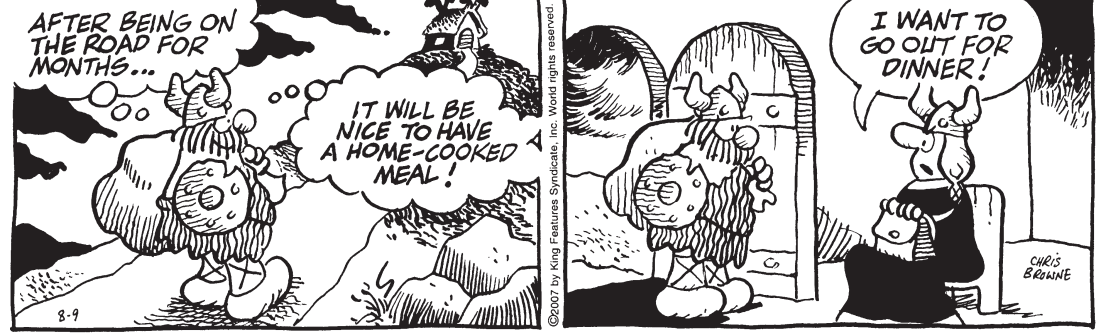
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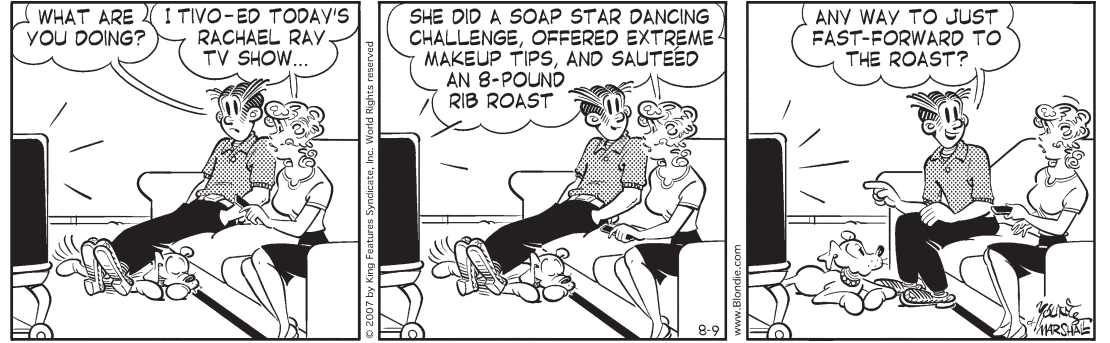


