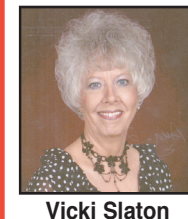




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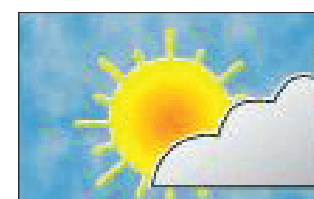


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Hundreds of motorcyclists participating in the Run for the Wall ignored heavy rains Saturday to stop at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial. The riders are headed to Washington, D.C. to take part in the annual Rolling Thunder Memorial Day observance.

Robbery charges are filed

Woman, juvenile arrested at Wal-Mart

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A simple case of shoplifting turned violent Sunday afternoon, landing a Big Spring woman and local juvenile behind bars, according to law enforcement officials.

Ruthie Marie Murphree, 39, of 800 W. Marcy Apt. 22, was arrested Sunday on a charge of robbery after she and a 13-year-old suspect allegedly attempted to leave the Wal-Mart SuperCenter without paying for their items.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, a security official with the store's asset protection department attempted to stop Murphree and the juvenile in the store's parking lot when things became

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Click it or Ticket

Local police are clamping down on unsecured motorists

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

No seat belt? No mercy. That's the message officials with the Big Spring Police Department are sending out to area motorists, as the law enforcement agency participates in Click it or Ticket, a state funded, 14-day project designed to get drivers and passengers to buckle up.

"We haven't been able to participate in Click it or Ticket for the past several years because we just haven't had the manpower necessary," said Lt. Terry Chamness of the BSPD. "However, we're

finally at a point where we can get the officers out on the streets."

And motorists who believe law enforcement's bark is worse than its bite may want to reconsider, as the manpower going into the program — not to mention the fines if you're caught without your safety belt — are certainly substantial.

"The grant money will allow us to keep an officer on the road for five four-hours shifts each day," said Chamness. "And these officers won't be doing their normal duties. They will be looking specifically

"... if you do get caught, there won't be any talking your way out of a ticket. We've had a zero tolerance rule for seat belt violations since 2002. You'll get a ticket, and the fine from Municipal Court will be \$147. It's also a moving violation, so it will effect what you're paying for insurance."



—Lt. Terry Chamness, BSPD

cally for seat belt violations. So, if you decide not to buckle up, there's going to be an officer looking just for you.

"And if you do get caught, there won't be any talking

your way out of a ticket. We've had a zero tolerance rule for seat belt violations since 2002. You'll get a ticket, and the fine from Municipal Court will be \$147. It's also a

moving violation, so it will effect what you're paying for insurance."

Chamness said the program, which targets the Memorial Day holiday, has been a big success in the past, and he and other law enforcement officials hope to see it flourish this year.

"When we quit doing Click it or Ticket about three years ago, safety belt compliance was at about 94 percent," said Chamness. "It's fallen to about 88 to 89 percent since then. We're hoping by partic-

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Hawks send-off set Tuesday

Area sports fans will get the chance to show their support for the Howard College Hawks baseball team — which is headed to the Division 1 Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. — Tuesday with a send-off celebration at the Jack Barber Field parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

The community is encouraged to give the Hawks one more big boost as they take off on their journey to the World Series, according to Howard College officials. "Everyone has been so supportive of

this team and we really appreciate it," said Hawks Head Coach Britt Smith. "It means a lot to these guys to have this kind of fan support."

Those attending are asked to wear red in support of the Hawks, who will begin play Saturday at 10 a.m. against Western Nevada Community College.

The tournament runs through Saturday, May 30. For more information, including scheduling and results, on the JUCO World Series, visit www.hchawk.com

West Texas Centers celebrates Mental Health Awareness Month

By **VALERIE AVERY**
Special to the Herald

Artwork created by children served by West Texas Centers for MHMR is on display in Mental Health Centers across the 23-county service area during the month of May.

West Texas Centers for MHMR celebrates May as Mental Health Awareness Month, bringing attention to mental health with a special emphasis on Children's Mental Health Week, said Shelley

Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO.

The art contest invited children ages 3 through 12 to create an 8 x 11-1/2-sized piece of artwork centered on the theme: "Take A Stand, Lend A Hand."

The theme represents the movement underway to stop

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Obituaries

Robert Turner 'Bob' Ballenger

Robert Turner "Bob" Ballenger, 91, of Garden City went home to be with his Lord and Savior Saturday, May 16, 2009, at his ranch. Visitation will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Services will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 10 a.m. Graveside services will be held in Sterling City at the Monteval Cemetery following the services in Midland, with the Rev. Ken McIntosh of First Christian Church of Big Spring officiating.

Bob was born May 4, 1918, in Henderson to Robert Turner and Ivy D. Ballenger. He grew up and attended schools in Henderson. Following high school graduation, he attended Texas Christian University, graduating in 1939 with a BS in business administration and a minor in economics.

At TCU he was a member of the Bryson Literary Club and played the trumpet in the swing band. After graduation from TCU, he became involved in ranching in West Texas and was a rancher all of his life in Glasscock and Upton counties. He made his home southwest of Big Spring for 70 years.

Bob raised Hereford and Black Angus cattle, quarter horses, and at one time was one of the largest Rambouillet sheep producers in Texas. He was most recently honored by the American Quarter Horse Association, receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award for his breeding of quarter horses for more than 50 years.

He was also a judge for the AQHA in the 1960s. His foundation stud, Buck Dodger, left a huge legacy in the quarter horse world with many competing in halter classes, as well as cutting horse and roping horse competitions. His top winning mare, Dixie Buck acquired a total of 53 points in 1957.

With Bob showing her himself, Dixie Buck was the high point halter mare in 1959 and 1960 in the West Texas Quarter Horse Association. She also was high point aged mare and high point horse. Dixie Buck received a certificate of honor for winning high point halter and performance individual second in senior cutting. She was the grand champion of the 1960 Fort Worth Stock Show. Bob had many cutting horses that became national champions, including Bill Dodger and Booger Buck. He was a former member of The Cattlemen's Association and The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

Bob was a generous person with a wonderful sense of humor who loved and had great respect for the land and the animals he raised.

Bob had a deep love of family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He always remembered to call them on their birthdays and was there for the big events in their lives. He was a regular at many West Texas football games throughout the years cheering on his grandsons, Fred, Robert and Jeff.

