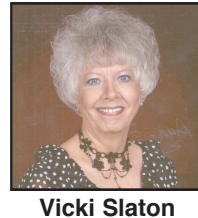




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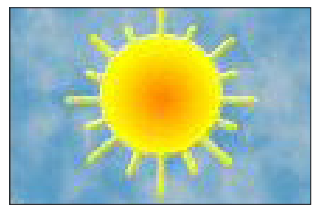


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## Keeneys moving on

Reception planned June 22 at Salvation Army here

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring area will soon be forced to say farewell and Godspeed to two of its own, as Salvation Army Captains Russ and Linda Keeney get ready to pull up stakes and move to the charity's Midland operation. "Every year there are moves in the Salvation Army, and normally those moves are three- to four-year appointments. We've been here

seven years, and we got the call from our divisional commander and he explained we had been appointed to the Midland command. It's just 45 miles up the road, but with gas prices what they are, it's a lot farther than that," Russ Keeney said with a laugh. "We're reexcited and it's bittersweet. We hate to leave Big Spring because



Russ and Linda Keeney

we love this place; we love the community and we've developed some great relationships. But we know God is leading our footsteps, and as long as we follow him on the journey, he'll bless us, and we'll be allowed to bless other people."

The Keeneys will be replaced by See **KEENEYS**, Page 3A



## Making the grade

Comparing BSISD performance on the TAKS from 2007 to 2008 (district-wide passing rate):

	2007	2008		2007	2008
ELA/Reading	86	88	ELA/Reading	86	88
Mathematics	70	65	Mathematics	70	65
Writing	89	87	Writing	89	87
Science	58	57	Science	58	57
Social Studies	85	80	Social Studies	85	80

Source: Texas Education Agency

## TAKS scores dip slightly against 2007

Preliminary scores should rise a bit, Downes says

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

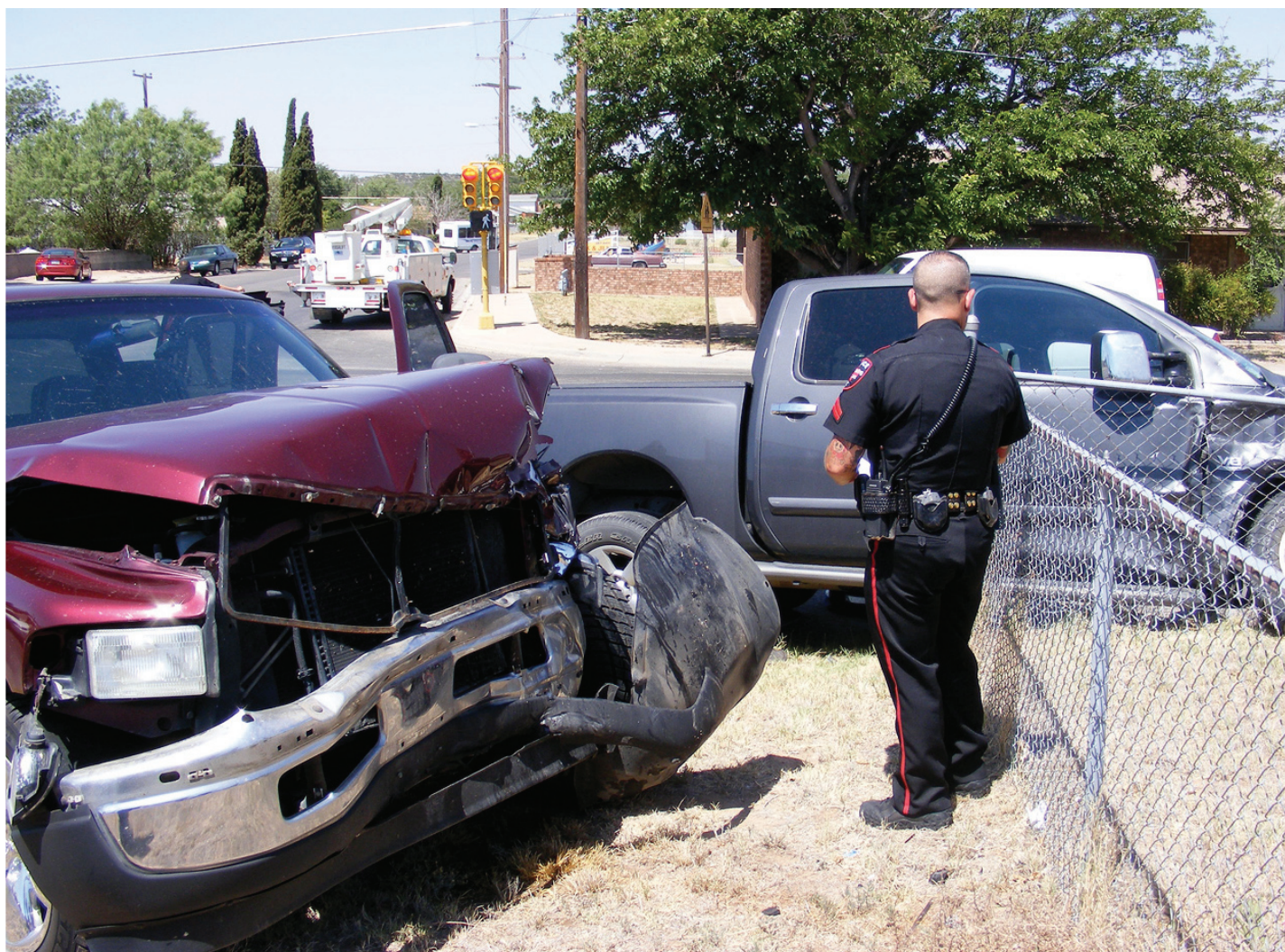
Preliminary results show that Big Spring Independent School District students scored slightly lower on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test in 2008, compared to last year. District-wide results showed that students scored slightly higher in English/Language Arts and reading, but lower



Downes

in other test areas. The results indicate that 88 percent of district students passed the ELA/Reading test, compared to 86 percent in 2007. In mathematics, 65 percent of the students passed,

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Herald Managing Editor John A. Moseley was critically injured as a result of this two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Goliad and 18<sup>th</sup> streets Wednesday. Moseley was transferred to a Lubbock-area hospital, where he was listed in critical condition this morning with a head injury. A person in the other vehicle was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

## Cedar River floods Vinton, Iowa; heat toll at 17

By **AMY LORENTZEN**  
Associated Press Writer

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — Inmates in black-and-white striped uniforms were rescued from jail by boat Wednesday as

the raging Cedar River flooded a small city's downtown and forced evacuations in another town downstream. On the East Coast, officials revealed the weekend heat wave had claimed 17 lives.

From Wisconsin to Missouri, officials in the flood-ravaged Midwest were frantically sandbagging, watching weakened dams and rescuing residents from water that in some places rose knee-high,

while storms threatened more damage in the Upper Plains. Officials in Wisconsin were monitoring dams and high water in Indiana burst a levee, flooding a vast stretch of farmland. In Minnesota and North Dakota,

strong winds closed a highway and even sent a cow into the air, a witness said. Tornadoes touched down in eastern Nebraska and

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## Police investigate alleged aggravated robbery

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man received several stitches to the hand Wednesday after police officials say he was stabbed in the course of an alleged aggravated robbery in the College Park Shopping Center.

The 35-year-old victim was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by ambulance where he received 13 stitches

in his hand, according to Lt. Terry Chamness, spokesperson for the Big Spring Police Department. "According to the victim, this took place right outside of the Dollar General in the shopping center," said Chamness. "The victim told officers he was approached by two Hispanic males, who demanded the money he had on him. He gave them the money, and in the course of the robbery he was stabbed in

the hand. "The suspects left the scene, and the victim called his wife, who, in turn, called the police department. Officers responded to his location and he was transported to the hospital, where he was treated and released." Chamness said the two suspects made away with an undisclosed amount of cash and no arrests have been made at this time. "The details and

descriptions provided by the victim were pretty vague," said Chamness. Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is encouraged to contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550 or Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS or 264-TIPS.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)



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### IN BRIEF

#### BSHS schedules start of several summer camps

The school year may be over soon, but Big Spring High School's athletic department will be keeping itself busy with the start of several summer programs and camps.

#### Camp of Champs

The Camp of Champs is a weight conditioning program that runs through June 19.

Fourth and fifth graders lift from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Sixth and Seventh graders occupy the weight room in the ATC from 11 a.m. to noon on the same days.

Cost is \$25 per person and \$10 for T-shirt.

#### Baseball Skills Camp

Baseball coach Burt Otto will conduct a Baseball Skills Camp starting Monday and running through June 19. There will be two sessions with each taking place at the ATC practice field. First through fourth graders participate from 1-3 p.m. and fifth through eighth graders take the field from 3-5 p.m.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

#### Softball Skills Camp

Coaches John Sparks and Jennifer Reyes lend their services for a Softball Skills Camp June 16-19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at a location to be announced.

