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Participants in the Survivor's Walk get ready to taker the opening lap during the 2007 Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life. This year's Relay gets under way at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Blankenship Field. The Survivor's Walk is expected to begin shortly after 8 p.m.

**Fight against cancer will get intense Friday**

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back. That's the theme — and a fitting one — for this weekend's Howard Glasscock Relay For Life, the annual American Cancer Society fund-raiser held at Blankenship Field in Big Spring. "We celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those we have lost to cancer and fight back against this disease that has taken so much and so many from us," explained Jenny Sayles, Howard Glasscock Relay For Life chairperson. Hundreds of people take part in the local Relay —

and, in fact, have been working toward this event for months. But the finale is Friday, a 14-hour celebration of fellowship with just a touch of competition. The entire community is invited — encouraged, actually — to attend. Admission is free and there will be plenty of vendors offering food and drink to get those last few dollars for this year's effort. Survivor registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday with opening ceremonies at 8 p.m. and the always emotional Survivor's Walk shortly after. The luminaria ceremony is planned for 10 p.m. A Fight Back Ceremony, new this year, is expected to begin

*'Relay participants urged to 'Fight Back'*

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

A new element to Relay For Life this year is "Fight Back," a pledge to do something to continue the battle against cancer. "Fight Back" comes from Relay's theme this year, "Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back." "Celebration" is represented by the Survivor Walk, "Remember" by the luminaria and "Fight Back" by a special program expected to get under way

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about midnight. Most of the participants will camp out all night on Saturday. See **RELAY**, Page 3A

**ISD trustees to consider 'What next?'**

*Failed bond election, graduation issues are on tonight's agenda*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

What's next? In the wake of an overwhelming "no" from voters during Saturday's bond election, Big Spring Independent School District trustees will consider how best to proceed in addressing infrastructure needs when they hold a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. today in the high school board room. By a 70-to-30 margin, district voters nixed plans for a \$34 million bond that would have financed a new elementary school and science labs and a roof at the high school. District officials pointed toward a sparse turnout



Downes

— only 8.75 percent of registered voters cast ballots Saturday — as one of the reasons for the bond's failure. But not to be discounted was rapidly rising valuations that have property owners feeling the pinch. "Recent appraisal increases could have affected the vote," BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said. "Increased taxes from rising appraisals will not benefit school districts at all."

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**Fire possible prank, school officials say**

**Herald Staff Report**

A probable student prank resulted in the Big Spring Fire Department responding to Big Spring High School Wednesday afternoon. BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey said the fire department was contacted shortly after a small fire was reported in Steer Gym just after noon Wednesday. The fire apparently was caused by someone igniting a roll of toilet

paper, Ritchey added. No injuries were reported and school personnel extinguished the fire before crews arrived, he said. "A (physical education) class was in there when it happened," Ritchey said. "We suspect it was a student prank. Now, we're just looking for the student who caused it." No significant damage was caused by the incident, he said.

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**City crews to replace water valves**

*Some west side residents will be without water part of Friday*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Area residents on Big Spring's west side may find themselves without water for at least a portion of Friday, as city crews prepare to replace valves to make way for the new county jail under

construction. According to Jim Piper, spokesman for the city's Water Distribution and Collection Department, crews will be replacing valves on Utah and Elm Drive beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, and won't be going home until the work is done and

water service restored. "There will be four work sites," said Piper. "They will be working near the intersections of Highway 80 and Utah, Utah and Airport Road, and two of the valves are located near Elm and Highway 80.

The areas that will be effected include Harding to Elm and Highway 80 to Boeing, Andree to Ann and W. Seventh Street to W. Ninth Street, Old Highway 80, Peach and Grant. Customers

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### IN BRIEF

#### Forsan all-sports banquet awards and recognition

Forsan High School held its all-sports banquet Monday night, recognizing the accomplishments of several teams and individuals over the past school year.

MVP awards from each sport were given to the following athletes:

**Football** - Alex Huckabee and Jeremy Freitag.

**Basketball** - Adam Bailey and Amanda Longorio.

**Cross country** - Cameron Parker and Caylea Wood.

**Track** - Adam Bailey and Tori Gauer.

**Tennis** - Tara Kuykendall and Blake Grantham.

**Baseball** - Evan Burton and Cameron Parker.

**Softball** - Kaela Strickland.

**Golf** - Jake Moore  
**Powerlifting** - Jeffery Carey.

**MVP Male Athlete** - Adam Bailey.

**MVP Female Athlete** - Amanda Longorio.

#### Coahoma athletic banquet awards and recognition

Coahoma High School held its annual athletic banquet Tuesday night honoring several athletes in each sport.

The following individuals received awards in their respective areas of competition:

**Cross country:** Girl MVP - Megan Conley; Boy MVP - Josh Jones

**Girls basketball:** MVP - Laci Sterling; Defensive MVPs - Janice Gonzales and Heather Sheppard; Fighting Heart - Christie Rich.

**Boys basketball:** MVPs - Colter Morgan and Matt Tatum; Most Improved - Logan Stone; Fighting Heart - Jovi Paniagua; Outstanding Defensive Player - Colter Morgan; Outstanding Newcomer - Josh Paniagua.

**Girls track:** MVP - Heather Sheppard.

**Girls powerlifting** - MVP - Chelsea Gonzales; Most Improved - Shelbi Reid, Megan Parrish.

**Boys powerlifting:** MVP - Damian Bailey; Most Improved - Macy Bailey; Fighting Heart - Blaine Henderson; Wrap Master - Justin Rau.

**Golf:** Girl MVP - Hayli McCullough; Boy MVP - Mikey Mendoza.

**Tennis:** Girl MVP - Hilari White; Boy MVP - Jovi Paniagua.

**Booster Club Scholarship Winners:** Girls - Teryn Bibb and Christie Rich; Boys - Logan Stone and Colter Morgan.

**Outstanding Female Athlete:** Laci Sterling.

**Outstanding Male Athlete:** Colter Morgan.

#### Coahoma sets regional semis playoff date

Coahoma's Bulldogettes, the lone local softball or baseball team still playing, have set the time, date and place for their Class 2A regional semifinals matchup with Denver City.

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# An adventure worth the pain

*Editor's note: Cadet Bryant teaches Freshman Composition at Howard College and is a professional mountain biker, who will be chronicling every race he takes on this summer in the Herald.*

I honestly didn't even know if making it to the first race in the National Ultra Endurance MTN Bike Series was possible. First of all, because of the current price of fuel, and secondly, because I came down with pneumonia a couple of weeks before the race.

As if that wasn't enough, my right wrist was still trying to heal after a really bad sprain from a Texas Series race. In fact, my wrist was giving me such a fit that I was almost positive it was broken even though the x-rays said otherwise. But in the end, I wasn't going to let little

things like pneumonia, gas prices and a sprained wrist keep me from riding.

The first race in the series was in a little place called Ducktown, Tenn. and the race was called the Cohutta 100. Ducktown is in the middle of the Cherokee National forest — a couple of hours east of Chattanooga. Ducktown straddles the Ocoee River and its aquatic center was the site of the 1996 Olympic Games whitewater competitions.

In fact, much of the 100-mile mountain bike race follows the fast-flowing river. Altogether, the race took us just slightly into North Carolina, across the mountains of Northern Georgia and then back into the southeast corner of Tennessee.

I was only able to afford the drive to Tennessee because I received \$200 in support from the Omicron Women's Study Club in Tulia, and that money helped me rent a compact car that got a whopping 30 miles per gallon compared to my pickup.

Along the way I stopped at a couple of YMCAs in Jackson,

Miss., and Chattanooga. I had to keep my legs spinning.

It's always funny when I go in somewhere to ride a stationary bike because I'll literally be on one for about three to four hours and I'll see a hundred people come and go, but I'll still be there. People get irritated with me because they'll be waiting for me to get off one of the bikes, but they'll eventually give up and go do something else.

Also, most people don't realize that it's a logistical challenge in figuring out how to get to a race because you have to plan your route according to wherever you're able to stop and keep your aerobic engine running. So, the week before a race I always spend several hours on the web plotting travel time, mileage, the best rates on rental cars or Amtrak and airline fares and looking up gyms where I know they'll let me stop in and work-out.

I'm a member of the Big Spring YMCA and I've discovered that you can usually stop in and train for free at any YMCA in the

country. The only trouble I have sometimes is finding them in the middle of big cities.

When I made it to Tennessee, the weather was absolutely perfect. It was lower 70s with light, cool winds out of the southwest. I had a day to rest before the race and I was praying for the beautiful weather to hold out, but the Tennessee weather man on my fuzzy motel television was predicting a 100-percent chance of rain for race day.

Perfect. I was still coughing and my lungs still hadn't gotten rid of the junk lingering around in them, but I hadn't come all the way from West Texas to wimp out because of some nasty weather and a little bit of pneumonia still harassing me.

So, I went out and bought a couple cans of Scotch Guard and hosed all of my cycling gear with as much of it as I could to help repel whatever water was headed our way. I'm surprised that my motel room didn't blow up from

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CADET BRYANT

# Rangers outlasted by M's in extra innings

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — With Jarrod Washburn in the closer's role and Miguel Cairo filling in for a suspended slugger, the Seattle Mariners avoided a sweep.

Cairo had a two-out RBI single in the 12th inning, then Washburn finished for his first career save as the Mariners beat Texas 4-3 on Wednesday for only their third victory in 15 games.

"These guys just gutted it out. It's a big game on a lot of fronts," manager John McLaren said. "This is a big win. I can't overstate it. We're trying to get something going on the positive side."

Seattle, which trailed 2-0 after the first inning, matched its biggest comeback of the season. The Mariners took advantage of a pair of fielding miscues in the seventh to score two unearned runs, and kept Texas from having a chance to win in the ninth when Cairo ignited a double play.

Cairo started at first base for Richie Sexson, who missed the entire series while serving the completion of a five-game suspension after he charged the mound and flung his helmet at Texas pitcher Kason Gabbard to start a bench-clearing incident in Seattle last week. This series was completed without incident, and Sexson can play Friday.