Bob had a host of friends all over West Texas and will always be remembered for his sense of humor, his hospitality, his stories and his great love of life and spirit of adventure. His house was always open to any and all. He was a gentleman.

Bob was a member of the First Christian Church in Midland in the 60s, where he proudly served as a deacon. He later transferred his membership to the First Christian Church in Big Spring. He loved great hymns and music and had a deep and abiding faith and love for the Lord. Bob was a Christian and lived with Christian principles. Bob also took great delight in beautiful flowers and the beauty of nature.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Francys Walls; his brother-in-law, Bill Walls; his sister-in-law, Joyce Ballenger; and his nephew, Bill Walls.

Survivors include three daughters, Lynda Ruth Ballenger Glass and husband Larry of Sterling City, Barba Sue Ballenger Keene and husband David of Plano, and Francys Ann Ballenger of Dallas; two brothers, Max Ballenger and wife Jean of Henderson and Dan Ballenger of Kilgore; four grandchildren, Fred Squire and wife Bonnie of Midland, Scarlett Squire of Ft. Worth, Robert Glass and wife Brooke of Spur, Jeff Glass and wife Jaime of Amarillo.; 10 great grandchildren, Reagan, Maggie and Turner Squire, Riley, Rachel and Ben Glass, Daniel, Emily, Andrew and Grayson Glass; nieces, Brynda Ballenger, Nancy Ballenger, Babs Ballenger, Beth Ballenger and Mary Walls Somerville and many, many friends who will miss him dearly.

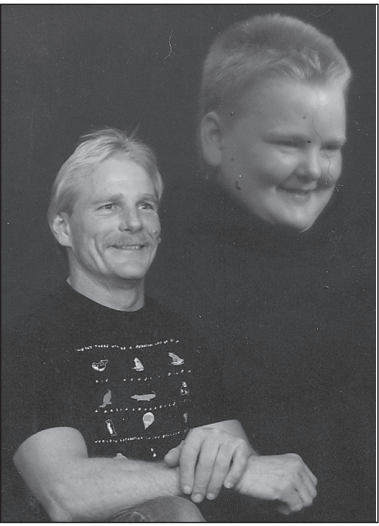
Pallbearers will be Fred Squire, Robert Glass, Jeff Glass, Wesley Glass, Allen Lucas and Mike Coomer. Honorary Pall Bears are Wesley Yeager and Tommy Owens.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Gracie Leal, Jackie Hill and Debbie Bagnall for caring for Bob, day and night, over the past several months and to Home Hospice of Big Spring. The family would also like to thank Bob's dear friend, Ann Schafer, who watched over him during the past several years.

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

Paid obituary

James Jay Milam



James Jay Milam, born April 2, 1955, in Big Spring went home to the Lord May 13, 2009, after a valiant battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Carole J. Cone, 53, of Big Spring; their son, Joshua David Milam, 27, of Midland; his brother, David Ray Milam, 52, of Odessa; and his three aunts, Mary Schulky of Ackerly, Kay Walker of Freeport and Lucy Rickman.

He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1972 until 1974. Upon coming home, he went into floor installation. James made friends easily, had an uplifting way of looking at life and was eager to face every day of his life. He always gave God praise and never felt burdened by life's many obstacles.

He will be missed by all his family and numerous friends. He touched many lives and will be remembered for his great sense of humor.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. at the Big Spring City Park east entrance off Highway 87 by the lake on Saturday, May 23, 2009.

Services are under the direction of Martinez-Smith Funeral Chapels of Odessa.

Paid obituary

Millie St. John

Millie St. John, 95, died Saturday, May 16, 2009. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

"When you are the driver, you're responsible for making sure all passengers are buckled up — especially the young ones," said Chamness. "Children under 17 buckle up only 70 percent of the time — and 10 percent of those are buckled up incorrectly. The fact remains that nearly 3,500 people die on Texas roadways every year. Many of those deaths might be prevented by the proper use of safety belts."

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

Take Note

• A spaghetti supper to benefit Moss Elementary employee Sherra Harrell and her husband Trey will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the school cafeteria. Carry-out and delivery only. Plates are \$5 and include spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Please order by May 18 by calling 264-4148 or by e-mail at rbelew@bsisd.esc18.net. Trey has been ill and unable to work. The benefit is to help raise funds to pay for medical expenses and other bills. An account has been established at State National Bank. Ask to donate to the "Trey and Sherra Harrell Fund."

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icipating in the program once again we'll be able to get that number higher."

If a swat to the pocketbook isn't enough to encourage drivers to buckle up, Chamness said the statistics in fatal traffic accidents should.

"Wearing a safety belt increases the odds of surviving a crash by more than 50 percent, and in pickups, that number increases to 80 percent," he said. "This is especially true for children and infants. So, parents remember to buckle up yourself and your children.

"A properly fastened safety belt is the best way to avoid death or serious injury in a vehicle crash. Lap belts should fit snugly across the hips, not over the stomach. Shoulder belts go over the shoulder and across the center of the chest."

Since the start of the Click it or Ticket campaign in 2002, Texas has seen a 15 percent increase in safety belt compliance. In 2008, a study by the Texas Transportation Institute revealed that 91.2 percent of Texans were buckling up. This year, TxDOT hopes to increase safety belt compliance to 93.25 percent, according to state officials.

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TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Drag-on 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.

- Howard County Master Gardeners meet at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the county courthouse. The public is invited.

- 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.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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Police

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

Note: An arrest log and activity report for Saturday, May 16, was not available at press time.

- RUTHIE MURPHREE, 39, of 800 W. Marcy Apt. 22, was arrested Sunday on a charge of robbery.

- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 3300 block of FM 700.
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

charges of theft, failure to appear and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information.

- TAVARES CORNEAL CASTON, 28, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- DAVID LUIOS FLORES, 26, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- ANTONIO GOMEZ GONZALES, 43, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of disregarding a traffic signal and failure to appear.

- VENITO MELENDEZ GONZALES, 44, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, no insurance and displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection.

- ALAN GUILL, 49, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- EDRION PATRICK HOUSTON, 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

- DANIEL MATA, 24, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- JOHN MITCHELL, 54, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- ERIC MONTELONGO, 29, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public

intoxication.

- RYAN SCOTT MOORE, 26, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- SANTIAGO MORALEZ, 48, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

- RUTHIE MARIE MURPHREE, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of robbery.