The camp is for first through eighth graders and costs \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

For information or to register for any of the above camps and to learn about a full BSHS summer athletic programs and camps schedule, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

#### Coahoma sets date for baseball skills camp

Coahoma's Head Baseball Coach Brad Harman has announced the dates for his annual Bulldogs Baseball Camp. The camp will be held from Monday through June 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day at the Bulldogs baseball field.

The camp is for ages six and up and costs \$75.

Contact Harman at 816-3258 with any questions.

#### BSGSA holding 5th Annual Co-ed Ragball Tourney

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will have its 5th Annual Co-ed Ragball Tournament June 20-22 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Cost is \$110 per team with an eight-game guarantee.

Register at the complex between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. June 20th. Games start at 7 p.m. on the same date.

For more information contact Rodney Jones at 213-3750.

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# T.O. frustrated by extra drug testing

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Terrell Owens isn't worried about being tested for drugs as many as 24 times a year now. Still, he's frustrated.

"They can test me 1,000 times," the Dallas Cowboys receiver said Wednesday. "I know that I don't use illegal stuff, so I'm good."

Owens just isn't very happy that what he insists was a simple miscommunication landed him in the

NFL's "reasonable cause" testing program after he missed a random test.

"Especially with everything with the steroids and performance-enhancing drugs, for me to be put out there in that light, I think it's just a negative connotation for me," Owens said during the fourth week of the team's voluntary offseason workouts. "It's all because of a missed call that negative perception is out there."

The 34-year-old Owens said he

has never had a positive test "for substance of any kind" during his 12 NFL seasons.

Owens said contact information he gave the NFL after last season included agent Drew Rosenhaus' number "because I know he always answers the phone." Owens said the league also had a phone number that wasn't his and then tried to reach him on "an old number I never even put down."

On the same day last week that Owens signed his new \$34 million

contract with the Cowboys through the 2011 season, he was in New York visiting with NFL officials. That meeting didn't include commissioner Roger Goodell.

"The thing is they had already put in the reasonable cause testing program, which I didn't want to do," Owens said. "I didn't want to be a part of that."

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# Future Lady Steers progressing in camp

## 20 young female athletes take part in girls basketball skills camp

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

All a coach can ask for in a camp environment is noted improvement in its participants.

That's what Big Spring Lady Steers coach Randal Petty is seeing in the close to 20 girls who attended the Lady Steers Basketball Skills Camp this week.

"It's been a good camp with enough girls that you can manage and concentrate on individuals when running drills," Petty said. "Our overall goal is teaching skills and fundamentals. Every day we're working on dribbling, passing and shooting form. Basically, we're just covering all the basics. There's been a good amount of improvement over the week."

Girls that had just completed grades first through eighth were invited to attend the four-day camp, but most of the campers were in the third through eighth grade range. Petty said he was encouraged by the turnout and feels it can pay dividends for the future of the Lady Steers' basketball program.

"There's nothing but upside when you get girls that could be future Lady Steers participating in camps like this," Petty said. "It gives the coaches a chance to know these girls at an early age. It gives the girls something to do over the summer, too. I think we do a pretty good job in Big Spring with all the different camps we offer to keep athletes involved and in shape."

"For the basketball program, it gives us the chance to teach these girls how to do things the right way before they develop bad technique with their skills," he continued. "It's nothing for a good thing for them to come in and learn the

game of basketball, but to also enjoy it at an early age."

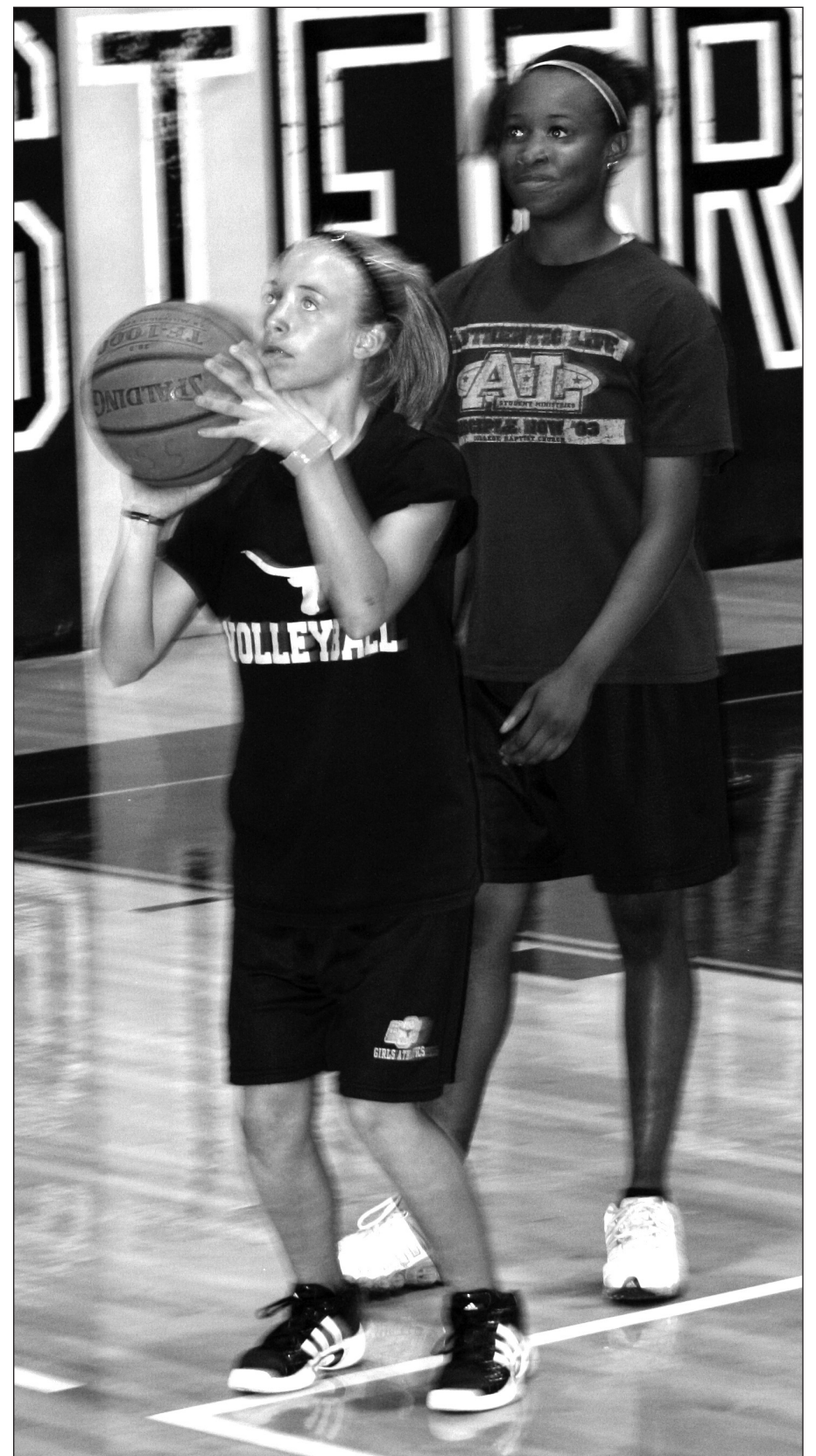
Camp isn't only enjoyable for the athletes taking part, but also for the coaches. For Petty, the week has been most enjoyable because of the opportunities to see progression in girls that will be coming into the Lady Steers' program in the next year or two.

"Just teaching the girls is my favorite part of this week," Petty said. "It's been nice this week because the girls have really soaked up what we're teaching like a sponge. It's been fun to get down on the floor to demonstrate the drills and just watch them progress over four days. You'd be surprised how much they can improve in such a short time. This is Day 3 and from Day 1 to right now I've already seen a lot of progress in the girls. That's encouraging to see as a coach."

Another exciting component for Petty is the influx of young talent that will be joining the Lady Steers' program next season. Several girls that will be freshmen next school year were participating in the camp and Petty's expectations are high for that class.

"There's a lot of talent in the next couple of classes coming into the program," Petty said. "It's honestly going to be hard to keep those girls off the varsity roster because their so good. I've gotten to get a good look at some of them this week and I'm very excited about their potential. There's a lot to learn still, but we're going to have a chance to turn things around with the young classes of girls coming in."

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull  
Logan Yarbar (front) prepares to shoot in a drill as Bridgette Tuitt looks on at the Lady Steers Basketball Skills Camp at Steer Gym Wednesday.

# Murphy's 2 HRs, 5 RBI lifts Rangers over KC



AP photo/Ed Zurga

Texas Rangers outfielder David Murphy hits a grand slam in the seventh inning of an AL baseball game against the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo. Murphy hit two home runs on the night to go along with 5 RBIs, leading the Rangers to an 11-5 win.