"It's nice to help the team win," Cairo said. "That's my job. When

they need me to play for someone and help out, that's what I'm ready to do."

Wladimir Balentien led off the 12th with a single off Franklyn German (1-2), and Yuniesky Betancourt sacrificed. Balentien moved to third on a deep flyout by Ichiro Suzuki, who went 0-for-6 and ended a 13-game hitting streak. Cairo then singled up the middle.

J.J. Putz (1-1), the regular closer, worked two scoreless innings before Washburn made his first relief appearance since 1999, and only his 11th in 265 games over 11 major league seasons.

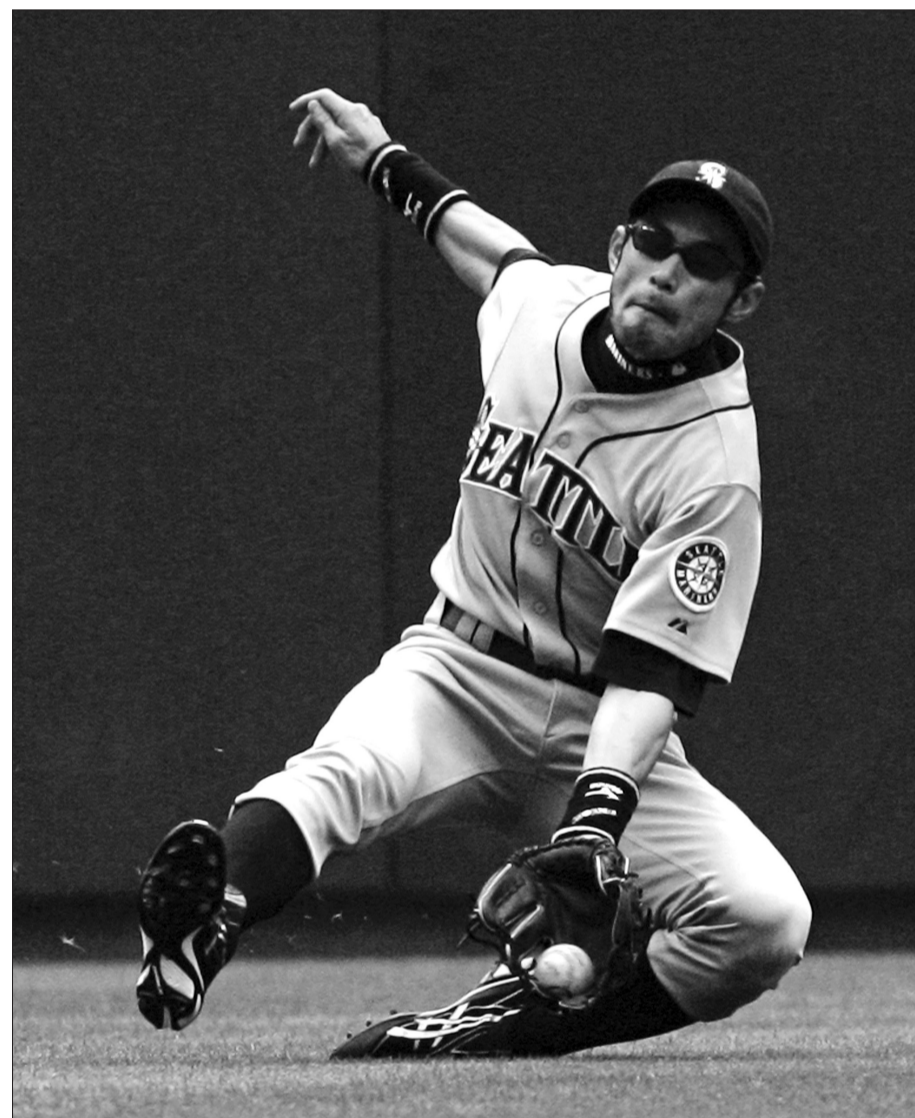
"That job is securely in hand with J.J. I'm not taking his job," said Washburn, the eighth pitcher used by Seattle. "Whatever works. We needed a win right now. ... When we started going through guys, I knew it was definitely a possibility."

Washburn was listed as Friday's scheduled starter against San Diego, but McLaren said afterward that he'd already planned to skip the left-hander's turn in the rotation.

"Cairo was big in this game," McLaren said. "He came up with the big hit and started a huge double play."

After Jarrod Saltalamacchia drew a leadoff walk in the Texas ninth, Chris Shelton tried to

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AP photo/Tim Sharp  
Seattle Mariners center fielder Ichiro Suzuki making a sliding catch on a ball hit by the Texas Rangers' Ramon Vazquez during the second inning of their Major League Baseball game, Wednesday in Arlington.

# Stars still shining, top Red Wings in Game 4

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dallas finally went into the locker room with a lead in the Western Conference finals.

The Stars needed nearly 11 full periods, a debatable call that wiped out a Detroit goal and a favorable ruling on their score to accomplish that.

But the top-seeded Red Wings responded quickly, scoring less than a minute into the third period of Game 4 to tie it.

For the desperate Stars, trying to avoid a sweep and elimination on home ice Wednesday night, it might have been easy to give in, avoid a trip back to Detroit and get the summer vacation started. Instead, Dallas came back strong and will play again after a 3-1 victory.

Mike Modano's one-timer from the middle of the circles on a power play with 14½ minutes left put Dallas back in front, and Brenden Morrow provided some cushion when the Stars captain scored from about the same spot

with 5:26 left. Marty Turco had 14 of his 33 saves in the third period.

Dallas needed more than 219 minutes to finally have an advantage. It came at 1-0 when Loui Eriksson, his skate clearly in the crease, scored with 23 seconds left in the second period.

Eriksson's goal came about 12 minutes after officials waved off an apparent goal when Pavel Datsyuk put the puck past Turco on a power-play shot from the right circle. On-ice officials immediately signaled no goal, saying Tomas Holmstrom interfered with Turco from inside the crease.

Replays appeared to confirm Babcock's assertion, but it didn't matter because it's not a reviewable play.

Detroit lost for the first time since April 16, ending a nine-game winning streak that was the franchise's longest in a single postseason. Goalie Chris Osgood, who started all of Detroit's games during the streak, gave up one goal less than he had in the previous three games combined.



AP photo/Donna McWilliam  
The Detroit Red Wings' Dallas Drake (17) and the Dallas Stars' Stephane Robidas (3) battle for control of the puck during the first period in Game 4 of the NHL Western Conference hockey finals in Dallas, Wednesday.



## Take Note

• Go back to the 1950s! The Trinity Baptist Church 50s group will celebrate its bi-annual reunion this weekend. Members, friends and family are invited to join the "youth group" of the 1950s for food, fun, fellowship and remembrances. Schedule will kick off with a Friday evening fellowship at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. Saturday morning the group will meet at Trinity at 10 a.m. for brunch/lunch. The reunion group will dine Saturday evening at a local restaurant and return to the church following the meal for dessert and fellowship. Sunday morning, May 18, the 50s group will sit together during 10:45 a.m. worship service at Trinity Baptist. The 50s youth group reunion includes anyone that was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church youth group during the 1950s. Members having been meeting in reunion since 1980. For more information, contact Wayne or Martha Beene at (432) 267-6861.

• The First Presbyterian Church at 701 Runnels St. in Big Spring invites you to attend a recital by gifted organist Michael Mitchell, to be held in the church sanctuary Saturday from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dress is casual. Everyone is welcome!

• The Wednesday Night Dance Club will host a dance Saturday from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Big Spring Country Club. Non-members will be admitted for \$10 at the door.

• American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry Saturday. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with serving from noon to 3 p.m. Plates are \$8 each. Carry-outs are available. Call 263-2084 for more information or to order delivery.

• Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• 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.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue 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. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• 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.

• 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.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• 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).

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.#

## Police blotter

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

- **MICHAEL PARKER**, 22, of 2110 S. Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on four local capias warrants.
- **TRACY BLACKMON**, 44, of 1316 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on two Midland County warrants and two local warrants.
- **TERESA CHRISTON**, 42, of 1316 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- **SAMMY FERRELL**, 46, of 509 N. Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 43, of 429 Westover Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DIAMANTINA CAHUE**, 36, of 1109 Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- **BRYAN BARTLETT**, 46, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 2500 block of Fairchild.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
  - in the 200 block of FM 700.
- **FORGERY** was reported:
  - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1600 block of 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **ASSAULT BY THREATS/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2800 block of Parkway.
- **ASSAULT BY THREATS** was reported in the 100 block of Ninth Street.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild.

## Sheriff's report

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.
- **ANDY FLORES**, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear, bondsman off bond for a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief, bondsman off bond for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- **JESSIE R. LOPEZ**, 40, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a Martin County warrant for bondsman off bond for burglary of a habitation.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

## 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) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

### TUESDAY

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

## Your Local Weather

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## Bulletin Board

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### TODAY

- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- 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 Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

### MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- # Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 22-23-29-37-43-47. Number matching six of six: None.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 11-12-13-28-37. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$24,405. Winning tickets sold in: Eastland.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-4-4. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-6. Sum It Up: 15.