- VICTOR TYRONE PRUITT, 41, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of assault Class C/family violence (two counts), no driver's license and a local warrant.

- BRANDON JOE ROBINSON, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bond revocation – evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- CALVIN VELA, 22, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and assault Class A.

- CHRISTOPHER VIERA, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charge of failure to identify – giving false information, minor in possession of alcohol, failure to appear and a local warrant.

- LARRY WHITE, 37, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of a protective order.

- CHRISTINA YANEZ, 34, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, failure to maintain financial responsibility (three counts), a local warrant, disorderly conduct – fighting, displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (two counts) and speeding.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Apache. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Johnson. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of N.W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N. Moss Lake Road.

One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Road. Service refused.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the Howard/Mitchell County line.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of S. Second Street in Coahoma. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block

of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Jeffery Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Dow. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- TANDI JO BARBEE, 26, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on

store's asset protection department had spotted the two women stealing and confronted them about it in the parking lot. The altercation became physical, which upgraded the crime from theft to robbery."

Everett said no major injuries were sustained

as a result of the altercation, and no one was transported by ambulance.

Both subjects were arrested and charged with robbery, according to Everett. Murphree was booked into the Howard County Jail later in the day.

for MHMR. Each winner will receive a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card; the four runners-up will receive \$25 gift cards.

Each Mental Health Center will celebrate "Hats Off to our Patients Day." Each center also will pick a day during the month for employees to wear a hat of his or her choice. A small banner will be displayed in each clinic on that day that says "Hats off to our Clients."

"This is another way for us to put all our attention on our patients and let them know that we exist for them," Smith said.

Hats Off to our Patients Day Celebrations in Howard, Ward and Garza counties will take place Friday, May

15, throughout the day at the county's Mental Health Centers.

West Texas Centers for MHMR serves more than 2,000 people a month with mental illness or mental retardation in a 23-county area in rural West Texas.

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violent.

"The call came in at the police department at approximately 3:39 p.m.," said Everett. "Apparently, the person with the

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bullying, Smith said. "This is a huge problem in our communities. Art is such a powerful way for children and adults to express their feelings and emotions.

"We thought this would be a good way to call attention to this problem in a way that the children could enjoy and take some ownership in and be excited to come to their Center."

All entries were hung in each of the 15 mental health centers in the region.

Four winners and four runners-up were chosen from each region served by West Texas Centers

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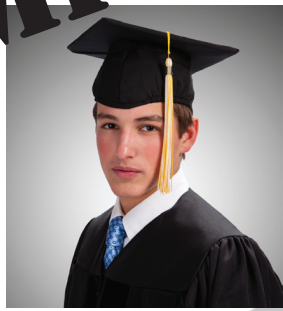
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Congress trying balanced energy policy ... finally

It's been a long time coming, but Congress finally is taking a serious stab at shaping an energy policy for America. Democratic Reps. Henry Waxman of California and Edward Markey of Massachusetts deserve credit for forcing Congress to confront our national addiction to dirty fossil fuels.

Make no mistake, though: The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 isn't the comprehensive energy strategy this editorial board advocates and this nation urgently requires. The bill is long on environmental policy mandates but short on energy.

For instance, there's no mention of nuclear energy in the more than 600 pages, nor does the bill provide critical details about the cap-and-trade mechanism proposed to reduce CO₂ emissions. That's a bit distressing, since we agree in principle with the overall thrust of this bill to push this nation toward a greener future and away from fossil fuels but need more detail to understand precisely how (whether) these proposals would work.

So while the legislation is a start in the right direction, it's not yet near the finish line. No energy or environmental bill can be complete without a serious and comprehensive strategy to develop nuclear energy, essentially a carbon-free but reliable power source.

U.S. electricity use is projected to increase 45 percent by 2030. This means nuclear and other cleaner energy alternatives are necessary to wean the nation from coal and other fossil fuels, which today account for about 85 percent of U.S. energy production. Congress should not squander an opportunity to promote nuclear energy as an integral part of the transition.

This bill must streamline the permitting process for nuclear plants, address safety concerns and provide incentives for companies to invest in nuclear power.

The renewable electricity mandate in this legislation is aggressive, requiring 6 percent of electricity to come from such sources as wind, biomass, solar and geothermal by 2012 and 25 percent from renewable sources by 2025.

These are achievable goals, since most states and many energy companies have begun to increase the percentage of power generated from renewable sources. Texas, in particular, is well positioned, with more wind power capacity already than any other state, at about 5 percent. A bill pending in the Texas Senate (SB 541) would enhance this advantage by encouraging Texas to produce more energy from other renewable sources.

Overall, the combination of tax breaks in the Waxman-Markey measure and a provision that would allow governors to use energy-efficiency measures to meet a portion of the mandate make these goals realistic. Texas has a lot riding on this part of the bill because it is home to the highest proportion of energy-intensive industries.

We favor hard caps on CO₂ emissions and market-based approaches to clean the air in the spirit of the greater good, but we can't yet support the cap-and-trade provision until lawmakers provide specifics on how it would allocate tradable emission credits and allowances, as well as provide safeguards to prevent unreasonable price spikes and potential market manipulation. The potential devil in these details needs to be resolved and weighed against cap-and-dividend and other emission-reduction approaches.

It's unlikely that this very complicated bill will be ready for the full House to consider by Memorial Day, as Waxman and Markey had hoped, but however long it takes, Congress needs to press forward with a plan to wean the nation from dirty energy.

The time for talk is over, and Congress owes it to our future to pass a better-balanced energy bill this year.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Close ties with You, Lord, are a blessing.
Amen

Flying to the poorhouse?

The United States is kind of broke. Our trade deficit is mind-boggling, our bailout costs are unprecedented, and our stimulus package harkens to the Depression. We've got to save money somewhere before the dollar totally crashes and burns.

The Republicans, remaining consistent, propose cutting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and any programs aimed at reducing human suffering. The Democrats, also consistent, have little idea what to do. Making the rich once again pay their fair share in taxes starting in 2010 will surely be a good start, but expenses need to be chopped too. Any ideas?

Aha!! The Pentagon! It's half our budget!

Dwight Eisenhower himself suggested it, and President Obama has kept on a Republican defense secretary, Robert Gates, to give himself cover for the upcoming slashing.