#### The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — David Murphy certainly enjoys hitting fifth in the Texas lineup behind Ian Kinsler, Michael Young, Josh Hamilton and Milton Bradley.

Who wouldn't? Murphy hit two home runs, including his first career grand slam, and drove in a career-high five to help the Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 11-5 Wednesday night.

"That makes it so much fun," Murphy said, hitting behind the four at the top of the order.

"A lot of the success I've had this year, a lot of it is thanks to them. Every one of those guys, what they do speaks for themselves. Having Josh and Milton, who are the two best hitters in the league right now, hitting in front of me, that's awesome."

Texas trailed 5-1 after six innings, but sent 10 men to the plate in a seven-run seventh, matching its biggest inning of the season. Relievers Jeff Fulchino and Jimmy Gobble faced seven Rangers in the inning without retiring a batter.

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

**Salvation Army Captains Russ and Linda Keeney go over paperwork in preparations for their departure to the Midland Corps office after seven years of service in Big Spring. See Page 1A for more.**

## Take Note

• Big Spring High School is offering TAKS Tutoring for Exit-Level TAKS re-test. Science tutorials are currently underway. Math tutorials will begin Wednesday, June 18, at 8 a.m. at the high school. Contact Molly Morris, high school counselor, at 264-3641, ext. 133, for additional information.

• June is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Any group that would like to see a program on the topic can contact Bill Birrell at 263-0659. He has an 18-minute American Cancer Society VCR tape edited by Sidney Poitier.

• 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:

- PAMELA KAY HARDON, 46, of 101 Shifflett, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- SHELLY LEANN PETREE, 20, of 6508 Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Wednesday on four local capias warrants.
- ANTHEA RYANNE DARROW, 23, of 1900 Alabama, was arrested Wednesday on two local citations and a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- TUTERRENCE DEMASKINNI DAVIS, 29, of 812 Creighton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DIMAS VALLES, 18, of 408 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1900 block of Lancaster.
- UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 4000 block of Vicky.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported:
  - in the 800 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - in the 500 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 1900 block of Lancaster.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Johnson.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.

## Sheriff's report

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

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

- TERRENCE A. YOUNG, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information.
- BYRON ZACKARY ROBERTS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- CHRISTINA MARTINEZ, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence of 60 days.
- SAMANTHA ERIN CASEY, 17, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ROLONDA JANINE FRYE, 37, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a fictitious license plate and no insurance.
- NATHAN ALLEN CLAYTON, 25, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JESSE RENE LOPEZ, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.
- RODNEY J. KELEMAN, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMES DAVID KAMER, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Goliad. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Sixth Street and Benton. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of S. Highway 87 and Wildfire Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Willia. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 22-31-32-42-43-45. Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-12-16-27-33. Number matching five of five: 1.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery: 2-4-5-5. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery: 2-4-8. Sum It Up: 14.



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## Bulletin Board

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

**TODAY**

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

### 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.

## 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.

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# Bradley upset with comments by Royals' announcer

## The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Milton Bradley stormed out of the Texas Rangers clubhouse after an 11-5 victory Wednesday night over Kansas City and bounded up four flights of stairs looking for Royals television announcer Ryan Lefebvre.

Bradley, who was the designated hitter, heard what he considered derogative remarks made by Lefebvre on a TV in the Rangers clubhouse.

General manager Jon Daniels and manager Ron Washington were close behind and intercepted Bradley before he reached Lefebvre.

"I don't want to get necessarily into the details," Daniels said. "He was upset. Someone who doesn't know him was passing

judgment on TV. It was obvious he was hurt by the comments."

Bradley never reached Lefebvre, although he was within about 20 feet of him in the TV booth before being led back down to the clubhouse.

"There was no incident," Daniels said.

Upon returning to the clubhouse, Bradley screamed at teammates and broke down in tears.

"I'm tired of people bringing me down," Bradley said. "It wears on you. I love you guys, all you guys. I'm strong, but I'm not that strong. All I want to do is play baseball and make a better life for my kid than I had."

Several of Bradley's teammates consoled him after he calmed down.

Lefebvre, who is the son of for-

mer major league manager Jim Lefebvre, said he met with Daniels and Washington about his on-the-air comments, but did not talk to Bradley.

Lefebvre said the comments were intended to praise Josh Hamilton, who missed nearly four years of professional baseball with cocaine and alcohol additions, rather than tear down Bradley.

"It was a conversation about how Josh Hamilton has turned his life around and has been accountable for his mistakes," Lefebvre told The Associated Press. "Right now, it seems like the baseball world and fans are rooting for him. ... It doesn't seem like Milton Bradley has done the same thing in his life."

The oft-injured Bradley has a history of losing his temper.

He slammed a plastic bottle at the feet of a fan in the right-field seats at Dodger Stadium in 2004 after someone threw it on the field.

With San Diego in the pennant chase last September, he tore the ACL in his right knee when he was spun to the ground by Padres manager Bud Black, who was trying to keep him from an umpire.

He was suspended for five games after slamming the bottle, and had a four-game suspension for tossing a bag of balls onto the field after an ejection. There was a dugout confrontation with Cleveland manager Eric Wedge during spring training in 2004 before getting traded to Los Angeles.

Bradley claimed umpire Mike Winters baited the player into

the confrontation and directed a profanity at him last September. Winters was suspended the final five days of the regular season and didn't work the postseason.

"We weren't singling out Milton Bradley," Lefebvre said. "We also spent a lot of time complimenting Milton Bradley, but that's not what he heard when he was in the clubhouse."

"We weren't tearing up Milton Bradley. I told (Washington and Daniels) this wasn't a Milton Bradley rip session, but just based on the pictures we've seen in this series of him walking to the dugout all the way to right field, dropping his bat, making gestures to the fans in right field and above the dugout and taunting them. He's the only person in baseball I know that does that type of stuff."

## RANGERS

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"We're the type of offense that perseveres," Murphy said. "We showed that tonight."

Murphy, who leads all AL rookies with 46 RBIs and 77 hits, homered into the right-field grass on a 2-0 pitch from Gobble (0-2). The grand slam came after Josh Hamilton hit an RBI single and Bradley walked to load the bases.

"I felt good in that situation," Murphy said. "The offense came out a little bit flat tonight, as it did last night."

"I was fortunate to get into a 2-0 count. Bases loaded and 2-0, I'm pretty much looking dead-red fastball and that's what I got, right where I wanted it."

Murphy then led off a three-run ninth inning with a homer off Brett Tomko for his first career multi-homer game.

Vicente Padilla (8-3) picked up the victory and is 6-1 in his past nine starts, although he allowed five runs, four earned, on seven hits in six innings.

The Royals, who also squandered a four-run lead in a loss to Texas the previous night, have lost 19 of 23 games.

Mark Grudzielanek drove in four runs for Kansas City, hitting a two-run double in the third and a homer in the sixth with Mike Aviles aboard.

Royals starter Kyle Davies weaved his way in and out of trouble for six innings. The Rangers had at least one base runner every inning off Davies, who gave up six hits — five of them singles — and walked five, but allowed just one run.

Davies pitched out of a jam in the second when he walked the bases loaded with one out, but Kinsler grounded into a double play.

Davies was also aided by double plays in the fourth and fifth innings.

Byrd led off the Rangers' half of the fourth with a double and scored on Gerald Laird's single for the only run Davies allowed.

"I rang my pitch count up pretty high early and we made some great defensive plays and got me out of some jams," Davies said.

"A starting pitcher has to go as long as he can and be as effective as he can with the least amount of pitches."

Grudzielanek's double to right in the third inning gave the Royals a 2-0 lead. They added an unearned run in the fifth when Alex Gordon moved to third on Jose Guillen's single, then scampered home when Kinsler dropped the throw back into the infield.

## Red Sox 6, Orioles 3

Bartolo Colon is looking like a real bargain for the Boston Red Sox.

Colon allowed one run in six innings to win his 150th career game as the Red Sox beat Baltimore 6-3 on Wednesday night.

The right-hander, who signed a contract worth \$1.2 million plus performance and roster bonuses with Boston in the offseason, is 4-1 this season. He already has half as many wins as he totaled over the last two injury-plagued seasons with the Los Angeles Angels.

He struck out seven and walked one and earned the milestone victory in the same stadium where he

got his first major league win with Cleveland on June 7, 1997.

With Curt Schilling out until after the All-Star break, Daisuke Matsuzaka out for the last two weeks with mild right shoulder tendinitis, and Josh Beckett still rounding into form after missing the start of the season, Colon has been a huge boon for the Red Sox.

"He's been tremendous for us," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "To get a guy you didn't have when spring training started and all of a sudden he's right in the middle of the rotation helping us win games, it's been big."

In other AL games Wednesday, it was: Los Angeles 4, Tampa Bay 2; Oakland 8, New York 4; Seattle 2, Toronto 1; Minnesota 8, Cleveland 5; and Detroit 5, Chicago 1.