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all of the Scotch Guard fumes that I'd sprayed inside of it. But, spending the night in a sleazy motel room didn't help my lungs very much either. The guy who owned the motel said that he gave me a non-smoking room. Yeah right. If it was, then some moron next door was smoking like a chimney and it was coming through the walls. Of course, any motel room that costs below thirty-five dollars is going to be a rat-trap, but hey, most of the time I simply gotta' do what I gotta' do just to get to the starting line. And sure enough, the Tennessee weather man was right on the money because when I got up on the morning of the race, it was raining in sheets. I've heard of it "raining sideways," but I'd never actually seen it do so until that morning. So, at 2:30 a.m., I loaded up my bike in my compact car and headed up to the mountain in a Tennessee moon-son. Some really big-name

riders were there at the starting line, such as Floyd Landis — winner of the 2006 Tour de France — but I wasn't worried about them. All I was concerned about was staying warm. When the race started, the Scotch Guard held out for about five minutes, and then I was drenched. It was as if someone had tossed me into a swimming pool and then sat me back down on top of my bike. Then, when all 250 of us riders hit the single-track forest trails, it was mud city. During the first ten miles, I was getting so much mud kicked up on me that I had to keep wiping off my specs so that I could see where I was going. In the middle of the mud bath, I came up with a nifty idea for some type of mechanical windshield wiper that could be attached to a pair of glasses. It definitely would've sold that day. In that part of Tennessee, the soil is a type of thick red clay, and not only did it turn as slick as snot while 250 of us slogged through it, but the stuff sticks like glue and then it accumulates

in layers on whatever it gets slung on. So by mile twenty, I'd collected so much mud on my body that it started to seep into the rear padding of my cycling shorts, and it was like I was riding on a layer of sandpaper. I couldn't bear to stay seated on the saddle of my bike, which is extremely necessary to do so that you can maintain balance and power while you're romping through a trail. I did the Cohutta 100 last year, and so I knew that as long as I made it to mile 56, then it would get a lot better. Basically, the race is a 12,000 foot climb up to the top of the Northern Georgia mountain range, then you get a nice downhill reprieve after the fifty-sixth mile with only a couple of more monsters — brief climbs at mile 80 and mile 90. You can't look at a race as one long trek. You have to look at it as many small objectives along the way. You have to program your mind to look at it that way because that's the only chance you have of making it. So, my tail end was completely raw by mile 56, and not only that, but at

the top of the mountain I was basically a popsicle on top of bike and hacking up stuff, as if I had whooping cough, because of that bout of pneumonia that I showed up with. But, I knew that I was at least halfway through it and so there was only one way to make it to the finish — just keep going. A long, tedious, climbing race effects you physically, psychologically, emotionally, and believe it or not, even spiritually. Not to mention, it's a race. You have to make it to certain checkpoints along the way by a certain time, or else they pull you from the course. And, I don't want to waste all the money and time that I've invested in training and traveling by not finishing, which is a huge incentive that keeps me going. This year, as compared to last, I stayed positive throughout most of the race and I was emotionally good to go until I hit the last major climb at mile 90. Then I slowed way down. I was on track to finish about an hour faster than I had last year, but my lungs and the cold finally demoralized me and I

found myself walking and trudging my bike up the last climb, which lasted for a steep three miles. The last five miles of the course is a technical downhill with a lot of big rocks that you have to navigate through, but I was so ready to get to the finish that I just plowed through those last five rock-strewn miles pretty fast. What's funny is that I finished up in almost exactly the same time this year — 11 hours and 58 minutes — and I ended up in 125th place out of 250 riders. But, I swear, my bike and me rolled into

the finish line weighing about ten pounds heavier than we left out because of all the mud we hoarded along the way. I found out that it was a slower race for everyone because of the rain and mud, and so I guess I can't complain about my time. Not even Floyd Landis was very fast that day. Not to mention, I'm always pleased just to show up and finish, especially considering that I was riding on sandpaper most of the way, with a bum wrist and a spell of pneumonia still harassing me. So was all of that suffering worth it? Always.

**RANGERS**

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advance him with a bunt. But Cairo fielded it and threw to Betancourt to start a 3-6-4 double play. German Duran then struck out. Texas (20-22) clinched its

sixth straight series by winning the first two games against Seattle, but missed the chance for its first three-game sweep of the season. The Rangers have won 13 of 19 games. "We're still playing good baseball," Michael Young said. David Murphy went 4-for-5 for the Rangers,

including a one-out single in the 11th against Putz. But Putz escaped with two strikeouts, which sandwiched an intentional walk after he threw a wild pitch that allowed Murphy to get to second base. Arthur Rhodes got Seattle out of a bases-loaded jam in the seventh when he coaxed pinch-hitter

Marlon Byrd into an inning-ending double play that kept the Mariners ahead. The big left-hander struck out Ian Kinsler, the only other batter he faced, to start the eighth but other relievers faltered around him. Carlos Silva overcame a sluggish start to retire 17 of his last 19 batters.

**BRIEFS**

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The two squads will play a home-and-home best-of-three series with Game 1 slated for 7 p.m. today in Coahoma. Game 2 occurs at Noon Saturday in Denver City. A third game, if needed, will be played 30 minutes following the completion of Game 2.

under to adults. Playday fees are \$2 per event for members of the HCYHC and \$4 for non-members. Each event is held at the HCYHC's facility on Longshore Road just off the Garden City Highway.


Club is hosting a parent-child, 2-person scramble June 7-8. There is a shotgun start for both days with Saturday's action beginning at 9 a.m. and Sunday's at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$80 in the open division and \$40 in the trophy division. A parent may play with more than one child with the fee for the second team being discounted to half price. To sign up, call 267-5354.

**BSCC hosting parent-child scramble June 7**  
The Big Spring Coun-try

**Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic set**  
The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at the Big Spring Country Club Saturday and Sunday. The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a two-man scramble format being used. Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. Call the country club's pro shop at 267-5354 for more information or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more information.

**Howard County Youth Horseman Club playdays**  
The Howard County Youth Horseman Club has scheduled the first playday of its Second Belt Buckle Series for 5 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited to participate or just be spectators. Three playdays make up a series and a person must be a part of the HCYHC to earn points toward a belt buckle. An annual \$25 fee purchases a family membership, although non-members are welcome to compete. There are five events — exhibition barrels, poles, straight barrels, flags and goat tying — for age groups ranging from six and

**In Sunday's  
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**American Profile**

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
*It Only Hurts for a Minute*

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>		
♦ K 7		
♥ A K		
♦ Q J 8 7 5 2		
♠ A 6 3		

<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>
♦ Q 10 6 4 3		♠ 8 5
♥ 9 7 2		♥ Q 10 6 4
♠ A 10 4		♦ K 9
♣ K 10		♣ J 8 7 4 2

<b>SOUTH</b>		
♠ A J 9 2		
♥ J 8 5 3		
♦ 6 3		
♣ Q 9 5		

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
3 ♦ Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — four of spades.

**Plays that are** virtually automatic on the great majority of deals can be completely wrong in some situations. For this reason, declarer should make an effort not to play impulsively, no matter how automatic a play might seem to be.

**Consider this case** where South was in three notrump and West led a spade. Declarer won East's eight with the nine and played a diamond to the jack, losing to the king.

**East's spade return** was taken by dummy's king, and South tried to reach his hand by leading a club to

the queen. West won the queen with the king and returned a heart to dummy's king.

**With no entry to his hand** for another diamond lead toward dummy, declarer tried leading a low diamond from the table, hoping the ace was now singleton. But West won with the ten and exited with a heart to dummy's ace. A diamond was conceded to the ace, whereupon West led a heart to East's queen to set the contract one trick, the defenders scoring three diamonds, a club and a heart.

**Declarer's error** may not be readily apparent, but that's because the mistake occurred on an "automatic" play. The contract was lost at trick three when South won East's spade return in dummy with the king. Instead, declarer should have taken the trick with his ace, even though this meant decapitating dummy's king!

**This would have allowed** South to lead a second diamond toward dummy, assuring the contract if West had the missing diamond honor and the suit divided 3-2, the most likely possibility. West could win the diamond on this trick or the next one, but with declarer's J-2 of spades acting as a stopper against West's Q-10-6, South could not be stopped from scoring four diamonds, two spades, two hearts and a club for nine tricks in all.

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**75TH BIG SPRING COWBOY REUNION RODEO PARADE**

**5:30 p.m. - Thursday, June 19**

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## ETBU President Dr. Bob E. Riley announces retirement

MARSHALL—Following 16 years as president of East Texas Baptist University, Dr. Bob E. Riley announced his plans to retire in July 2009 during the ETBU Board of Trustees meeting last week.

“Although this presidency has been a wonderful experience, Gayle and I believe that it is time for a new vision and leadership for ETBU,” said Riley, whose term as president is the second longest in the 96-year history of the university. “God has blessed our University immeasurably over the years with outstanding men and women to serve as faculty, staff, and trustees at this very special place.”

Riley’s tenure at ETBU has numerous highlights: Record enrollments; significant increase in the endowment; organized the university into seven schools, with deans; completed more than \$25 million in capital projects; expanded institutional and instructional technology; moved from NCAA Division II (scholarship athletics) to NCAA Division III (non-scholarship athletics); elected to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, appointed to the

Executive Council; served on the Marshall Chamber of Commerce Board; was president of the Marshall Rotary Club; and deacon at First Baptist Church, Marshall.

“Dr. Riley has led ETBU as its president for over 15 years,” said Mr. Hal Cornish, chair of the ETBU Board of Trustees. “During that time there have been many significant accomplishments at ETBU. The campus has been expanded greatly and beautifully through the addition of many new buildings and the renovation of several others. The quality of student education has also been greatly improved.”

“Dr. Riley and his wife, Gayle, certainly deserve a long and enjoyable retirement. They have been good for ETBU and have represented the University well over the years both externally and inside the ETBU community. He has been a man of integrity and has engendered that quality within the faculty and staff,” added Cornish.

Speaking on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Cornish said, “The trustees consider Dr. Riley to be a good friend as well as a capable colleague. We will certainly miss him at ETBU when he retires, but everyone has the right to retire at a time of their choosing. It has certainly been most enjoyable and stimulating working with Dr. Riley and we

wish him the very best in retirement.”

Dr. Riley arrived at East Texas Baptist University in 1992, following eight years as president of Howard College in Big Spring. One goal was to build enrollment through programs; the University had three athletic teams and now has 10 teams for men and women. He was instrumental in expanding the choir program; initiated the marching band program; encouraged the development of the Student Leadership Institute and Great Commission Center; emphasized study abroad and international education; and made religious symbolism more prominent on campus.

“Universities are deeply blessed by continuity of leadership as the mission and purpose of the university is consistently advanced. A short drive or walk through the campus bears evidence of the significant improvements under Dr. Riley’s leadership, including academic buildings, athletic fields, and residence halls,” said Dr. Paul Sorrels, provost/vice president for Academic Affairs. “Nearly every building has been improved, extensively renovated, or built during his tenure.”

Riley began his education career at age 19 as a school bus driver and college student. Except for serving two years in the U.S. Navy, the past 46 years have

been dedicated to serving students and faculty in the public schools, community colleges, and universities.