Nice try. Gates has dutifully proposed ending the F-22 fighter, the new presidential helicopter and the V-22 Osprey, reining in Star Wars, cutting back on point-less nuclear submarines and restricting other wasteful weapons programs. But somehow even after all his hatcheting, the arms budget still would go up by four percent, not down. And that doesn't count the spiraling costs in Afghanistan or the continuing

rat hole in Iraq.

The next question is whether Gates will even succeed with these controversial cuts. Every weapon comes with a militia of corporations, workers and politicians, none caring a whit as to whether it has any earthly use for the good of the nation. Connecticut is sorely afflicted with just such white elephants, which often manage to transform our occasionally sensible congressmen into mindless cheerleaders.

Take the F-22. We make the engines, but various other parts are made in 42 different states. That's pretty good political planning. My state would lose between 2,000 and 3,000 jobs if production ended. Heck, we can lose that many banking jobs in a week unnoticed, but "defense" means government jobs, and thus we expect our elected officials to protect them, needed or not.

So it is no coincidence that springtime in Washington can be measured by danger alarms from the Pentagon as well as by cherry blossoms. Each spring's annual report, "Military Power of the People's Republic of China" is keyed to preserving the defense budget by scaring Congress into ever larger appropriations. That ploy always works, even though Chinese forces actually seem embarrassingly paltry compared to our own. Other similar reports try to scare us about resurgent Russia and nuclear-tipped Iran and North Korea.

This elegant dance of waste producers vs. waste cutters is unfortunately not well illuminat-

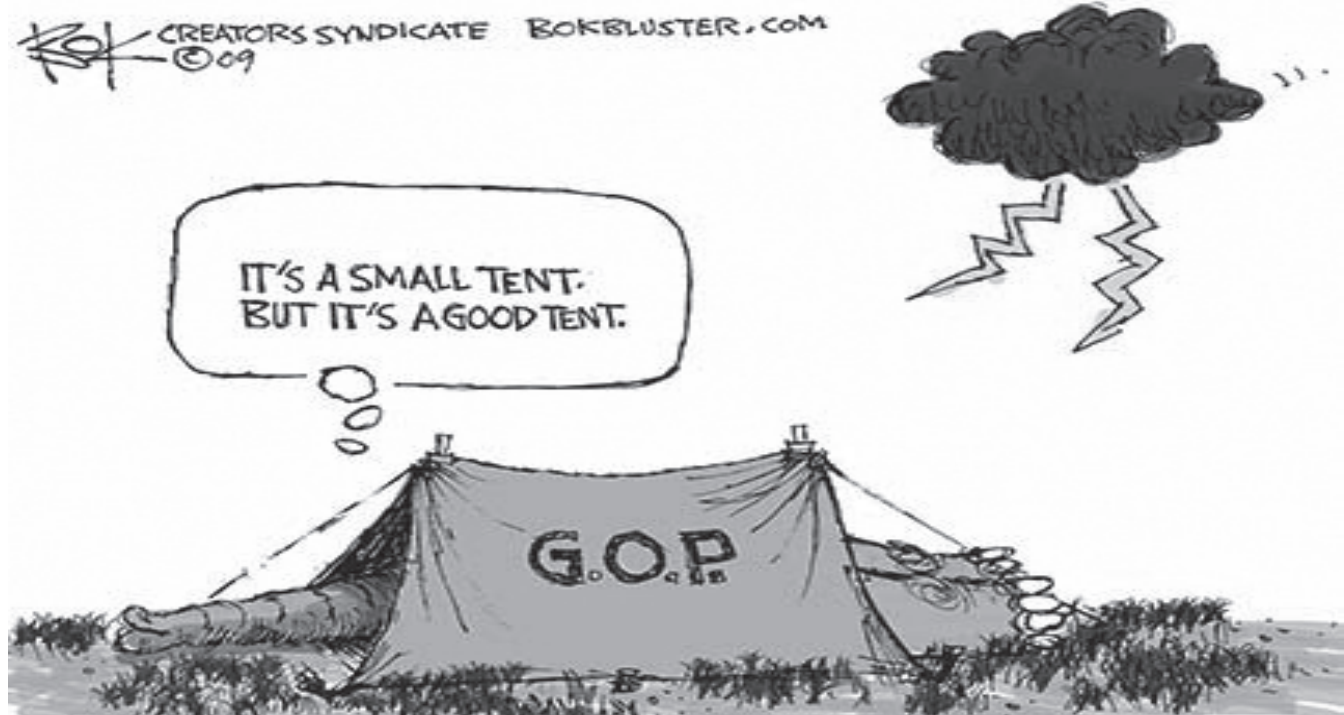
ed by the press. Each newspaper is, after all, local. Consequently their headlines concentrate on just how many defense dollars could be coming to the region and how many heroic jobs are at stake. Heroic congressmen, in turn, are quoted from their stern late-night impassioned speeches to empty chambers about the need to keep up our guard against our sworn enemies, real or imagined.

Lucky Connecticut also boasts the nation's largest military dinosaur, the nuclear submarine. Although these have proved remarkably ineffective against Iraq, Afghanistan, North Korea, Cuba, Iran, or Somalia, they are immensely popular here at home. While their cost may yet sink the nation, they keep the local economy afloat, especially when they run aground and need expensive repairs.

Adding to this potent array of congressmen, arms makers, unions, merchants and media, the Pentagon itself fields an outreach army of 27,000 recruiters, ad men and PR specialists to tout the glories of military waste.

Meanwhile China, from whom we borrow the dough to produce all that, is now shifting its investments from dollars to copper, cobalt and other long-term global assets. Perhaps in time each American town will eventually be awarded a bronzed F-22 to commemorate this giant financial fiasco.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.



Hypocrisy on military spending

Bank robber Willie Sutton famously said he robbed banks because "that's where the money is." Applying this logic to cutting our Federal budget deficit would lead to this conclusion — to save money, we have to cut military spending. That's where the Bush/Cheney Administration essentially doubled spending during its two terms. That's where the money is.

Yet when Secretary Gates had the audacity to increase the military budget by "only" 4 percent, the Republicans and "Blue Dog" Democrats howled. Why is it that GOP/Blue Dog "pay-as-you-go" budgets only apply to domestic spending?

It's time they were called on their hypocrisy. Wasting taxpayer money on dangerous, unnecessary, expensive military projects is more of an imposition on our grandchildren than spending money on health care or green energy — especially when the weapons programs don't work properly. The Government Accountability Office has documented massive Pentagon waste. Why is Congress unconcerned?