Facing a team that scored 29 runs in its previous four games, Colon retired the side in order in the first inning, then was able to relax after his teammates gave him a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the inning.

Jacoby Ellsbury led off the first with a single. He took off for second for a

stolen base and kept going to third as Olson's throw to Millar went wild.

Pedroia popped out, but J.D. Drew doubled, extending his hitting streak to 10 games with his 16th hit and 13th RBI in 30 at-bats.

Drew took third on a groundout and scored on a wild pitch.

Jason Varitek added a three-run homer off Garrett Olson (5-2) to cap the inning and put the game away.

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Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said this week that the Owens was signed to a new contract because there were no issues with the receiver.

"I am very excited about the fact that he would stand up for me," Owens

said.

Jones was aware of everything before Owens went to New York.

"I think it shows how together and what a family this is, and how committed he is to this team and his players," Owens said about Jones' support of him. "It wouldn't be any different than somebody accusing your son of something you know your son

wouldn't do anything like that."

While every NFL player gets tested, Owens is upset that he could be taken out of his routine for additional testing.

"It's just ridiculous," Owens said. "I take pride in what I do. I take pride in keeping myself healthy. ... I know what I put in my body."

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## C. G. A. schedules annual scholarship tourney June 28-29

The Chicano Golf Association is holding their 18th annual scholarship tournament June 28-29 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The format is a two-person scramble and cost is \$75 per player. Mulligans can be bought for \$5 a piece.

Bob Brock Ford is sponsoring Hole No. 3 Saturday with any participant that hits a hole-in-one receiving a 2008 vehicle.

There are closest-to-pin prizes awarded on holes 3, 7, 13 and 16.

All proceeds for the tournament goes to a scholarship fund for local students.

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**Coahoma Junior High Principal Dean Richters, left, was named winner of the Maribeau B. Lamar Award, given annual by the local Masonic Lodge to the top educator in Coahoma ISD. Shown with Richters are, left to right, Masons Bo Clawson, Danny Martin and Wayne Davis.**

**KEENEYS**

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Captains Ed and Terri Cheshire, who will be moving into their second appointment since being appointed as officers of the Salvation Army.

Keeney said the move shouldn't change ongoing Salvation Army programs.

"Fortunately, I don't think the move will effect the programs at all. We have everything in place and the new officers coming in are aware of everything that has already been started," said Keeney. "They are going to continue on with everything, including the efforts to build the gym on this property, and that's already in the making. We already have the schematic plans and we're in the process of sending them to Dallas for approval. They're onboard with that, and they are 100 percent on fire."

"This will be their second appointment. They've been officers since 2006. They're not real young officers, but they have life experience, so I think they will be real good for the community."

Officials with the local Salvation Army said a

reception for the Keeneys is slated for June 22 at 1 p.m. in the Corps office, located at 811 W. Fifth St.

As for the Keeneys, they plan to keep the departure as painless as possible.

"Seven years. It's been seven years," Keeney said gravely. "It's going to be really tough to say goodbye. We're going to make it as light-hearted as we can because we know God has ordained these footsteps."

Linda Keeney said leaving Big Spring will be tough for her and her family, but she feels confident the city and surrounding area will be in good hands.

"It's going to be tough, and I know June 22 is going to be a very tough day for us. There are going to be a lot of tears and it's going to be very emotional for us, but we also know the community that loved us will love the new officers who are coming in," said Keeney. "It's going to be OK."

For more information on the reception, call 267-8239.

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**TAKS**

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compared to 70 percent the previous year, while 87 percent passed writing (compared to 89 percent in 2007), 57 percent passed science (compared to 58 percent in 2007) and 80 percent passed social studies (compared to 85 percent in 2007).

BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said these preliminary scores should rise slightly once the Texas Education Agency releases final TAKS results in August.

"The district is only accountable for the test scores of students enrolled as of the last Friday in October through the testing in spring," Downes said. "Once scores from 'move-in' students are factored out, the scores typically increase between two and five points."

Increased passing standards are one reason for the slight dip in scores, Downes said. Another factor, he added, was a change in how the state grades a district's performance.

"The greatest difference this year was the inclusion of special education testing in the district's

overall score," Downes said. "In the past, those students would receive a test based on their functioning grade level. Under the current accountability system, the student must be tested at (age-related) grade level, regardless of their disability."

That is a significant factor, he said, because 13 percent of BSISD students receive special education services.

Scores from individual campuses remained basically the same from 2007, with two notable exceptions — Moss Elementary students scored significantly better than the previous year,

while Bauer Elementary test scores were significantly lower.

Moss students produced double-digit increases in TAKS passing rates compared to the previous year. The reason, Principal George Martin said, was old-fashioned hard work.

"Our teachers and students really worked hard this year," Martin said. "We really didn't do anything different to prepare for the TAKS, it was just that the teachers and students were more determined."

The news wasn't nearly as cheerful at Bauer, which saw double-digit decreases in the

percentage of students passing portions of the test.

Downes said school officials are already taking steps to correct the situation. One step, which has resulted in some resistance, is transferring teachers from high-performing campuses to lower-performing sites.

"We are working very hard with staff and have targeted programs to assist the Bauer campus," Downes said.

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**FLOOD**

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southwestern Minnesota, but there were no immediate reports of major damage.

Along the Mississippi River in Missouri and Illinois, the National Weather Service was predicting the worst flooding in 15 years. Outlying areas could be inundated, but most of the towns are protected by levees and many low-lying property owners were bought out after massive flooding in 1993, officials said.

"Everything is flooded — everything is up to knee-high," said Patrice Calhoun, of Waterloo, Iowa, who rolled up her pants and waded through water to get home Wednesday morning. "You could actually swim in it."

Much of the downtown area in nearby Vinton, Iowa, was flooded, forcing officials to empty the county jail. Five boatloads of inmates dressed in black-and-white striped pants and shirts were floated out of the jail and to safety on higher ground.

Levees were holding in the nearby city of Waterloo, but officials ordered a mandatory evacuation of dozens of homes and businesses along the river because groundwater runoff was backing up at blocked storm drains.

In Cedar Falls, a city of about 35,000 people farther down the Cedar River, officials were relieved that a frantic volunteer

sandbagging effort had kept flood waters out of downtown. All the city's bridges over the river, except one, had been closed as a precaution.

"Our volunteers saved this city, but we are still at a critical point" with the river still 10 feet above flood stage, city spokeswoman Susan Staudt said.

Medical examiners along the East Coast revealed Wednesday that a heat wave from Saturday to Tuesday had claimed the lives of 17 people. Most of the victims were elderly.

Eight died in Philadelphia of heat-related causes, six others in New York City, two in Maryland and one in the Philadelphia suburb of Pottstown.

Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office spokesman Jeff Moran said the tally was not unusual in the city, which is composed largely of tightly packed, brick rowhouses.

In Illinois, officials were scrambling to bring potable water to distribution sites near Lawrenceville, a city of 4,600, and to the state's medium-security Lawrence Correctional Center. A day earlier, two nearby levees failed, turning some farmland into lakes and forcing the evacuation of roughly 200 mostly rural homes.

Lawrence County Sheriff Russell Adams said it remained unclear what made the city's water main stop working sometime Wednesday morning. Officials would have to wait for floodwaters to recede to find the problem, he said.

"We don't know how it's broken or where it's broken," Adams said.

The upper Plains were facing strong winds and thunderstorms Wednesday.

In western Minnesota, part of Interstate 94 was closed near Fergus Falls for several hours after winds blew trucks off the road.

Straight-line winds estimated at more than 70 mph destroyed a barn near Valley City, N.D.

Elva Dittmer, 83, said she was looking out the kitchen window during the storm and saw what she thought was a cow flying 10 feet through the air. Her son Ronald Dittmer, who owned the barn, said one cow was injured and another had to be euthanized.

"I've never seen it before and I hope I never see it again," Elva Dittmer said.

In St. Louis, the floating President Casino closed for the second time this year because of flooding on its riverfront access road.

With more rain falling upriver Wednesday in parts of Iowa, crests at Missouri's Mississippi River towns could be higher than currently forecast, said weather service hydrologist Jim Kramper.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers planned to close a series of locks north of St. Louis in the coming days. The locks must be closed to remove and store electric motors that move lock gates and control valves, the corps said.

In Wisconsin, state and local officials monitored

dams threatened by the high water from days of storms.

Wisconsin officials planned to let water out of the reservoir behind Primmer Dam in the southwestern part of the state to ease pressure on the weakening structure, said Russell Rasmussen of the Department of Natural Resources.

A levee failed early Wednesday in southwest Indiana near the town of Capehart, flooding several square miles of melon and corn fields near the White River. The water, at points, stretched to the horizon in all directions.

Rod Healy and his family have refused to leave their turkey farm near Washington, about

100 miles southwest of Indianapolis, even though his house is like an island in the middle of a lake.