Dr. Riley will leave some unfinished goals for the new president, including the completion of the University student center and the design and construction of a new performing arts center.

“There will always be a new building to build or a project to complete,” said Dr. Riley, 65. “Gayle and I believe what Ecclesiastes teaches, that there is ‘a time for everything’ and now is the time for us to move on to the next chapter of our life. We leave with an almost overwhelming love for ETBU and the belief that the ‘Light on the Hill’ will never die!”

The Rileys plan to move to Hideaway Lake, which is North of Tyler.

## BSISD

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Although the voters have spoken, the needs still exist, and trustees will spend time during Thursday’s meeting discussing how best to address those needs. No action is expected to be taken.

Also Thursday, trustees will consider a revision in local policy that would allow high school seniors who have not met all state graduation requirements to still participate in commencement ceremonies.

Under Texas law, a student must pass all segments of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests before he or she can receive a diploma.

However, local districts have the option to allow seniors not meeting the

TAKS criteria to participate in commencement. Those students would receive a “certificate of course completion” in lieu of a diploma and would not be considered high school graduates.

Big Spring ISD policy currently does not allow students not passing the TAKS to participate in commencement.

The reason trustees are considering the change is that more seniors — statewide as well as locally — are falling short of graduation requirements. Downes said more than 50,000 students statewide — including 17 locally — are at serious risk of not meeting state requirements for graduation.

In other business tonight, trustees will consider:

- Personnel matters.
- Election of new board officers.
- Canvass the bond and trustee election results.



Riley

## RELAY

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the infield at Blankenship Field because a big part of the event is to continually walk laps around the track. Many of those involved are part of a team effort. In fact, 487 people make up 47 registered teams this year and the best of the best will be recognized for most laps ran or walked, most creative campsites, most money raised and spirit.

While not walking, those

who attend Relay will be doing any number of things.

“Entertainment and games will be going on all night long. It never stops,” said Sayles.

“There’s always something happening, lots of people performing under the tent. Singing, things like that. It’s never quiet or dull,” she said with a laugh.

For those who want to enjoy the atmosphere, support a friend or loved one, or enjoy fajitas,

hamburgers, barbecue or chomp on a turkey leg, Relay can be a come-and-go activity. For safety, gates at Blankenship Field will close at midnight and reopen at 6 a.m.

Sayles is looking forward to the big celebration.

“There are about 40 committee members who make this run smoothly. They do a beautiful job. We’re excited about it and hope everyone can come out. If you’ve never been to Relay before, it’s really very special,” she said.



AP photo/Ralph Barrera

Severe thunderstorms that produced high winds and hail rumbled through Central Texas overnight causing extensive damage, power outages and some school closures. This destroyed Toyota SUV is seen today after a huge tree fell on it in east Austin.

## FIGHT

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around midnight Friday during Relay For Life at Blankenship Field.

“We ask everyone to have a goal and say they they want to fight back. It can be as simple as pledging to wear sun block or doing something else to help prevent cancer or to become more educated about it,” said Paula Farquhar, Fight Back spokesperson and underwriting chair for the Howard Glasscock Relay For Life.

She knows the impact cancer has on society as well as how important the fight is.

“I was diagnosed in March of 1999 and had

a bilateral mastectomy with reconstruction. I have been on Tamoxifen to prevent reoccurrence. Interestingly, Relay helped me while I was going through all of this, and Tamoxifen was developed through research paid for through fund-raisers like Relay,” Farquhar said.

Farquhar is developing a program for Fight Back.

“I have some pink boxing gloves. We’ll start with

that,” she said with a laugh.

The message will be clear.

“The number one thing I tell everybody, the reason we want to keep walking is because cancer never sleeps. That is why it is important to have a goal and fight back,” she said.

## WATER

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in these areas may experience low or no water pressure while the valves are being replaced.”

Piper said Big Spring Independent School District’s Alternative Education campus, formerly Anderson Kindergarten, will not be effected, nor will the McMahan Wrinkle Airpark.

“We’re changing out

these valves to basically bring this part of the city on the same system as the airpark,” said Piper. “This is necessary to facilitate the new jail that’s being built. On the old system the static pressure is good, the jail’s sprinkler system wouldn’t have the required pressure if a fire hydrant were open. However, by changing it over from the west end system to the airpark system the pressure improves dramatically.”

In November, Howard

County voters approved the construction of a \$11.57 million jail facility near Utah on Highway 80. Construction on the jail, which will accommodate 112 inmates, according to county officials, is expected to begin this month, with work on the building’s foundation already ongoing.

Piper said he expects to have the valves replaced by the end of the day Friday, barring any unforeseen problems.

“As long as we don’t run

into any complications, I feel confident we’ll have it completed the same day,” said Piper. “And if there are complications, we’ll work until the service is restored, just like we always do in this type of situation. The customers won’t be without water any longer than necessary to complete the job.”

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**MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES TREASURER'S REPORT**

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN REGULAR SESSION APRIL TERM 2008

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned constituting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 12th day of May, 2008 at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for March, 2008, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$19,424,135.49.

Mark Barr, County Judge  
Emma Brown, Commissioner Pct. 1  
Jerry Kilgore, Commissioner Pct. 2  
W.B. "Bill" Crooker, Commissioner Pct. 3  
Gary Simer, Commissioner Pct. 4

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Mark Barr, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 12th day of May, 2008.

Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 12TH DAY OF May, 2008, and recorded on the 12th day of May, A.D. 2008.

Donna Wright,  
County Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners  
Court in and for Howard County, Texas.

**AN ENCOURAGING WORD**

By Eddy Pitchford

Jesus was exclusive. He emphasized requirements and drew boundaries. To Nicodemus, Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3) Jesus elaborated on this point when he told Nicodemus, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (JOHN 3:5).

Jesus included some and excluded others as he taught, "these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25:46) Jesus preached that many will go to destruction while few will find life. (Matthew 7:13-14) Jesus pointedly said, "No one comes to the Father expect through Me." (John 14:6).

Many today dislike the idea of boundaries and prefer to think there are no requirements. Such an approach contradicts the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Let's be good hosts for rides to the memorial

Saturday morning, hundreds of motorcyclists and their support vehicles will parade to Big Spring's Vietnam Memorial — the first of two such observances that will take place this month. The vast majority of those riders will be Vietnam era veterans.

"Run for the Wall" participants — a large group of West Coast bikers headed to Washington, D.C., will arrive around 10 a.m. Saturday, as the memorial will be a stopping place for the group, as it has been for the past few years, en route to the nation's capitol where they'll participate in the annual Rolling Thunder observance on Memorial Day at the Vietnam Memorial.

The procession will come into town from the west on Business 20 and FM 700. Riders will spend about an hour at the memorial before going on to Colorado City where they'll stop for a lunch break.

Anyone hoping to join the ride will be disappointed, however, because participation in the event required registration ahead of time.

On Monday, May 26, while Run for the Wall participants are taking part in Rolling Thunder, the Permian Basin Ride to Remember will see several hundred bikers take part in the ride from the Permian Basin Vietnam Memorial at Terminal to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

That ride begins about 10 a.m. on Memorial Day and the group should arrive in Big Spring around 11 a.m. Ride to Remember participants will enter Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87, parade south on Gregg Street and turn west on FM 700 en route to the memorial.

A Memorial Day ceremony, which will include the dedication of the new All-Veterans Monument, will begin when the procession arrives at the memorial.

We here at the *Herald* encourage the public to join the veterans on both occasions, but please be careful and considerate of the large number of vehicles that will be involved in both processions. Let's remember to treat both groups as honored guests.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not take you for granted, Lord, but communicate with You through prayer.

Amen

## McCain and the global warming train

If John McCain were truly a maverick, he would publicly break from the politically correct culture that demands obedience to its global warming narrative. But sadly, he continues to do the opposite.

Liberals have denominated McCain a maverick because he has taken so many positions contradictory to his party's platform and to the conservative ideology that undergirds it. Now that he is the putative Republican nominee, you don't hear much about his maverick nature, but it's certainly not because he's changed his ways in opposing his party.

Last week, he affirmed his commitment to comprehensive immigration reform, even though earlier he stepped back from it to curry favor with conservatives. One wonders what other shoes will inevitably drop should he win the presidency, especially because he has indicated he would most likely be a one-termer.

Will he revert to his visceral revulsion to the Bush supply-side tax cuts? Many supply-siders, after taking McCain to the woodshed on the issue, assure us he can be trusted on it.

If so, their efforts will redound to the benefit of the economy and nation should McCain win the election. But some of these same supply-side advocates insist we shouldn't expect him to move rightward on too many other issues.

Sorry, but I reject that zero-sum thinking, as should my fellow supply-siders; they certainly do in the realm of tax policy. While I will vote for McCain against either

Democratic opponent, I don't believe we should abandon efforts to reform the "reformer" on other issues besides taxes. Are we supposed to declare a moratorium on the expression of our principles for fear it could damage his electability?

If conservatives don't make an effort to hold McCain accountable for his liberal proclivities, then no one will, to the guaranteed detriment of the national interest. In fact, pushing him to the right while we still have a chance will enhance his electability.

Which brings me back to the subject that inspired this column: McCain's regrettable upcoming speech outlining his vision to combat global warming.

In a preview of the speech, CNN reports that McCain will say: "We stand warned by serious and credible scientists across the world that time is short and the dangers are great. The most relevant question now is whether our own government is equal to the challenge."

No, Sen. McCain, the most relevant question is whether political leaders will have the diligence to study this issue and the integrity and courage to stand up to the propaganda of the enviro-bullies. The question is whether you can be a maverick where it counts.

It is not Earth's ecosystem that hangs in the balance, but America's future. Those whose vision isn't blurred by green-colored glasses and the temptation to win accolades from the leftist-dominated culture can see that the global push to "save the planet" is more about destroying capitalism, private property and Western culture than sound, science-based environmental stewardship. Never mind the staggering contradiction that free market economies produce cleaner environs.