Why do we still have hundreds of overseas bases, in a nation founded in a colonial uprising? What about the long list of unnecessary, ridiculously costly weapons systems? The choices include the F-22 Raptor, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the DDG 1000 Destroyer, our extra aircraft carrier group, the weap-

onization of space, etc. Secretary Gates did propose big cuts in several of these programs, for which he deserves credit. He also shifted money to health care and treatment for veterans, long overdue.

But he left too many other poorly working, over-budget, badly-delayed projects alive, and some of his cuts may never happen. As an example, I believe Gates honestly thinks that we already have more than enough F-22s. But I note that he slid 4 F-22s into the Iraq/Afghanistan supplemental appropriation, even though a big criticism of the plan is that it hasn't been used in our current wars. And that a skilled bureaucratic infighter like Robert Gates understands that Congress may well fund more F-22s, despite his recommendations. Meanwhile, he has quietly increased funding for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, which is touted as "less expensive" than the F-22; but if the F-35 ever gets to where it works properly, a full package of F-35s may well end up costing more over its life cycle than President Obama's stimulus package!

A likely end result — lots of press for "cutting" F-22s, but a big spending increase for fighter planes by the time Congress gets done. And we could really use these funds to pay for health care for everyone, keep people ripped off by sub-prime loans in their homes, and put Americans to work "greening" our economy — changes which would create twice the jobs.

I understand that many liberal and moderate Democrats will be hypocritical when it comes to military spending in their own districts, and many of them will duck the Afghanistan issue. But

the greater hypocrisy belongs to the Republicans and the Blue Dogs, who pretend to care deeply about fiscal responsibility, pay-as-you-go spending, and the tax burden on our grandchildren. Yet somehow, when it's the Pentagon budget, all concern vanishes.

The GOP has always been wrong on Iraq. But they've been abetted by the Blue Dog Democrats, and now both groups are dragging their feet as President Obama tries to keep his campaign promise to get out of Iraq.

Why do Republicans and Blue Dogs continue to oppose saving money, while doing what the voters said they wanted?

Then there is Afghanistan, the graveyard of empires. Aside from the moral and strategic questions involved, most Republicans and Blue Dogs act as if the staggering financial costs of increased involvement in Afghanistan are irrelevant.

Personally, I'd like to help President Obama as he cuts back on the world's nuclear arsenal, saving money and our future. America spends about half of every discretionary tax dollar on the military.

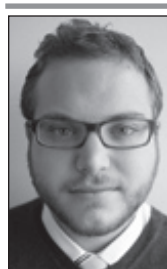
We spend about as much on our military as the rest of the world combined. We lead the world in arms sales.

So if the Blue Dog Democrats — and maybe even a few of the loudly-whining, teabagging Republicans — are serious about fiscal responsibility and protecting our grandchildren from massive debt, isn't it time they helped progressives make serious military spending cuts?

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Four Steers headed to state meet

Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — While four Big Spring Steers athletes advanced to the Class 4A state track and field meet over the weekend, there is still a little disappointment mixed in.

As a team, the Steers finished tied for second at the Class 4A, Region I meet in Odessa with 66 points. Fort Worth Eastern Hills and Denton High School had the same amount of

points. Arlington Seguin claimed first with 78.

Tyrone Clemons highlights the field headed to Austin from Big Spring, advancing in two events. Clemons won the high jump Friday, clearing 6-feet, 10-inches.

The senior also came in second in the triple jump, leaping 46-feet, 2.5-inches.

Clemons was behind only his cousin, Mike Menefield, in the triple

jump. Menefield, a sophomore, had the best performance, clearing 46-feet, 3-inches and claiming regional gold.

It's the first trip to state for both athletes.

Two other Steers, seniors LaRay Woodard and Kade Parker, are going to be making return trips to Austin.

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Coahoma survives Clyde in 3

Herald Staff Report

BALLINGER — Coahoma's bid for a fifth consecutive trip to Austin for the Class 2A state softball tournament is still alive.

Barely. The Bulldogettes got a taste of exactly how competitive the Region I bracket is going to be as they survived a best-of-three series with Clyde's Lady Bulldogs.

It took all three games to decide the victor with the Coahoma's decisive contest ending in the third and decisive inning of play Saturday in Ballinger.

Clyde won the first game of the series, 2-1, in Sweetwater. The two teams took Friday off, but planned to return to Sweetwater Saturday to finish the series.

However, Mother Nature had other ideas and drenched the area with rain, forcing the teams to move the final two games of the series to Ballinger. Coahoma won the second game, 3-1.

Heather Newton pitched all three games for the Bulldogettes, saving her best for the last. Newton went the distance in the nine-inning game, striking out 17 batters in the process. She allowed two earned runs on six hits and three walks.

In that game, she outdueled Clyde's Kim Ramos. Ramos struck out 10 Bulldogettes and gave up three runs — two earned — on five hits and one walk.

Newton struck out 11 in Game 1 and nine in the second game. In the first, she dueled with Regan Darnell, who was able to keep the Bulldogettes' lineup at bay, giving up just three hits and three walks to allow one run.

Darnell pitched the first four innings of the second game, but was replaced by Ramos in the fifth inning.

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Rockets defused

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In the end, the Houston Rockets had too much to overcome.

Missing two All-Stars and facing the top-seeded team in the Western Conference on the road, the Rockets couldn't compete in Game 7 against the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday.

Houston misfired on its first 12 shots, fell behind by 25 points late in the first half and ended the season with an 89-70 loss to the defending Western Conference champions.

The Rockets, who advanced to the second round for the first time in 12 years, have lost to the Lakers in each of their last six playoff series since Ralph Sampson's buzzer-beater knocked Los Angeles out of the Western Conference finals in 1986 at the Inglewood Forum.