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Texas' middle class also needs a helping hand

About every place you turn these days, someone in Texas is preaching that the state needs to graduate more students from college. We've certainly done our share of the hand wringing, with the state's economy increasingly depending on a creative scientific class.

We're going to be honest, though. No amount of bellyaching will matter if middle-class Texans can't afford college. And, yes, we mean middle class.

The state doesn't do enough when it comes to financial aid, but what help it does offer is largely aimed at families with annual incomes under about \$40,000. We're all in favor of helping families of more limited means. But the middle class also needs a hand.

Interestingly, a new report by a group of mostly Texas Democratic legislators makes the same point. To fix the situation, Houston Democratic Rep. Garnet Coleman and other members of the House's Legislative Study Group want a new "merit-based" fund that would benefit Texans regardless of their economic status.

We agree. And we encourage the several other committees working on higher-education issues before the 2009 Legislature begins to embrace the same goal. That includes the influential House education panel led by Dallas Republican Dan Branch.

Legislators can argue next year about the particulars of a middle-class aid program. Perhaps the answer is targeting the existing B-On Time financial aid program to middle-class Texans. We don't have the precise answer, but here's what we do know: It's not right when families where one spouse is a firefighter and the other is a teacher scramble night and day to send their child to college.

We're not advocating a free ride, but a shared commitment between the state and families. The Legislature should have funds to do this next year, too.

Although the budget surplus may not be enormous, we should have enough of one to benefit the middle class hoping to send their children to a state college. That certainly is fair since they pay a big share of the state's taxes.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

There is no problem too large or too complicated for You to handle, Lord.

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# The arrogance of Obama's supporters

It's interesting that the main people pushing Obama in the name of unity and civility are the same ones brutally trashing Hillary (and Bill) Clinton. They seem to have no sense of their own hypocrisy in defending the Clintons yesterday for far greater misconduct than that for which they are mercilessly excoriating them today in their editorials and so-called news reporting.

The hypocrisy and absence of self-reflection of this group — mostly the mainstream media and the leftist cabal of the Democratic Party — is born of its profound arrogance. This arrogance is also evident in the striking incoherence of their assumption that Obama can be a unifying force while working to change America in ways that are repugnant to a large plurality, if not a majority, of Americans.

You have to recognize that something about this group is just not natural when its members, such as MSNBC's Chris Matthews, can say without embarrassment that Obama sends shivers up his leg or when swooning crowds of supporters faint in his presence.

The group's obliviousness is demonstrated in its stunning state of denial over Obama's virtual free fall since the revelations about his associations with such unsavory characters as Tony Rezko and William Ayers and his longtime membership in a Christian church whose pastors and theology seem more race-oriented than Christ-centered.

You would think these fawning zealots would take notice of the backlash against Obama since he issued his outrageously divisive

critique of small-town America as embittered gun- and Bible-clingers. But their Obama-intoxication blinded them to seeing anything other than that Obama still had an insuperable lead in the delegate count.

Their stubborn attachment to him is understandable, though, if you consider their psychological state prior to the messiah's entrance onto the political stage and that many conditions existed at the time that would create a perfect political storm for him.

The group had been poisoned by its consuming hatred for George Bush over Bush-Gore 2000 and the Iraq war. Hillary's unpardonable act of voting for the Iraq war resolution caused her excommunication from the group and ensured that she would not be the one who could capitalize on Bush Derangement syndrome.

Also, the economy was finally fading as if to conform to seven years of dishonest Democratic naysaying, and with the hyperinflation of oil and gas prices, much of the public was ripe for the leftist class-warfare message that Obama would adopt when John Edwards left the race. The public was poised for this promise of hope and change, as if Democrats had finally succeeded in convincing them they were destitute, miserable and needed otherworldly deliverance from a this-worldly deliverer.

All that remained was for Obama to reveal himself as a charismatic figure with soaring oratory promising a sea change from the dark years of Bush-Cheney. Conditions were perfect for Obama's skill set.

He hit the perfect tones at the perfect time and with near-perfect delivery. And as an added bonus, he put the witch in her place in the debates.



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# Some tough questions for Obama

Sen. Barack Obama is, finally, the presumptive presidential nominee of the Democratic Party — no mean achievement in this most hotly contested primary race in recent history. He deserves a day or two to bask in this glory — and certainly the media have been helping this along with fawning coverage of his "historic" achievement as the first African-American to win a major party nomination. But at some point, surely, the press will get back to doing their jobs; namely, asking tough questions of Sen. Obama so that the voting public will learn more about the man who could be their next president.

The media should start by focusing on Sen. Obama's proposals in the foreign policy arena. He has offered a pretty radical vision of what his campaign calls "direct presidential diplomacy," offering to sit down, without preconditions, with some of the world's worst tyrants.

He first made the offer in the heat of a presidential debate in which he was trying to contrast his approach with the current occupant of the White House.

In July 2007, Obama was asked by a YouTube questioner, "Ö would

you be willing to meet separately, without precondition, during the first year of your administration, in Washington or anywhere else, with the leaders of Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Cuba and North Korea, in order to bridge the gap that divides our countries?"

His answer was simple and direct: "I would. And the reason is this, that the notion that somehow not talking to countries is punishment to them — which has been the guiding diplomatic principle of this administration — is ridiculous."

Since then, he's been hedging and qualifying his statement, most recently with respect to Iran when he addressed the pro-Israel group AIPAC on Wednesday. Obama tried to reassure the attendees — who are understandably worried about a nuclear-armed Iran, as everyone in the world should be — by saying he'd engage in "careful preparation" before any talks begin. But then he did what he often does. He pretended he hadn't said earlier what he clearly had: "I have no interest in sitting down with our adversaries just for the sake of talking," he claimed, blaming the confusion on his adversaries.

There are two issues here. One is foreign policy naivete. His original statement suggests he has no idea how diplomacy actually works. As a well-meaning amateur trying to rewrite the rules to conform to his idea of how the world should

The Obama era would vindicate the complaints of the leftist malcontents. He would end this "unnecessary war, which has not made us safer," would "provide" every American health care, would punish the evil rich, and would turn back the tide on global warming. And he would unify the American people in the process, in glorious validation of the left's warped assertion that Bush never tried to unite Americans.

It's astonishing that these people touting Obama as a uniter are so blind to their own bilious hatred and divisiveness.

They called Bush a Nazi, derided Condoleezza Rice as "Brown Sugar" and "Aunt Jemima," and labeled John Ashcroft a "witch burner."

They never allowed the facts to interfere with their predispositions, such as denouncing Bush as a divider even while Sen. Kennedy was stabbing him in the back for fulfilling his promise to work with him on the education bill.

Today their calls for unity are no less insincere, unless by unity they mean the gleeful, unanimous acceptance of their radical leftist agenda by a center-right nation marching in lock step like obedient Stepford wives.

Unless we accede to their extremist vision for America — one that could change America's governing institutions to the point of making them unrecognizable to our nation's Founders — we will be the evil obstructers.

It's nothing new for advocates of socialism, isolationism, appeasement, multiculturalism, defeatism and American non-exceptionalism to flex their muscles and gain power for a time.

But expecting to effect such far-reaching and potentially devastating changes to this nation in the name of unity is breathtakingly arrogant.

be, Sen. Obama could endanger the very security he seeks. But the other issue — and the one the mainstream press has so far largely ignored — is Sen. Obama's truthfulness.

The media are usually pretty eager to catch a politician in a contradiction. They are usually aggressive whenever a candidate changes his or her story, even when the matter itself is trivial. So why haven't the media been more dogged on Sen. Obama's misrepresentations of his willingness to sit down with dictators?

The point isn't for journalists to take a position on whether Sen. Obama's proposal to engage in direct talks with the likes of Raul Castro, Hugo Chavez, Kim Jong Il, or Mahmoud Ahmadinejad would be a good idea or a bad one. But they should be interested in why Sen. Obama said it was the right approach in July and has now backtracked, and in the case of Iran anyway, wants to pretend he never said it was.

Sen. Obama's sleight of hand raises an important issue of character. And the media have traditionally played an important role in helping voters define a candidate's character by asking tough and probing questions. So far, they've been reluctant to do so with Sen. Obama, certainly on substantive matters. It's time they start.

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Convicted killer Karl Eugene Chamberlain received lethal injection Wednesday evening after late appeals to the state and federal courts failed to block his execution for raping and fatally

shooting Felecia Precht, a 30-year-old single mother, at her Dallas apartment almost 17 years ago.

Smiling broadly as he looked at Precht's relatives watching him through a window, he told them he loved them, repeatedly said he was sorry and thanked them for coming to watch him die.

"We are here to honor the life

of Felecia Precht, a woman I didn't even know, and to celebrate my death," he said in the seconds before he was injected with lethal drugs. "I wish I could die more than once to tell you how sorry I am."