Indeed, I hate to break it to some of my fellow evangelical Christians who are falling into the trap along with McCain, but the global warming proselytes don't share your worldview. Do you realize you are jumping in bed with those who are promoting a pantheistic deification of the environment and a diminution of the dignity of human beings created in God's image?

Contrary to the mandated script from the warming zealots, there is plenty of credible dissent in the scientific community about global warming, particularly man's role in it. Much of this dissent comes from scientists in fields related to weather studies. Imagine that.

The fact that the enviro-church fathers have "outlawed" dissenting opinion and slander those offering it tells us something fishy is afoot.

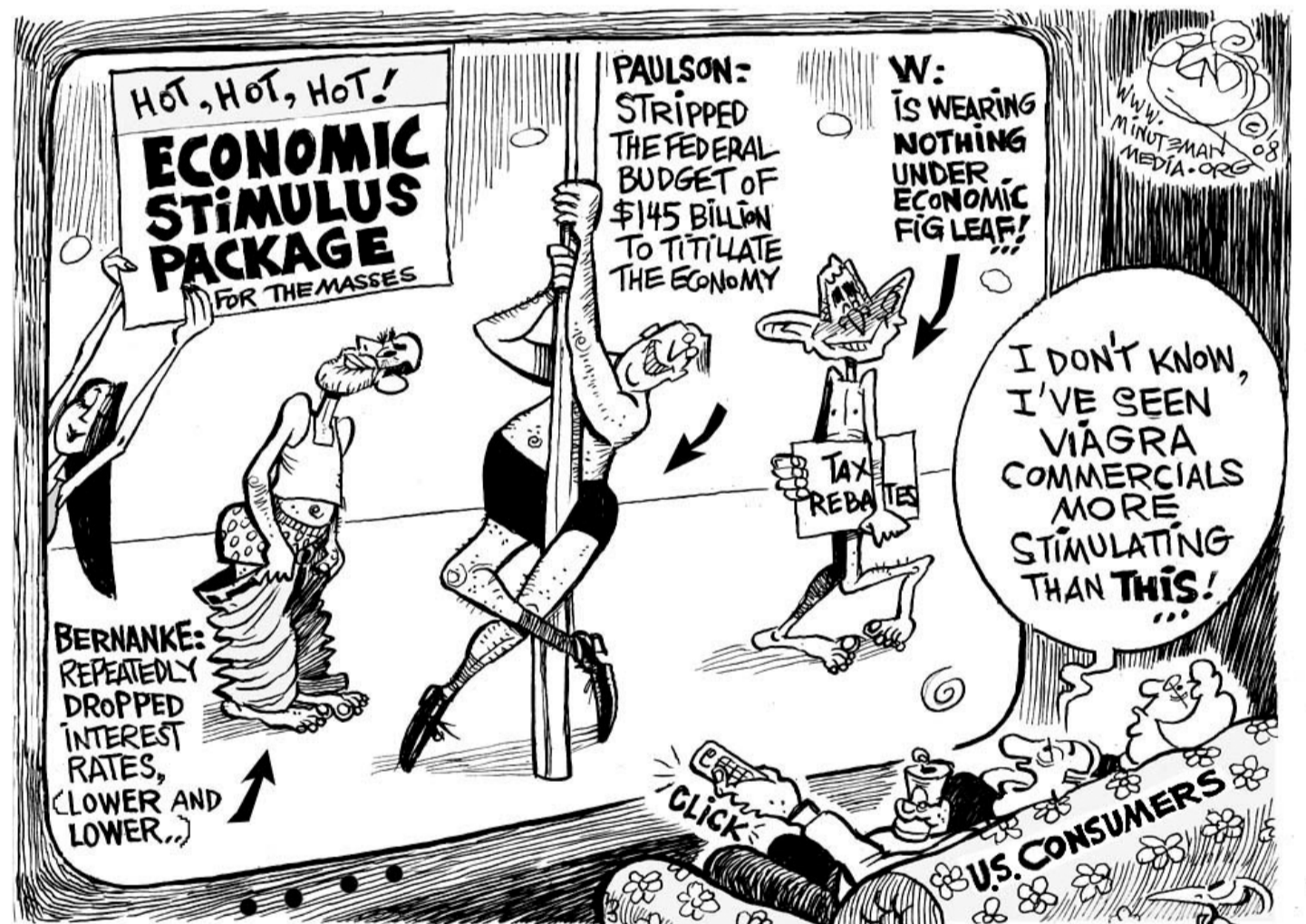
And for you McCain supporters who think the only issues that matter are the war and taxes, not to mention abortion and immigration — all of which are incalculably important — I urge you not to underestimate the gravity of the global warming issue and the potentially devastating consequences of rolling over on it.

If Republicans also acquiesce to this false religion and its required "good works," we are headed toward a path of economic and societal destruction in the name of saving the planet.

It's time for Newt Gingrich to get off that couch with Nancy Pelosi and for John McCain to jump off this insidious global warming train that might as well be armed with enemy bombs and aimed at the heart of this nation and its economy.

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney.

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## Now, tell us, is Hitler really funny?

When I got to one of my offices yesterday (I won't say which, lest you hold it against them, which I certainly don't), people were crowded around the computer, watching the latest video on YouTube. And laughing.

You've got to see this, and I did. It's called "Hillary's Downfall." It's a subtitled clip from a German movie depicting Hitler going on a major rant, having kicked all but his top men out of the room, and then letting them have it for the failings on the Russian front. In the latest version, Hillary is Hitler. Told by her advisers that she is losing the nomination battle, she kicks all but four — Carville, McAuliffe, Wolfson and Bill — out of the room and then blames them, the voters and the superdelegates, and insults Obama, Howard Dean, etc. Reading this, I know, it doesn't sound funny. But believe me when I tell you that everyone I saw watch it found themselves laughing, and cringing, too, despite themselves.

When I got home and told my in-house arbiter of popular culture

that I had actually seen a video he hadn't, my 15-year-old son quickly pulled up all the earlier versions of the same clip, which were, in a way, funnier still — Hitler ranting about being kicked off of Microsoft Live, losing his Xbox account, being reduced to playing with a Wii because his World of Warcraft character had been caught botting, etc. My "find" was only the latest in a series of funny Hitler videos.

That Adolf Hitler! Ha! Ha! What a riot. A laugh a minute.

There is, obviously, something very troubling about this very popular series. Hitler is not funny. Killing six million Jews is no joke. Waging war across Europe, slaughtering millions of people because of their religion, or because they were gypsies or gay, is just not humorous. Sixty years, almost to the day, from the founding of Israel out of the ashes of the Holocaust, can it be that putting words to the rant of the most evil man of our time is the key to Internet fame, if not fortune? In the six days it's been up, "Hillary's Downfall" has received nearly 300,000 views — and four stars out of a possible five. Nearly a thousand people have posted comments, most of them positive.

When I was growing up, the Holocaust was a fresh memory for the people of my parents' generation, and because of that, for mine

as well. My Hebrew schoolteacher had a number on his arm. He made us look at the pictures, to the chagrin of some of the parents, who wondered if we weren't too young to be exposed to such horror. But of course no one was too young to be a victim. The point was never to forget.

The generation that witnessed Hitler's evil first-hand is dying. The "survivors," even the youngest of them, are old now.

The Holocaust, to today's teenagers, is something that was over nearly 50 years before they were born. World War I never meant much to me personally, yet it was closer to my birth than the Holocaust is to theirs.

The danger isn't simply that we will forget, but the way in which we remember.

Do the people making these videos have any idea what the "real" Hitler is actually saying? Or, even more importantly, what he did? The reality is that the kind of hatred he fed on, spewed and spread is still very much alive. It weren't, he might be funny.

The image that stuck with me was not of Hitler ranting, but of myself, my son, my colleagues, laughing.

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Local youth Quincey Wills, second place winner of the Cadet Division of the Hangar 25 Air Museum Art Contest, shows off some of the submitted artwork during an award ceremony Friday at the facility. Winners of the contest include Riley Wood (first place), Zach Herrin (second place) and Jonathan Wilhelm (third place), Captain's Division; Brennan Highfield, (first place) and Matt Lopez (third place), Cadet's Division; Christopher Adwell (first place), Paige Davis (second place) and Bergan Truina (third place), Junior Cadet's Division.

## Cosden FCU set to expand

### Special to the Herald

Cosden Federal Credit Union is tripling the size of its facility at 400 E. Marcy Drive.

The credit union's existing building is slightly more than 2,200 square feet, but with the addition of a community room and additional offices, the credit union's main branch will boast 6,400 square feet of workable space.

"For more than 70 years we have proudly served the members of this community, offering them a vast array of financial products and services to fit their family's needs and lifestyle," said Cosden Federal Credit Union CEO David Roman.

"But it's important to note that we are much more than just a provider of financial services. We are a community partner and I believe the addition of a community room that

we will make available to local civic and charitable organizations in need of a venue to hold important meetings and events demonstrates our commitment to that."

Roman estimates that the addition and remodel will take about a year to complete.

He said effort will be made to ensure service to the membership continues uninterrupted. The credit union does not anticipate the need to close at any time during the construction; however there may be a time that only the drive thru facility and telephone service will be available. The ATM will be available 24 hours per day as usual.

Cosden Federal Credit Union will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at 8:45 a.m. Friday. On hand to participate will be the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Texas news in brief

### Father and son sent to prison for killing family rival

AUSTIN (AP) — A father and son have each been sentenced to decades in prison for killing a family rival at a summer barbecue last year.

Jesse Davila, 50, pleaded guilty Tuesday to shooting Eddie Deleon in the chest outside a Lockhart home in June, firing his .410-gauge shotgun from the passenger seat of a car his son was driving.

The plea came a day after Dwayne Davila, who claimed he didn't know what his father was planning, was found guilty of murder by a Caldwell County jury. The 28-year-old son then negotiated a deal on his sentence, accepting 30 years in exchange for his father's guilty plea.

Jesse Davila will serve 40 years, the Austin American-Statesman reported in its Thursday editions. Prosecutors said the shooting was the culmination of a long-running feud between the Davilas and Deleon.

Witnesses testified that Dwayne Davila yelled, "Shoot him, Dad. Shoot him."