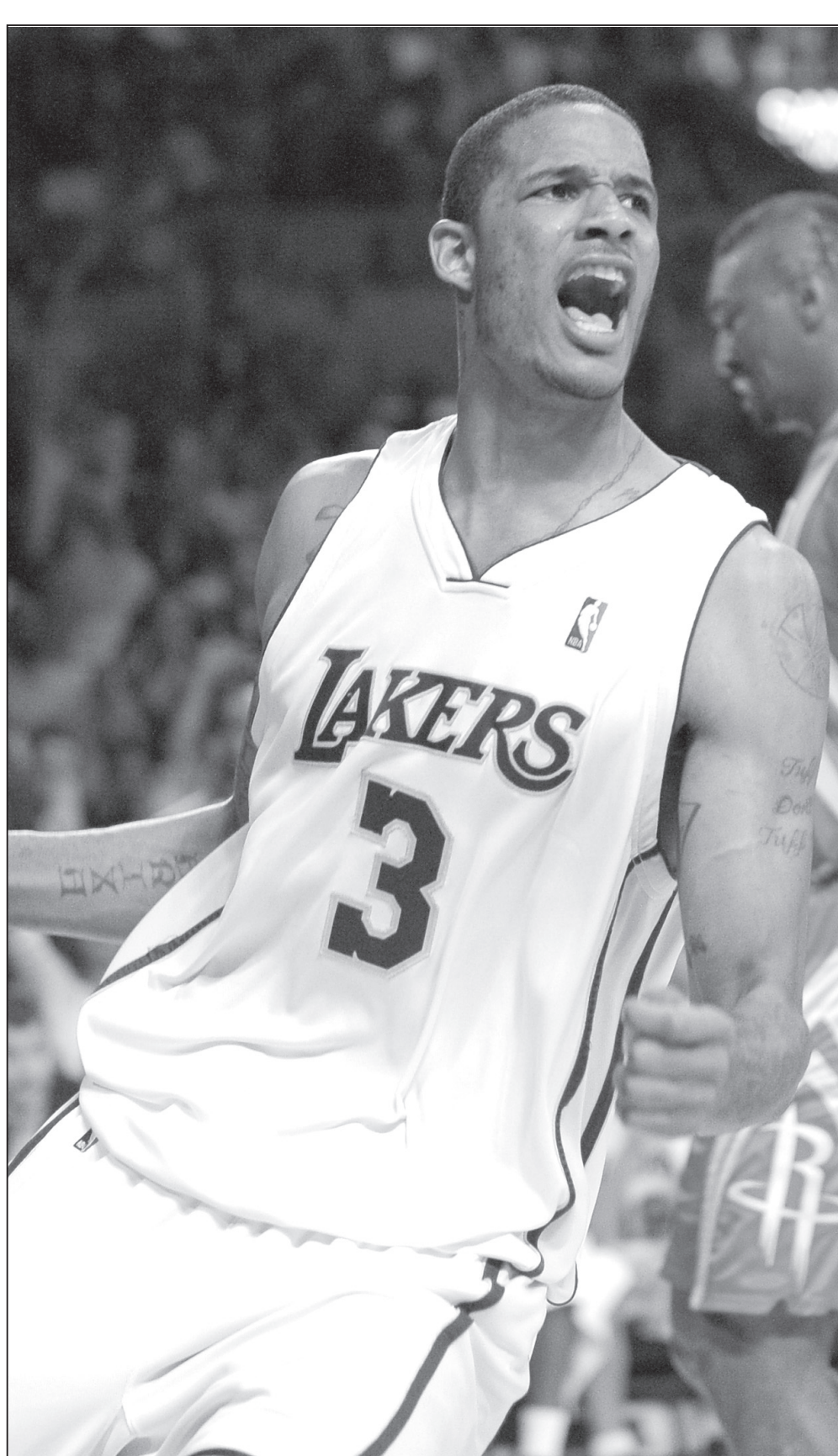
"Obviously, the Lakers are more experienced than us, but I thought we were the better team," Ron Artest said. "Individually, it's a failure for me. With the team that we have, there was no reason why we shouldn't have advanced. But I thought it was a good learning experience for these guys. They've been through a Game 7."

At no point did this decisive game appear headed for a close finish, but the Houston made the mighty Lakers work much harder than most would have expected to advance to the conference finals again.

"Obviously seven games wasn't the forecast going into the series. But I've never had a problem respecting my opponent, so I don't have an additional amount of respect for them after this particular series," said Lakers guard Derek Fisher, who was suspended for Game 3 because of a flagrant foul he committed against Luis Scola.

The Rockets had gotten used to playing without Tracy McGrady, who has been sidelined since

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AP photo/Chris Carlson

Los Angeles Lakers guard Trevor Ariza reacts to a basket in front of Houston Rockets forward Ron Artest in the first half during Game 7 of a second-round NBA playoff series in Los Angeles Sunday. The Lakers won 89-70, advancing to face the Denver Nuggets in the Western Conference finals and eliminating Houston from the postseason.

Rangers shut out Angels, win seventh straight

ARLINGTON (AP) — Scott Feldman and three Texas Rangers relievers pulled off a rare feat at their hitter-friendly ballpark.

The foursome scattered five hits and David Murphy hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning to help the AL West-leading Rangers win their seventh straight, 3-0 over the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday.

The Rangers shut out the Angels in Texas for the first time since 2003 and had their first home shutout since last September.

"We got great pitching, great defense and timely hitting," said Rangers manager Ron Washington after his

team completed a six-game homestand with a sweep of their division rival. "I don't think it can get any better than that, the three games we played at that level. It was a great series. We played good baseball for six days at home."

Ian Kinsler and Marlon Byrd had RBI doubles, and the Rangers have their longest streak since winning nine straight from May 20-31, 2005. Texas, which has won 13 of 15 and leads the Angels by 4½ in the division, also moved nine games over .500 (23-14) for the first time since June 1, 2005.

"(The Angels) put us to the test,"

Feldman said. "They've won the division the last few years, so it's nice to beat a team like that."

Feldman and Jered Weaver (3-2) were in command until Texas broke through in the seventh when Hank Blalock led off with a double, went to third on Nelson Cruz's single and scored on Murphy's fly to right.

Jason Jennings (1-1) pitched the seventh for the win. Eddie Guardado allowed a walk in 2-3 inning, and Darren O'Day got four outs in his first major league save opportunity. Closer Frank Francisco is on the disabled list due to right biceps tendinitis.

Fans chanted "sweep! sweep!" after O'Day recorded the final out on a strikeout of Gary Matthews.

"It was awesome. I can't say enough about the fans and hearing that 'sweep' chant going through the crowd," said O'Day, who pitched for the Angels last season. "Coming here last year with the opposing team, I didn't hear anything like that."

Rangers center fielder Josh Hamilton probably saved a run in the seventh with a leaping catch of a drive by Howie Kendrick before crashing into the padded wall in

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Sports in brief

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association weekly report

In couples play Thursday hosted by the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association, two teams shot a 4-under forcing a scorecard playoff.