As the drugs took effect, he urged them to "not hate anybody because..." He slipped into unconsciousness before completing the thought. He was pro-

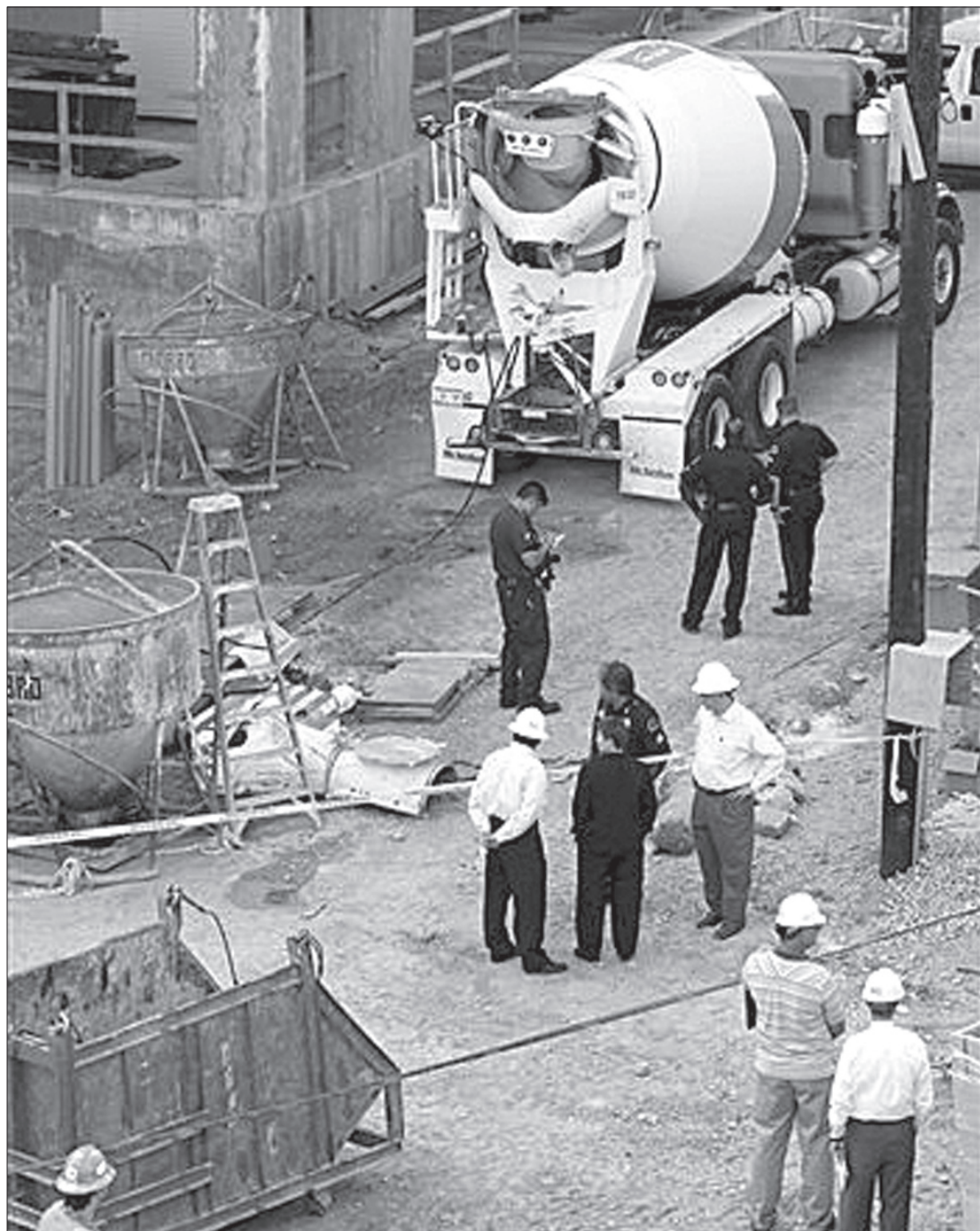
nounced dead nine minutes later.

"It has been 11 years since his conviction," said Ina Precht, whose daughter was murdered. "He has been housed, clothed, given blankets, pillows, at some point TV, mail, sunlight, clean clothes, food and drink, appeal lawyers all paid by our tax dollars..."

"The victim, Felecia, our

daughter and mother, has been in a sealed concrete vault and casket 6 feet under dirt for the past 17 years, since the crime was committed. Paid for by her family."

Chamberlain became the sixth prisoner executed nationally this year, all in recent weeks. At least another 12 inmates have execution dates in the coming months in Texas.



AP Photo/Dallas Morning News, Louis DeLuca

Police search the scene of an accident at construction site in Dallas Wednesday. Sgt. Gil Cerda told The Dallas Morning News that a crane operator was raising a hook when the cable snapped and the hook fell on a worker.

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# Tornado kills 4 at Boy Scout camp

By **TIMBERLY ROSS**

Associated Press Writer

BLENCOE, Iowa — Frightened Boy Scouts huddled in a shelter as a tornado tore through their western Iowa campground, killing four people and injuring 48 others who had little warning of the approaching twister.

Tornadoes also raked Kansas on Wednesday, killing at least two people, destroying much of the small town of Chapman and causing extensive damage on the Kansas State University campus.

Iowa rescue workers cut through downed branches and dug through debris amid rain and lightning Wednesday night to reach the camp where the 93 boys, ages 13 to 18, and 25 staff members were attending a week-long leadership training camp.

The tornado killed three 13-year-olds and one 14-year-old, said Lloyd Roitstein, an executive with the Mid America Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He did not release the names of the victims.

Roitstein said a tornado siren went off at the camp, but the scouts had already taken cover before the siren sounded.

The boys had been in two groups when the storm hit the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in the remote Loess Hills. One group managed to take shelter, while the other was out hiking.

At least 42 of the injured



Remains of a ranger's house can be seen after a tornado ripped through the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in the remote Loess Hills, Iowa, Wednesday.

AP Photo/Loren Sawyer - Onawa Sentinel

remained hospitalized Thursday morning, with everything from cuts and bruises to major head trauma, said Gene Meyer, Iowa's public safety commissioner. At least four of the injured were airlifted from the camp, he said, refusing to elaborate on their conditions or identify the dead.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and the families of the victims," Gov. Chet Culver said. "We continue to do

everything we can to make sure those injured are going to recover."

All the scouts and staff were accounted for, Meyer said, adding that searchers were making another pass through the grounds to make sure no one else was injured. The camp was destroyed.

Thomas White, a scout supervisor, said he dug through the wreckage of a collapsed fireplace

to reach victims in a building where many scouts were seeking shelter when the twister struck at 6:35 p.m.

"A bunch of us got together and started undoing the rubble from the fireplace and stuff and waiting for the first responders," White told KMTV in Omaha, Neb. "They were under the tables and stuff and on their knees, but they had no chance."

The nearest tornado siren, in

nearby Blencoe, sounded only briefly after the storm cut power to the town, said Russ Lawrenson of the Mondamin Fire Department.

Taylor Willoughby, 13, said several scouts were getting ready to watch a movie when someone screamed that there was a tornado. Everyone hunkered down, he said, and windows shattered.

"It sounded like a jet that was flying by really close," Taylor told NBC's "Today" on Thursday. "I was hoping that we all made it out OK. I was afraid for my life."

Ethan Hession, also 13, said he crawled under a table with his friend.

"I just remember looking over at my friend, and all of a sudden he just says to me, 'Dear God, save us,'" he told "Today." "Then I just closed my eyes and all of a sudden it's (the tornado) gone."

Ethan said the scouts' first-aid training immediately compelled them to act.

"We knew that we need to place tourniquets on wounds that were bleeding too much. We knew we need to apply pressure and gauze. We had first-aid kits, we had everything," he said.

Ethan said one staff member took off his shirt and put it on someone who was bleeding to apply pressure and gauze.

Other scouts started digging people out of the rubble, he said.