Prosecutors said tensions that day began when Dwayne Davila verbally harassed Deleon's wife at a community parade. The Davilas later swerved their car toward Deleon's family, spurring someone to throw a beer bottle at the car.

Witnesses testified the bottle hit Dwayne Davila's 2-year-old child. The Davilas then returned home, where prosecutors said Jesse Davila grabbed a shotgun before returning to a barbecue the Deleons were attending.

### HIV-positive man given 35 years for spitting at officer

DALLAS (AP) — An HIV-positive man convicted of spitting into the eye and open mouth of a Dallas police officer has been sentenced to 35 years in prison.

Because a jury found that Willie Campbell used his saliva as a deadly weapon, the 42-year-old will have to serve half his sentence before becoming eligible for parole. He was sentenced Wednesday.

Campbell was being arrested in May 2006 for public intoxication when he began resisting and kicking inside the patrol car, Dallas police officer Dan Waller testified.

"He turns and spits," Waller said. "He hits me in the eye and mouth. Then he told me he has AIDS. I immediately began looking for something to flush my eyes with."

Campbell, who was convicted of harassment of a public servant, has a history of spitting at police officers and biting fellow jail inmates, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Dallas County prosecutor Aja Reed said Campbell began yelling in court when another officer testified Campbell spit on him during an unrelated incident.

"He said to the officer, 'You're a liar. You're all rail-roading me. I'm an innocent man,'" Reed said.

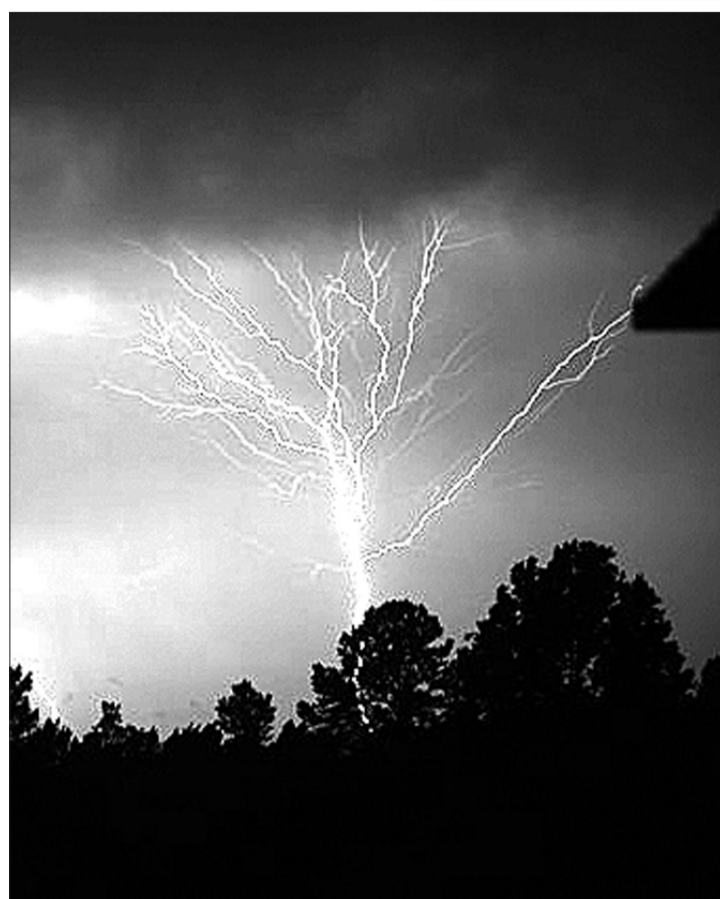
### Substitute teacher came to class drunk, police say

RICHARDSON (AP) — A substitute middle school teacher suspected of being drunk in class was too intoxicated to complete a sobriety test and was arrested, authorities said.

Thomas Brownlee, 56, was in a classroom Tuesday with students and another staff member for about 20 minutes, Richardson school district spokesman Tim Clark said. Another teacher suspected Brownlee was drunk and told a campus police officer.

A Dallas police report states that Brownlee "had slurred speech, breath smelling of an alcoholic beverage and bloodshot eyes."

The officer stopped issuing a sobriety test out of concern for Brownlee's safety, according to the report.



AP photo/Dr. Scott M. Lieberman

Lightning is seen going from the ground up to the clouds, during overnight thunderstorms in Tyler early today.

Brownlee was charged with public intoxication, police said.

Brownlee told Dallas television station KDFW that he had two small glasses of wine at lunch but was not intoxicated. He said he was a minister whose vanity license plate "IMBLZT" was short for "I'm blessed."

"I love my kids," Brownlee said. "I wouldn't put them in jeopardy."

Clark said students were never alone with Brownlee, and that the district had used him as a substitute teacher before without incident.

### Jury orders Nintendo to pay gaming company Anascope \$21M

LUFKIN (AP) — Nintendo of America Inc. was ordered to pay a small East Texas gaming company \$21 million Wednesday for infringing on a patent while designing controllers for its popular Wii and GameCube systems.

A federal jury found in favor of Anascope Ltd. in the lawsuit that was originally filed in 2006. Nintendo spokesman Charlie Scibetta said the company will seek an appeal and expects the court to reduce the award "significantly."

The jury found that Nintendo infringed on Anascope's patent while designing its Wii Classic, WaveBird and Gamecube controllers.

Scibetta said Nintendo was pleased no infringement was found with the motion-sensing technology used in its wandlike Wii and Nuncheck controllers, which mimic movements by users in games such as tennis and boxing.

Attorneys for Anascope did not immediately respond

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If you've ever killed a person with kindness, or at least bowled them over, you've experienced the virtually lethal levels of interpersonal intelligence that today's lunar energy brings. Libra moon's got finesse. Pull on her winning combination of appropriateness, kindness and compliments, to fabulous effect.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Having to approve or disapprove of a situation is energy consuming. The clouds of judgment lift so you can see the situation for what it really is -- two people doing the best they can to make things work.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Desire is a projection of future pleasure you hope to create, usually based on a feeling from your past. And though it motivates you to achieve a goal, it also robs you of enjoying what's around now. Let this moment rule supreme.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Inconsistency drives you mad -- unless, of course, the one making all the fast, unpredictable changes is you. Then you chalk it up to fashion, being-of-the-moment and generally fun. And you're right!

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Having terrific man-

ners will serve you well. You'll be chosen for missions of diplomacy, like meeting the parents or other VIPs. You could also be given a raise.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You've formed bonds so tight they will certainly last a lifetime. Still, you can't always be with the ones you love. You'll experience a lesson in healthy detachment and handle it brilliantly.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're a rose in a field of dandelions. You may wish to have a disposition that's softer, fluffier and able to blow with the breeze, but you don't. You're strong, with the ability to wound or take someone's breath away with your beauty.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're completely unaware of any potential obstacles as you gaze into the eyes of your happy vision of the future. And because you believe, if only for a fleeting second, that you are invincible, you really are.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you're going to have a problem, you at least choose one that is very interesting. In fact, it may be downright rare. Those who help you may first pause to marvel at the unusual nature of your predicament.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have magic powers -- at least according to that person who admires you so much. You may secretly wish this person would tone down their estimation of

you because living up to it is a lot of pressure!  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are certain things about yourself that you're not in favor of, yet have been unable to change thus far. You frame one such trait in an attractive way now. Someone may even fall in love with you because of it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Struggling to get ahead and stay ahead is futile. There is no "ahead," there is only "here." Give up the fight and decide that right where you are now is the perfect place.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). As a water sign, you inherently understand that life changes form and is constantly shifting. You float with whatever comes. You'll even suffer the fool who stands up in your "boat" and rocks it.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:**  
It was an unprecedented move: a former NFL player dancing the fox trot. And with panache, the winsome Emmitt Smith opened eyes about what "real men" can do. Taurus men are as arresting for their burliness, as their charm. Sure, the manly man can always impress with his strength, but it's a combination of strength and grace that wins hearts.

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Dear Annie: I have been dating "Siena" for five months and I care deeply about her, but she has an ex-husband, "Kevin," and they are close. He has a key to her house and comes and goes when he wants. Siena cannot have a conversation without mentioning him. Both of them talk quite openly about special moments in their marriage. It's difficult to listen to.

Siena is in the process of fixing up a house she recently bought. Kevin has been involved since the beginning, assisting in the remodeling efforts. When he talks about the house, he uses "we," as in "we did this" or "we need to fix that." It comes across as "their" house. I have been trying to help her as much as possible, hoping she will depend more on me and less on him. I am extremely uncomfortable with him around. It's like they're still married without the romance.

I know Siena loves me, but she doesn't understand my frustration. For the last few weeks, I have had problems with insom-



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

nia, mostly because of this issue. I don't want to lose her, but I'm not sure how much longer I can tolerate the time around Kevin. I don't want to share her with him. -- Three's a Crowd

Dear Three's a Crowd: Siena has not quite divorced herself from Kevin, but as long as there are no romantic sparks between them, you probably don't need to worry. She seems to be treating him like a brother of whom she is fond. Put your antenna up and discern whether Kevin has ulterior motives for being around Siena. Does he flirt with her? Does he gaze longingly in her direction? If so, you need to convince Siena that she is hurting Kevin by making him believe she is still interested. If not, consider "adopting" Kevin. It not only could allay your fears, but also generate a friendship. And try to fix him up with some eligible females.

Dear Annie: Can you please advise your readers of a source to determine whether a charity is worthy? We are inundated with requests for donations for causes that are obviously good, but how can we differentiate among those we can trust to accomplish the most with our money? Thanks. -- Want To Help The Right People

Dear Want to Help: Thank you for asking. To find out if a charity has a

good record and is worth your investment, contact: The American Institute of Philanthropy ([charity-watch.org](http://charity-watch.org)), P.O. Box 578460, Chicago, IL 60657-8460; Charity Navigator ([charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org)), 1200 MacArthur Blvd., Second Floor, Mahwah, NJ 07430; GuideStar ([guidestar.org](http://guidestar.org)), 4801 Courthouse St., Suite 220, Williamsburg, VA 23188; and The Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance ([give.org](http://give.org)). Call your local BBB office or write The Council of Better Business Bureaus, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203-1838.