The team of John and Gus Leonardi and Ron Booth and Daury Cockrell took first, while Nicholas Dewaters, Glenadine Williams and Forrest and Gayle West came in second.

Shooting 3-under was good enough to give Donnie and Shirley Long and Gerald and Ramona Harris third place.

The CTLGA did not have its usual Monday play-day last week.

Free adult tennis league starting at Figure 7

Ted Oleson, City of Big Spring tennis pro, is beginning a free adult tennis league on Sundays from 3-5 p.m.

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Wayland Baptist University conducting baseball tryouts

The Pioneer baseball coaching staff at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview is conducting a tryout camp for all graduating high school seniors and/or players with college eligibility remaining.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. June 13 at Wilder Field on the WBU campus. Tryouts follow at 9 a.m. There is no charge for the camp.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sun and Mercury line up in Taurus, providing an opportunity to talk about what you're up to. Communication gives strength to your plan. As you share your intentions to supportive people around you, you will be building accountability into the mix. You work knowing that later, when people inquire about your project, you'll have a fantastic reply.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Although you prefer to be following a defined purpose, you can certainly be happy without one. Today, your intentions meander and the lovely, wandering path they take is surprisingly pleasant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is the way things are and they will never stay this way. That's life and you're learning to not only expect its transient nature, but to love it. Change is only bad if you resist it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you leave an opening for it, your hours fill up with other people's problems. Better not to seem too leisurely now.

Guard your time and you'll simultaneously be protecting your happiness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Rushing along is not necessary and will only cause mistakes. If you're going to be late, it's no problem — just call ahead and no one will mind. Don't put the quality of your work or your life in jeopardy for an arbitrary deadline.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Figuring out the next step is easy once you sit down to work on it. So dig into it. Otherwise, toiling with possibilities half-heartedly takes up way too much mental energy and it's not worth the effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's wonderful to have your mind and spirit. Appreciate your own point of

view and how it's been formed over your interesting history. You'll recognize the ironies of life and you'll laugh wholeheartedly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't need more stuff. You're cool, and all you need is to know that from within a deep part of yourself. Putting in hours of practice on your craft will help you get the confidence to believe that you're fine without buying fancy tools.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You want to find a business model that will work for you, but nothing seems to fit. Perhaps it is because this is a new day and there has never been another good or service quite like yours. Find a new way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You must be free to find your own path. Feeling trapped in a situation will lead you to choices that are less than winning. Name all of the ways in which you are completely at liberty to choose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Work has you running from one exciting so-called "crisis" to another, although in your mind these are all minor issues. You'll wish the others would calm down and see it, too, and maybe your cool will rub off on them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stamina is crucial to getting your job done. This one is not for the weak willed. Dig in and find your true grit. Work past the point in which you feel bored, strained or desperate. You'll make it if you try.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Anyone can be cynical, but taking a sunny point of view is almost as easy. But to be real is more complicated and the choice you'll probably make today. You'll navigate the gray area and estimate the likelihood of different outcomes.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Virgo mother-to-be. I'm very pregnant and so excited about my new baby, who will be either a Cancer or

Leo girl. My problem is that it seems like wherever I go there are people who feel they have the right to touch my tummy. Oh, it's so annoying! I don't like being touched by strangers. Sometimes I feel like touching them back — hard in the face. I know that the miracle of birth is something everyone wants to be a part of. But this is my body and my baby. I wish everyone would back off."

I have a feeling your baby will be a Leo and that this has something to do with the inordinate amount of touchy attention to your belly. Leo girls adore being the center of attention and don't mind strangers as much as Virgo women do. I admire you taking a stand for your private space and also the protective instinct you have for the child within you. There's nothing wrong with saying how you feel. Hormones currently being as they are, perhaps you should tell people right up front that you're particular about keeping your space to yourself so that you don't accidentally haul off and hit someone.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Beautiful, funny, smart Tina Fey should be a poster girl for Taurus. There are many Taurus comedians including Jay Leno, Jerry Seinfeld, Stephen Colbert, George Lopez and Bob Saget. Tina Fey represents the feminine side of this down-to-earth cosmic comedy equation. She has the gorgeous qualities of a Venus-ruled sign, plus talent, craft and business acumen — a star all the way.

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HOLIDAY
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have a 17-year-old son. Until three months ago, he was the best son a mother could ask for. He's captain of the varsity baseball and golf teams, band officer, top 10 in his class, you name it.

He gave his father and me no problems until recently, when he began dating "Holly." Now everything has gone out the window. Our son's curfew is 9:00 pm on school nights and 1:00 a.m. on weekends. The problem is, Holly has no

set time when she needs to be home. She can be out all night and nobody cares. Our son feels since she has no curfew, neither should he.

Holly is his first girlfriend, and we understand he is head over heels for this girl. My question is, do I have the right to contact her parents to find out why it's OK for their daughter to be out 24/7? Can I ask them to keep her at home more?

When I was growing up, my parents had time limits for how long I could be out with my boyfriend and I followed the rules. I thought that was what

every respectful young lady did. We have gone from being best friends with our son to being his No. 1 enemy. Please help me understand. — *Heartbroken Mom in El Paso, Texas*

Dear El Paso: Stick to your guns, Mom. It is not your job to be best friends with your son. It is your job to guide and protect him, and teach him to become an independent, responsible adult. Sometimes that will put you at odds and it's OK.

You might consider raising his weekday curfew by one hour as long as it doesn't affect his school performance, but giving him unlimited freedom is actually likely to create some insecurities. We feel sorry for Holly, whose parents give the impression they don't care about their daughter. Instead of calling them, befriend her. You can then model what a caring family should be while becoming a more influential part of your son's teenage life. Win-win.

Dear Annie: I have an old college buddy of 30 years. We've had get-togethers over the years, frequently visiting and attending each other's parties. Since I married 10 years ago, the guy has yet to come to our house, in spite of repeated invitations to drop by any time.

I'm OK with that. The problem is, he continues to invite us to his parties, frequently asking why we haven't been around.

As the weather warms up and there are more casual get-togethers, how do I tell him it's a two-way street without coming off as condescending? — *One-*

Way Road

Dear One-Way: It could be that he doesn't feel comfortable with your spouse or thinks the casual drop-in attitude you had when you were single is no longer appropriate.