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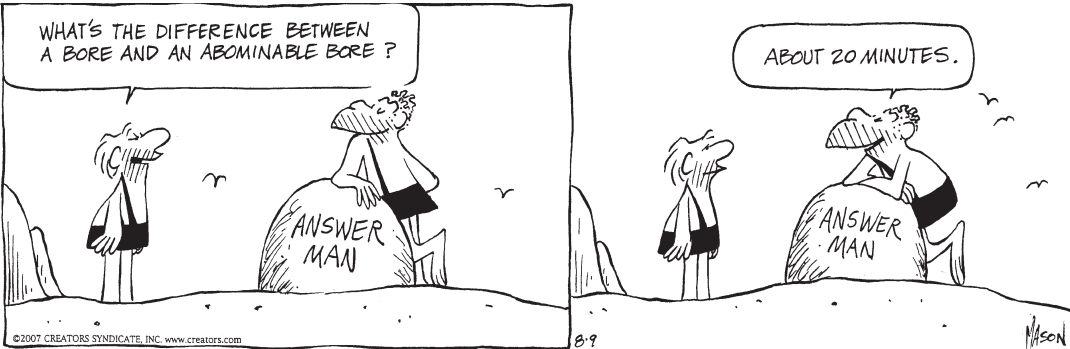
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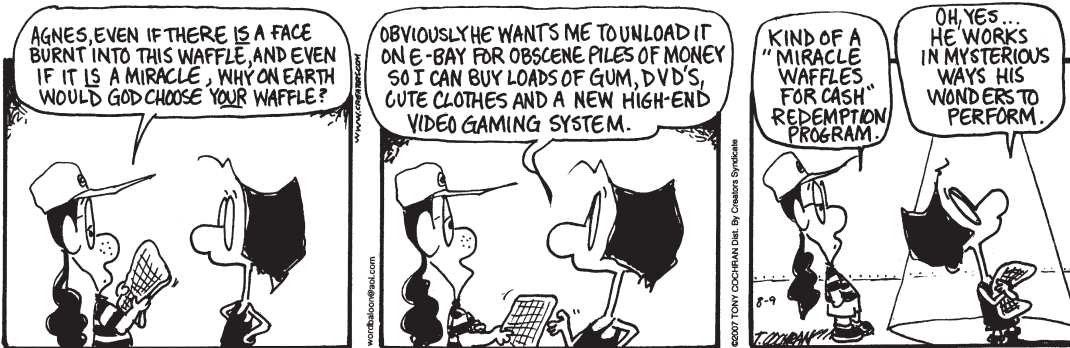
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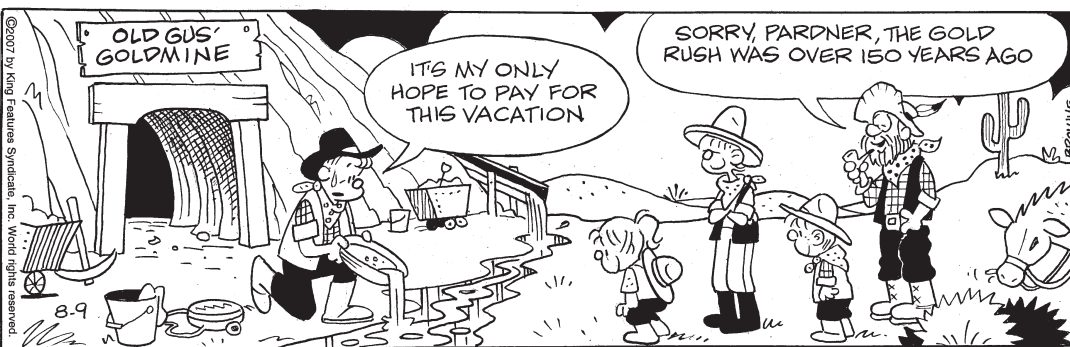
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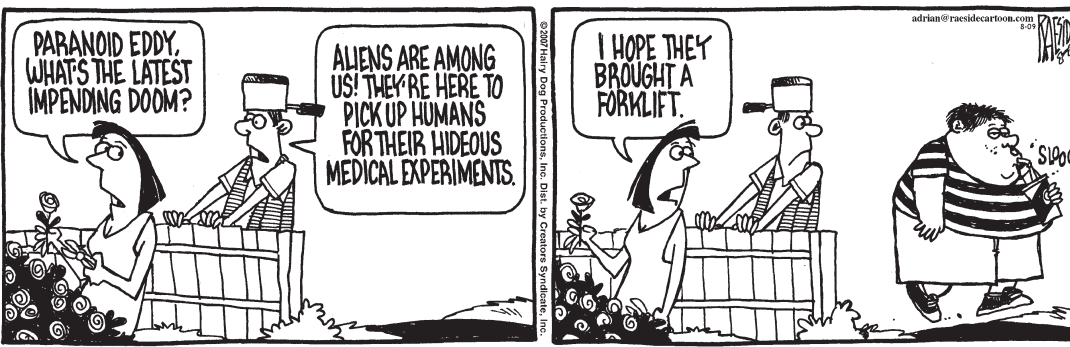
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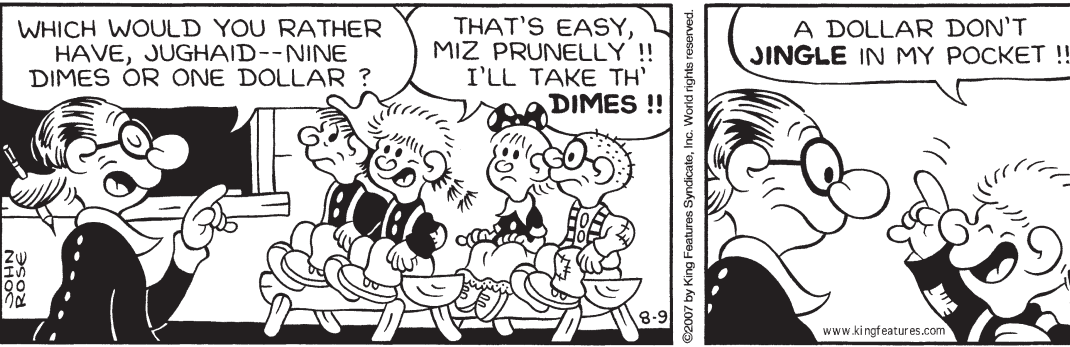
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 9, the 221st day of 2007. There are 144 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 9, 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

mother, Queen Victoria. In 1930, a forerunner of the cartoon character Betty Boop made her debut in Max Fleischer's animated short "Dizzy Dishes." In 1936, Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics as the U.S. took first place in the 400-meter relay.

baseball manager Ralph Houk is 88. Jazz musician Jack DeJohnette is 65. Comedian-director David Steinberg is 65. Boxing Hall-of-Famer Ken Norton is 64. Actor Sam Elliott is 63. Singer Barbara Mason is 60. Actress Melanie Griffith is 50. Actress Amanda Beseare is 49. Rapper Kurtis Blow is 48. Singer Whitney Houston is 44. Actor Pat Petersen is 41. Football player Deion Sanders is 40. Actress Gillian Anderson is 39. Actor Eric Bana is 39. Rock musician Arion Salazar (Third Eye Blind) is 37. Rapper Mack 10 is 36. Latin rock singer Juanes is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 Major Barbara playwright 2 Secret stash 3 Celestial ram 4 Exited 5 Hawaiian's "thanks" 6 Ripen 7 -tac-toe 8 Members of the deer family 9 "What is your answer?" 10 Larcenous one 11 Unexpected gains 12 Aquatic mammal 13 Command to a canine 18 Soda flavor 22 Russian fighter plane 25 Author Allende 26 Cord components 28 \_\_\_ for oneself (manage alone) 29 Bring about 31 Flowing rock 32 He and she 33 Formally proper 34 Greek liqueur 35 Doc's friend 37 Dis 40 Pain in the neck 42 Carpentry joint 45 Passenger compartment 46 66 Across, for example 48 Poker card 50 Poker card 51 Something worth seeing 52 Wasting no words 53 Oz. fractions 54 Big blow 55 Fraudulent scheme 57 Part of Batman's costume 60 Stately shade source 61 At \_\_\_ (no longer a threat)

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 67 indicating starting points for words.