Dear Annie: Dr. Kochkin is correct in his description of signs of hearing loss and the advances in hearing aids. Unfortunately, one crucial thing was left out. Hearing aids are not covered by health insurance.

My insurance was happy to pay for an ENT (ear, nose and throat specialist) and an audiologist to diagnose my hearing loss, but not one cent toward the hearing aids at \$1,500 apiece. I was in the process of saving for them when my daughter became critically ill, and now I have to start over. Meanwhile, I try to sit up front in church, at the theater and at movies. I also look directly at people's faces when I speak to them so I can lip-read.

I don't understand this gap. Glasses, wheelchairs, prosthetics, even corrective surgery are at least partially covered. Why not cover something critical to communication and safety? -- Frustrated

Dear Frustrated: We agree. As the baby boomers enter their later years, the need for affordable hearing aids will become overwhelming, especially if they want to hear the Rolling Stones at 70.

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.*

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## News in brief

### China sends more helicopters to quake zone as rescuers break through to worst hit areas

DEYANG, China (AP) — China ordered dozens more helicopters to drop aid into remote areas of quake-hit Sichuan province Thursday as rescuers broke through key roads to the epicenter that had been blocked since a powerful earthquake that has directly affected 10 million people.

For the first time since Monday's 7.9 magnitude quake, which killed an estimated 15,000 people, rescuers were able to move heavy equipment into the worst-affected areas. Previously, soldiers riding to isolated mountain villages on helicopters and small boats had been forced to dig for survivors with their hands.

More than 72 hours after the earthquake rattled central China, rescue workers appeared to shift their efforts from poring through downed buildings for survivors to the grim duty of searching for corpses.

Near the city of Shifang, where chemical plants collapsed in the earthquake, troops buried bodies wrapped in white sheets in a mass grave lined with lime. About 50 troops wearing helmets and face masks were using a large mechanical shovel to dig.

In Dujiangyan, police and militia pulverized rubble with cranes and backhoes while crews used shovels to pick around larger pieces of debris. On one sidestreet, about a dozen bodies were laid on a sidewalk, while incense sticks placed in a pile of sand sent smoke into the air as a tribute and to dull the stench of death.

### John Edwards gives long-awaited endorsement to Obama at timely moment

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — It would have meant more in February or March, but John Edwards' endorsement of Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination was welcomed nonetheless by a politician eager to turn the page.

Edwards' surprise appearance at a rally Wednesday steered some of the attention away from Hillary Rodham Clinton's landslide win over Obama in Tuesday's West Virginia primary. Despite the victory, the former first lady faces long odds in trying to deny Obama the presidential nomination.

Edwards had been their chief rival from 2007 through last January. But after finishing second to Obama in Iowa, the former North Carolina senator and 2004 vice presidential nominee placed third in the next three contests, then left the race.

Obama and Clinton immediately sought his support, but Edwards stayed mum until Wednesday. The endorsement would have carried more clout had Edwards made it months ago, when the outcome of the Democratic contest was very much in doubt.

"We are here tonight because the Democratic voters have made their choice, and so have I," Edwards said.

### Myanmar approves new constitution while it reels from devastating cyclone

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's junta announced Thursday that a pro-military constitution has won overwhelming support in a referendum, which was held despite widespread criticism and in the midst

of a national tragedy — a devastating cyclone that the Red Cross says may have killed more than 125,000 people.

State radio said the draft constitution, which critics dismissed as a sham document designed to entrench the military's rule, was approved by 92.4 percent of the 22 million eligible voters. It put voter turnout at more than 99 percent.

Voting was postponed until May 24 in the Irrawaddy delta and Yangon areas, which were worst hit by Cyclone Nargis. But state radio said the results of the late balloting could not mathematically reverse the constitution's approval.

Myanmar's government issued a revised casualty toll Wednesday night, saying 38,491 were known dead and 27,838 were missing.

But the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said its estimate put the number of dead between 68,833 and 127,990.

### Bush criticizes Mideast extremists, says US, Israel oppose Iran's nuclear ambitions

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Bush on Thursday criticized the deadly tactics of extremist groups like al-Qaida, Hezbollah and Hamas and said he looks toward the day when Muslims "recognize the emptiness of the terrorists' vision and the injustice of their cause."

In a speech prepared for delivery to the Knesset, or parliament, Bush pledged that the United States has an unbreakable bond with Israel.

"Some people suggest that if the United States would just break ties with Israel, all our problems in the Middle East would go away" Bush said in his prepared address. "This is a tired argument that buys into the propaganda of our enemies, and America rejects it utterly. Israel's population may be just over 7 million. But when you confront terror and evil, you are 307 million strong, because America stands with you."

Bush took special aim at Iran and said the United States stands with Israel in opposing moves by Tehran to obtain nuclear weapons.

### House plans Thursday vote on spending bill with increases in education benefits for vets

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush wants more money for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. House Democrats are making him pay for a price — increased education benefits for veterans of those conflicts — to pass his long-stalled request.

The House also was poised to approve on Thursday an extra tax on wealthier people. The new revenue would help cover the 10-year, \$52 billion cost of bolstering the GI Bill and providing those veterans with a college education.

Senators, however, are balking at the one-half of a percentage point increase in tax rates on income topping \$500,000 for individuals and \$1 million for couples. At the same time, Republicans and business groups say the plan amounts to an increase in taxes on small businesses that pay taxes at the same rates as some individuals.

The war spending would provide \$163 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan into next year. But Democrats are focusing more on their add-ons, especially the big increase in the GI Bill and an extension of unemployment insurance for people whose benefits have run out.

The two items, along with proposed restrictions on Bush's ability to conduct the war in Iraq, have led the White House to promise to veto the measure.

### In Ohio, McCain outlines vision that achieves Iraq victory, curbed spending, bipartisanship

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — John McCain, looking through a crystal ball to 2013 and the end of a prospective first term, sees "spasmodic" but reduced violence in Iraq and Afghanistan, Osama bin Laden dead or captured and government spending curbed by his ready veto pen.

The Republican presidential contender also envisions April's annual angst replaced by a simpler flat tax, illegal immigrants living humanely under a temporary worker program, and political partisanship stemmed by weekly news conferences and British-style question periods with joint meetings of Congress.

In a speech being delivered Thursday, McCain concedes he cannot make the changes alone, but he wants to outline a specific governing style to show the accomplishments it can achieve.

"I'm not interested in partisanship that serves no other purpose than to gain a temporary advantage over our opponents. This mindless, paralyzing rancor must come to an end. We belong to different parties, not different countries," McCain says in remarks prepared for delivery in the capital city of Ohio, a general election battleground. "There is a time to campaign, and a time to govern. If I'm elected president, the era of the permanent campaign will end; the era of problem solving will begin."

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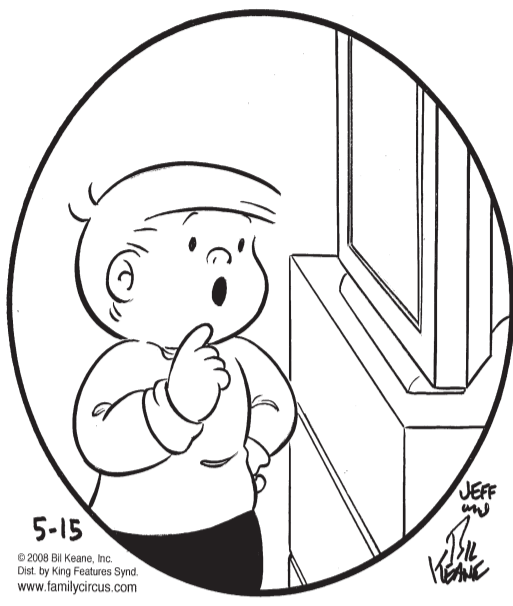
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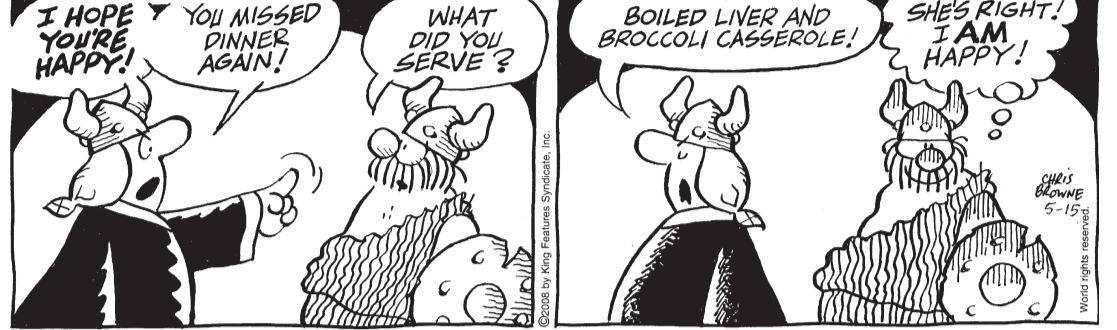
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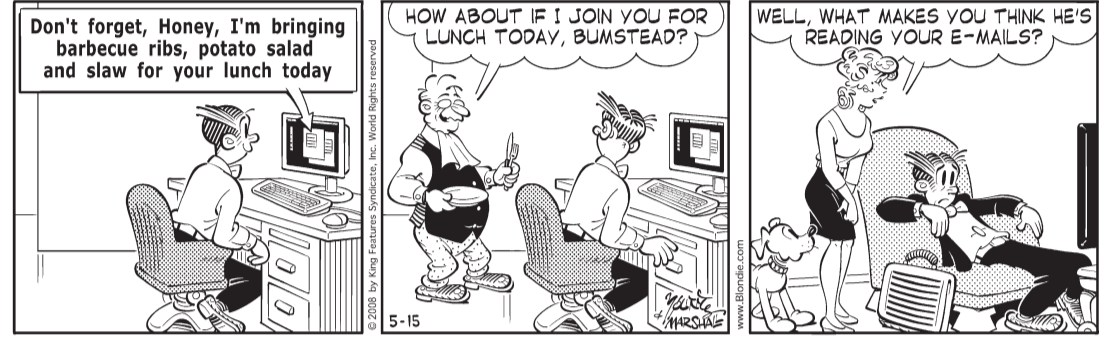