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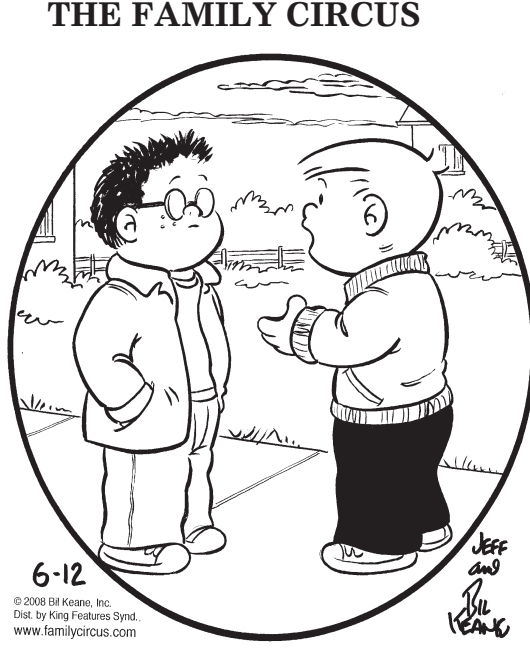
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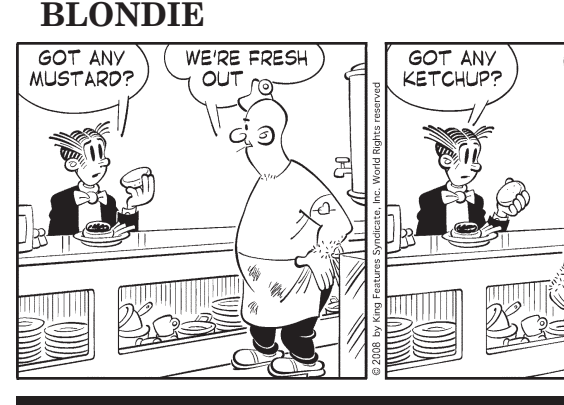
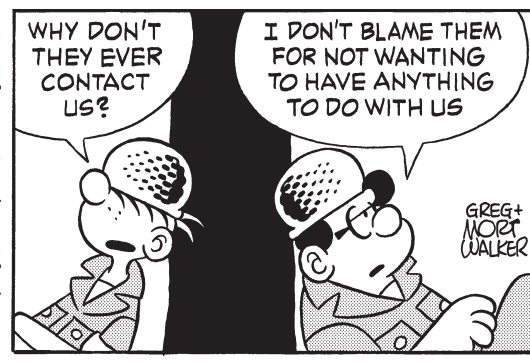
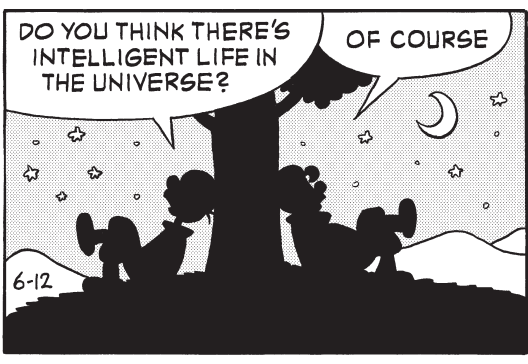
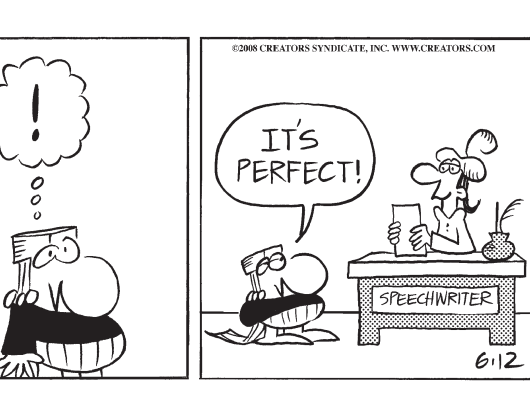
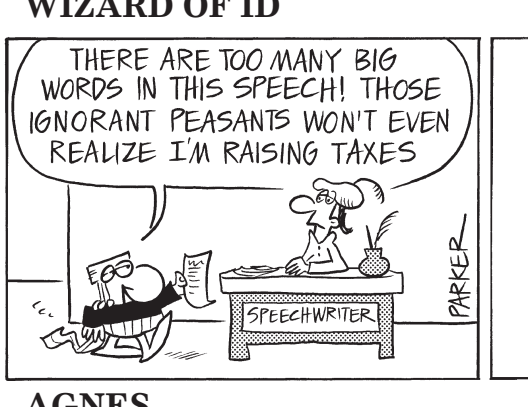
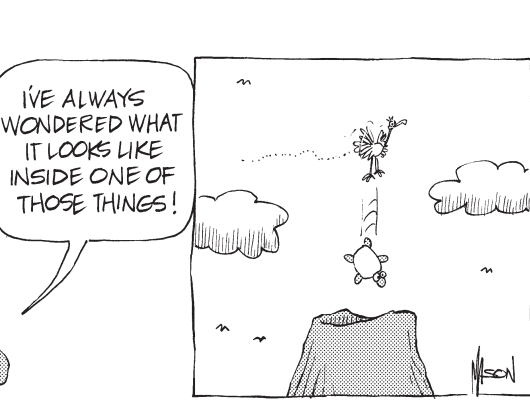
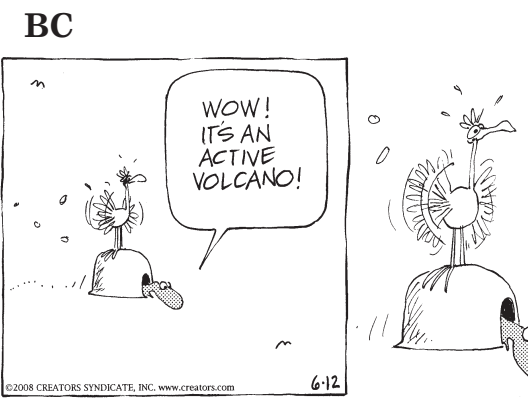
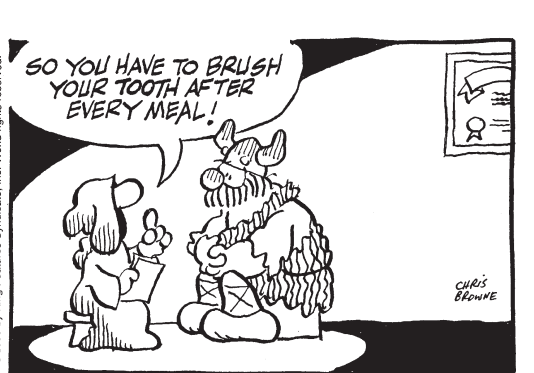
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 12, the 164th day of 2008. There are 202 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers was fatally shot in front of his home in Jackson, Miss.; he was 37. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.)

On this date:

In 1665, England installed a municipal government in New York, formerly the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam.

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.

In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1963, one of Hollywood's most notoriously expensive productions, "Cleopatra," starring Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and Rex Harrison, opened in New York.

In 1967, the Supreme Court, in Loving v. Virginia, struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1971, Tricia Nixon and Edward F. Cox were married in the White House Rose Garden.

In 1978, David Berkowitz was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for each of the six "Son of Sam" .44-caliber killings that had terrified New Yorkers.

In 1981, major league baseball players began a 49-day strike over the issue of free-agent compensation. (The season did not resume until Aug. 10.)

In 1987, President Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

One year ago: President Bush went to Capitol Hill, where he prodded rebellious Senate Republicans to help resurrect legislation that could provide eventual citizenship for millions of illegal immigrants.

Today's Birthdays: Banker/philanthropist David Rockefeller is 93. Former President George H.W. Bush is 84. Singer Vic Damone is 80. Songwriter Richard Sherman is 80. Actor-singer Jim Nabors is 78. Jazz musician Chick Corea is 67.

Sportscaster Marv Albert is 67. Singer Roy Harper is 67. Pop singer Len Barry is 66. Rock singer Reg Presley (The Troggs) is 65. Rock singer-musician John Wetton (Asia, King Crimson) is 59. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 57. Singer Meredith Brooks is 50. Actress Jenilee Harrison is 50. Rock musician John Linnell (They Might Be Giants) is 49. Rapper Grandmaster Dee (Whodini) is 46. Actress Paula Marshall is 44. Actress Frances O'Connor is 41. Blues musician Kenny Wayne Shepherd is 31. Actor Wil Horneff is 29. Singer Robyn is 29.

Thought for Today: "It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbor." t— Eric Hoffer, American philosopher (1902-1983).

Newsday Crossword

BOTANICALS by David W. Cromer Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Remain
  - 6 Expand the workforce
  - 10 Rifle filler
  - 14 Par plus one
  - 15 Starting from
  - 16 Groan's partner
  - 17 On/off ramp pattern
  - 19 Sludge
  - 20 Juvenal's genre
  - 21 Evidence of revisions
  - 23 "Hold on \_\_\_!"
  - 25 Make illegal
  - 26 Date-bk. entry
  - 29 Genealogical chart
  - 35 Shares dish duty
  - 37 Looks for lodes
  - 38 Timecard stat.
  - 39 Rodeo rope
  - 40 Phone no. add-on
  - 41 Digs for pigs
  - 43 Muckraker Tarbell
  - 44 Arnold's spouse
  - 46 Shot-glass quantity
  - 47 Teller's milieu
  - 50 Turns bad
  - 51 Court divider
  - 52 Cohesive group
  - 54 Toronto resident
  - 59 Get retribution for
  - 63 \_\_\_ Antony
  - 64 Calculator button
- DOWN**
- 9 Able to be expressed
  - 10 What it comes to
  - 11 Othello, for one
  - 12 Lab setup
  - 13 Till fill
  - 18 Haven for sea life
  - 22 Exercises authority
  - 24 Cell-phone feature
  - 26 Improvise
  - 27 Big name in bags
  - 28 Galileo, by birth
  - 30 Meddle
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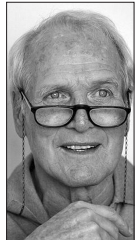
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# Report: Newman battling cancer

By JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN  
Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Paul Newman, the legendary actor and philanthropist, is battling cancer, his longtime neighbor and business partner said Wednesday.