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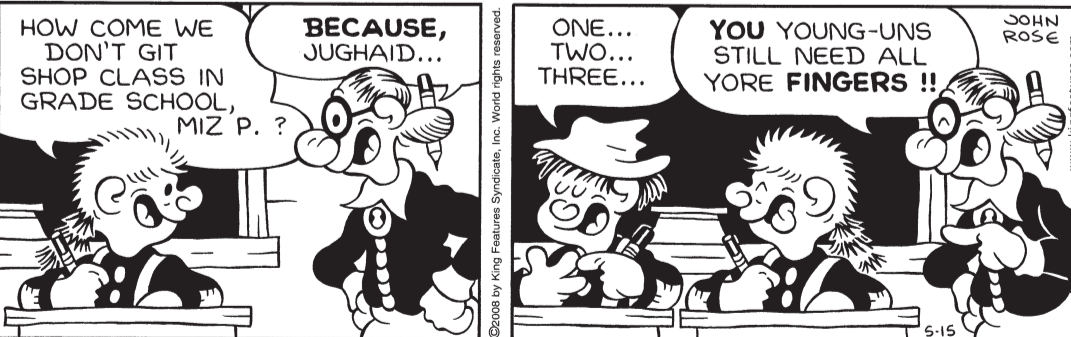
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 15, the 136th day of 2008. There are 230 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History:  
 On May 15, 1918, U.S. airmail began service between Washington, Philadelphia and New York.  
 On this date:  
 In 1911, the Supreme Court ordered the dissolution of Standard Oil Co., ruling it was a monopoly in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act.  
 In 1930, registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard an Oakland, Calif.-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport, a forerunner of United Airlines.  
 In 1942, wartime gasoline rationing went into effect in 17 eastern states, limiting sales to three gallons a week for nonessential vehicles.  
 In 1948, hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel was attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.  
 In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon received a hero's welcome on his return from a violence-marred tour of Latin America.  
 In 1958, the MGM movie musical "Gigi," starring Leslie Caron as a young French courtesan-in-training, was released.  
 In 1963, astronaut L. Gordon Cooper blasted off aboard Faith 7 on the final mission of the Project Mercury space program.  
 In 1972, George C. Wallace was shot by Arthur Bremer and left paralyzed while campaigning in Laurel, Md., for the Democratic presidential nomination.  
 In 1975, U.S. forces invaded the Cambodian island of Koh Tang and recaptured the American merchant ship Mayaguez. (All 40 crew members had already been released safely by Cambodia; some 40 U.S. servicemen were killed in the operation.)  
 In 1988, the Soviet Union began the process of withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan, more than eight years after Soviet forces had entered the country.  
 Today's Birthdays: Singer Eddy Arnold is 90. Actor Joseph Wiseman is 90. Playwright Sir Peter Shaffer ("Amadeus") is 82. Actress-singer Anna Maria Alberghetti is 72. Counterculture icon Wavy Gravy is 72. Former Secretary of State Madeleine

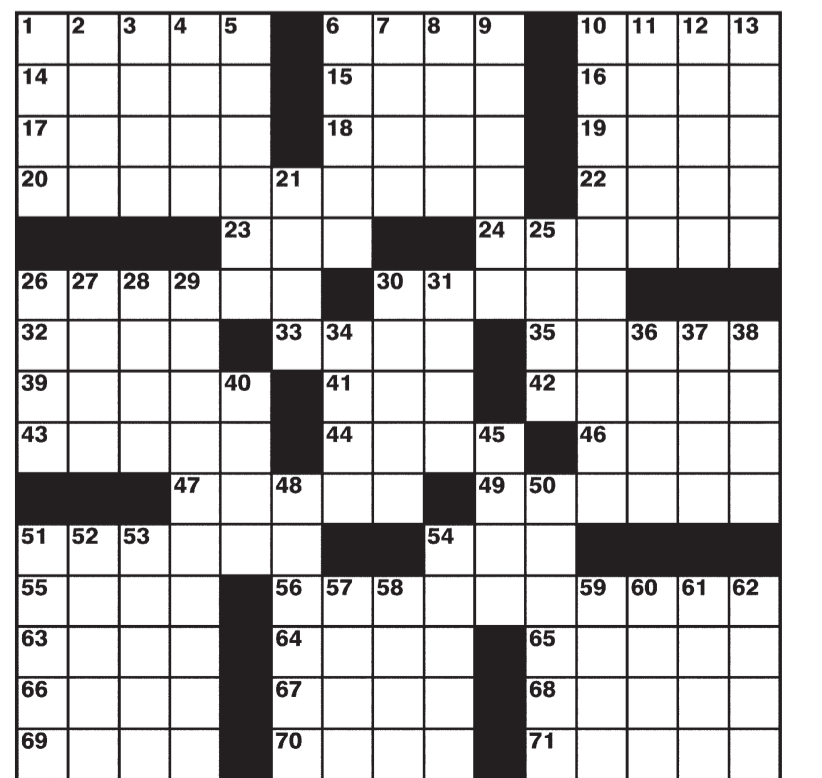
Albright is 71. Singer Trini Lopez is 71. Singer Lenny Welch is 70. Actress-singer Lainie Kazan is 68. Actor-director Paul Rudd ("Knots Landing") is 68. Country singer K.T. Oslin is 66. Singer-songwriter Brian Eno is 60. Actor Nicholas Hammond ("The Sound of Music") is 58. Actor Chazz Palminteri is 56. Baseball Hall-of-Famer George Brett is 55. Musician-composer Mike Oldfield ("Tubular Bells") is 55. Actor Lee Horsley is 53. TV personality Giselle Fernandez is 47. Singer-rapper Prince Be (PM Dawn) is 38. Actor Brad Rowe is 38. Actor David Charvet is 36. Rock musician Ahmet Zappa is 34. Olympic gold-medal gymnast Amy Chow is 30. Actor David Krumholtz ("Numbers") is 30. Actress Jamie-Lynn Sigler is 27.

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- 41 The works
- 42 Dry white wine
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- 26 Talk back to
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- 28 Oratorio highlight
- 29 Snitch
- 30 Trojan War figure
- 31 School cheer
- 34 Paddock parent
- 36 Help oneself to
- 37 Times in classifieds
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- 48 Prickly plant
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*Pontiac's rear-wheel drive sedan has all the right moves*

**T**his car is the real deal. Introduced for the 2008 model year, the all-new midsize Pontiac G8 sedan is one of the most exciting models of the year.

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G8 is powered by a 256 horsepower 3.6-liter V6 engine and, nicely equipped I might add, has a list price of \$27,595.

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As I mentioned earlier, ride and handling are at the top of the segment. After spending a week behind the wheel of a G8, I not only had fun driving it, I found it well suited for everyday driving —

but also comfortable for long commutes.

It also had me reminiscing of the GTO. Although the GTO never caught on with consumers, it was an exceptional ride. In fact, I

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While the G8 is a totally different car, it shares a lot of the driving excitement that I felt with the GTO.

I'm also very impressed with the G8's interior — and long list of standard equipment.

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# Ants swarm over Houston area, fouling electronics

DALLAS (AP) — In what sounds like a really low-budget horror film, voracious swarming ants that apparently arrived in Texas aboard a cargo ship are invading homes and yards across the Houston area, shorting out electrical boxes and messing up computers.

The hairy, reddish-brown creatures are known as “crazy raspberry ants” — crazy, because they wander erratically instead of marching in regimented lines, and “rasberry” after Tom Rasberry, an exterminator who did battle against them early on.

“They’re itty-bitty things about the size of fleas, and

they’re just running everywhere,” said Patsy Morphew of Pearland, who is constantly sweeping them off her patio. “There’s just thousands and thousands of them. If you’ve seen a car racing, that’s how they are. They’re going fast, fast, fast. They’re crazy.”

The ants — formally

known as “paratrechina species near pubens” — have spread to five Houston-area counties since they were first spotted in Texas in 2002.

The newly recognized species is believed to have arrived in a cargo shipment through the port of Houston. Scientists are not sure exactly where the

ants came from, but their cousins, commonly called crazy ants, are found in the Southeast and the Caribbean.

“At this point, it would be nearly impossible to eradicate the ant because it is so widely dispersed,” said Roger Gold.

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5-speed automatic  
6-speed automatic  
**EPA:** 17/15 mpg city, 25/24 mpg highway (V6/V8)  
**FUEL:** Regular unleaded  
**SUSPENSION:** Multi-link

**BRAKES:** ABS with StabiliTrak electronic vehicle stability program.  
**LENGTH:** 196.1 inches  
**WHEELBASE:** 114.8 inches  
**WIDTH:** 74.8 inches  
**HEIGHT:** 57.7 inches  
**WEIGHT:** 3,885-3,995 lbs.  
**TRACK:** 62.7/63.3  
**FUEL TANK:** 19.2 gallons  
**TIRES:** 18-, or 19-inch  
**SAFETY:** Dual-stage frontal airbags with a passenger sensing system, head curtain side airbags for front and rear seat, side thorax airbags for front seat occupants, tire pressure monitoring system, LATCH anchors, et. al.

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to the trim and instrumentation, you actually feel like you are driving a premium, high-performance sedan.

Standard equipment includes air conditioning, cruise control, driver information center (DIC), tilt-telescoping steering wheel with DIC and radio controls, power windows/locks/mirrors with remote keyless entry and remote start, theft-deterrent alarm system.

G8 GT models add dual zone climate control and a 230-watt, 11-speaker Blaupunkt audio system.

Standard safety features include StabiliTrak vehicle stability system, tire pressure monitoring system, dual-stage frontal

airbags with a passenger sensing system, head curtain side airbags for both seating rows, side thorax airbags for front seat occupants, LATCH child safety seat anchors and OnStar Turn-by-Turn Navigation.

I give the G8 extremely high marks and strongly recommend anyone in the market for a mid-size sedan to add the new Pontiac to the test drive list. You won't be disappointed.

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