Newman, 83, has recently appeared gaunt in photos, and dropped plans to direct a play in his Connecticut hometown. Writer A.E. Hotchner, who partnered with Newman to start Newman's Own salad dressing company in the 1980s, said the actor told him about the disease about 18 months ago. He did not specify what kind of cancer, but said Newman is in active treatment.



Newman

"I know that it's a form of cancer," Hotchner told The Associated Press. "It's a form of cancer and he's dealing with it."

Newman issued a statement late Tuesday that he's "doing nicely" but didn't specifically address questions about cancer. A call was placed to his spokesman Wednesday seeking comment.

The Oscar winner appeared to have lost weight when he was photographed during practice for the Indianapolis 500 auto race last month. Martha Stewart, in an entry dated June 6, posted a photo on her blog of herself with the actor, who looked thin, at a luncheon to benefit the Hole in the Wall Gang camps for critically ill children. (The Hole in the Wall Gang was led by Newman's affable outlaw character, Butch, in

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the 1969 film "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.")

Newman won an Oscar for his leading role in 1986's "The Color of Money." His screen credits also include "Hud," "Cool Hand Luke," "The Verdict" and "Road to Perdition."

Hotchner said Newman had an operation a few years ago. "It was certainly somewhere in the area of the lung," he said.

"He's battling," Hotchner said. "He's doing all the right stuff. Paul is a fighter. He seems to be going through a good period right now."

Asked about his prognosis, Hotchner said, "Everybody is hopeful. That's all we know."

In 1982, Hotchner and Newman started a company to market Newman's original oil-and-vinegar dressing, Newman's Own, which began as a joke, grew into a multi-million-dollar business selling popcorn, salad dressing, spaghetti sauce

and other foods. All the company's profits are donated to charities. By 2007, the company had donated more than \$200 million, according to its Web site.

Last month, officials at Connecticut's Westport Country Playhouse cited unspecified health issues when they announced that Newman would not direct "Of Mice and Men" this fall.

Newman lives in Westport with his wife, Joanne Woodward.

Two friends said Tuesday that Newman appeared to be doing well.

"I think he's feeling quite well," said actor James Naughton, who spoke to Newman on Monday night. "As far as I can tell he's doing very well."

Newman had an infection over the winter, but seems to have that under control, Naughton said.

He was lively at this month's Hole in the Wall Gang camp fundraiser, he said.

Michael Brockman, Newman's racing team partner, said Newman told him recently that he wants to get back into his race car for a test run and possibly another competition. His last race was last fall, he said.

"I think he's doing better than he was," Brockman said, noting that Newman had regained most of the weight he had lost.

"I think he looks great," said Brockman, who saw Newman last weekend. "I wish I looked that good."

Brockman called Newman "one of the best guys I ever met."

"He's just a regular guy," Brockman said. "He's humble."

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Good Bidding and Good Play

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**NORTH**  
♠ A 7  
♥ J 9 8 6  
♦ A J 5 4 2  
♣ J 6

**WEST**  
♠ 10 8 4 3  
♥ 2  
♦ Q 9 7  
♣ K Q 10 9 4

**EAST**  
♠ K 6 5  
♥ 7 4  
♦ K 10 6 3  
♣ 8 7 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q J 9 2  
♥ A K Q 10 5 3  
♦ 8  
♣ A 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
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4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♥	Pass

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North cooperated by bidding four diamonds, and South could then do no better than retreat to four hearts since he had no idea what his partner held in spades. If North did not have a spade honor, it would be dangerous to venture beyond the four-level. But when North next bid four spades, showing the ace, it was easy for South to undertake six hearts, which proved to be an excellent contract.

Declarer won the club lead with the ace, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond high. Next came a low trump to the eight and another diamond ruff high. Now a low heart to the jack, followed by a third diamond ruff, established the diamond jack as a trick.

South then led the queen of spades, but went up with the ace when West played low. After discarding his club loser on the jack of diamonds, declarer conceded a spade to score a well-bid and well-played vulnerable slam.

Note that by choosing this method of play, South guaranteed the contract if he found the diamonds divided 4-3 and the trumps 2-1, and at the same time preserved his chance of making the slam via a spade finesse if the diamonds or trumps were unfavorably divided. Most important of all, he did not stake everything on an early spade finesse, which would have proved fatal.

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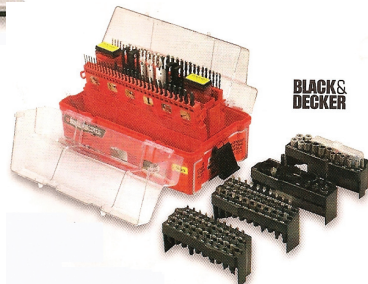
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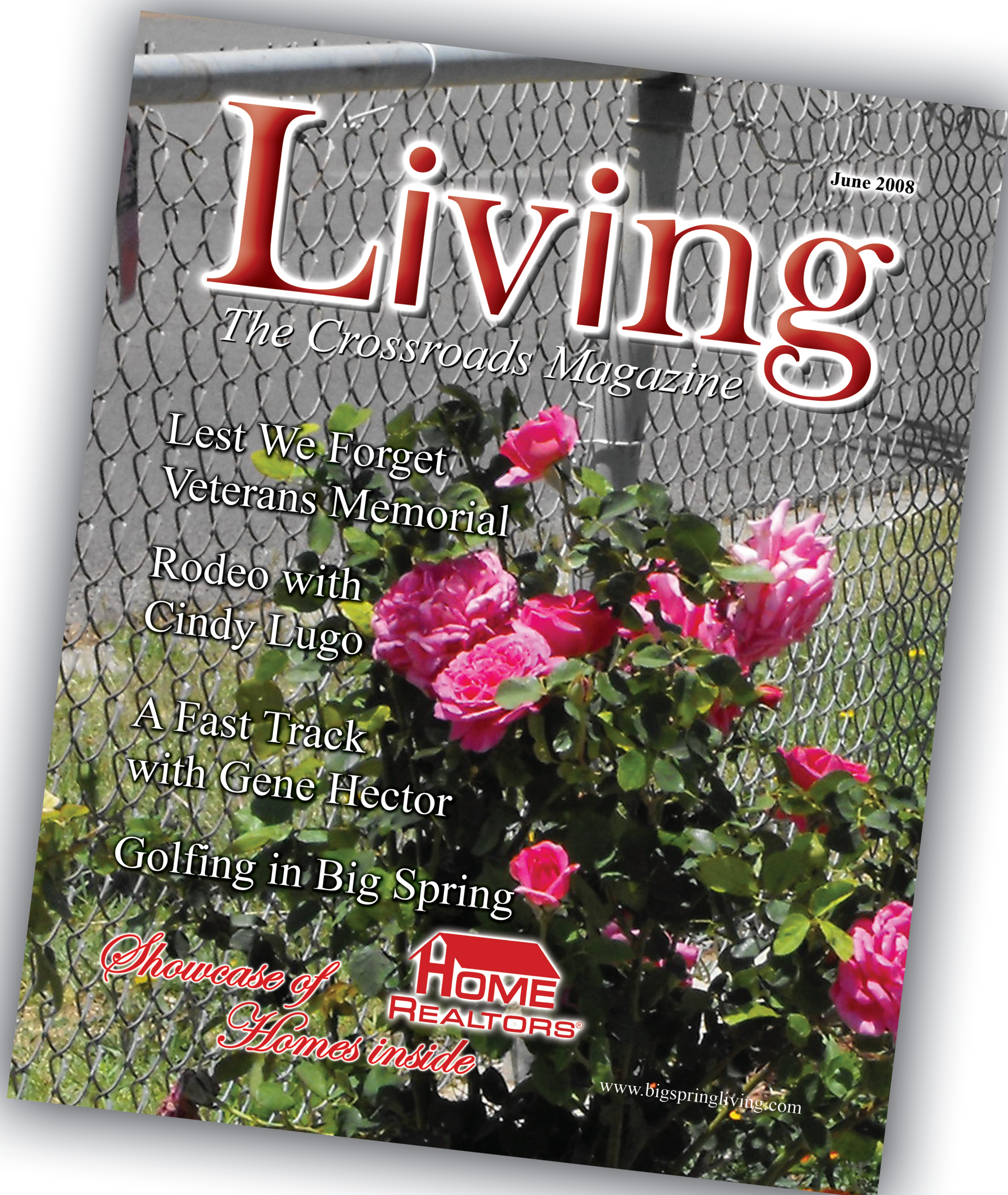
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