Since you still consider him a good friend, the best policy here is honesty. Tell him you are disappointed he hasn't stopped by and ask if anything is wrong. Then invite him for a very specific time and date and see what happens.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Gagging Patient," whose orthodontist had bad breath. When my daughter was 13, she had a similar problem with one of her teachers. She liked this teacher, but was uncomfortable being honest.

She got together with two other students and typed an anonymous letter to the teacher telling her how much they admired and respected her. Then, as gently as possible, they mentioned the breath.

The teacher took care of the problem and never mentioned the letter, and the girls never told any other classmates what they had done. I was impressed that these 13-year-olds came up with a compassionate solution that caused little embarrassment to anyone. — *Proud Mom*

Dear Mom: Although we are not fans of anonymous letters, in this case it was for the best, as it was done with kindness and protected the students as well as the teacher.

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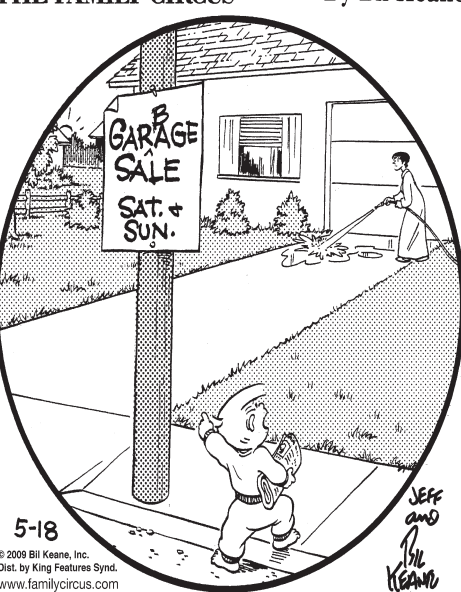
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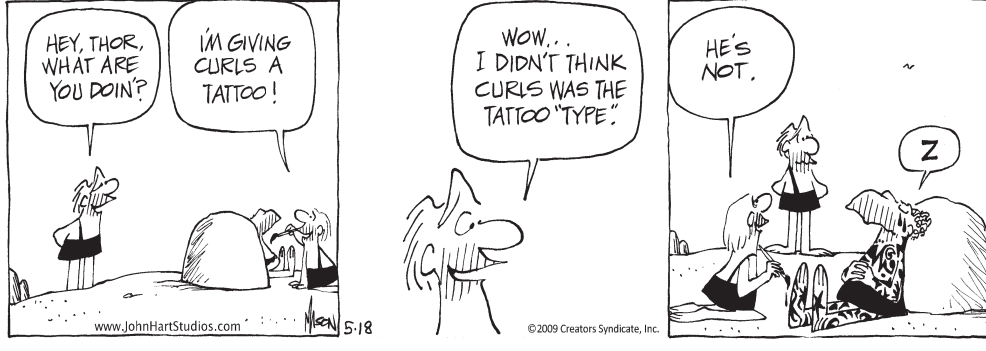
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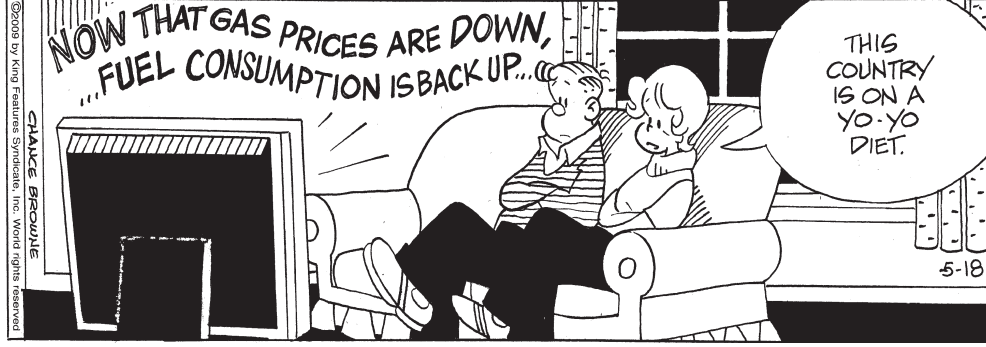
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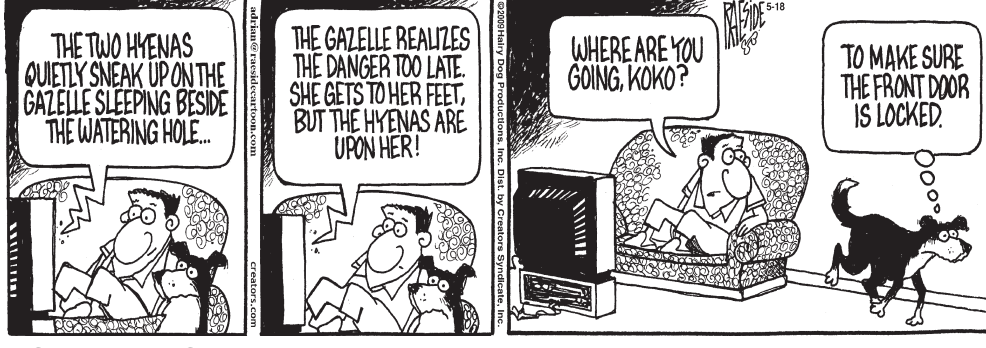
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Today is Monday, May 18, the 138th day of 2009. There are 227 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 18, 1896, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept the court renounced 58 years later with Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.

On this date:

In 1642, Montreal was founded by French colonists.

In 1804, the French Senate proclaimed Napoleon Bonaparte emperor.

In 1920, Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland.

In 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif.; she reappeared more than a month later, claiming to have been kidnapped.

In 1927, a schoolhouse in Bath, Mich., was blown up with explosives planted by local

farmer Andrew Kehoe, who then set off a dynamite-laden automobile; the attacks killed 38 children and six adults, including Kehoe, who'd earlier killed his wife.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Tennessee Valley Authority.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces finally occupied Monte Cassino in Italy after a four-month struggle that claimed some 20,000 lives.

In 1953, Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to break the sound barrier as she piloted a Canadair F-86 Sabre jet over Rogers Dry Lake, Calif.

In 1969, astronauts Eugene A. Cernan, Thomas P. Stafford and John W. Young blasted off aboard Apollo 10 on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Macy is 87. Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Jack Whitaker is 85. Actor Pernell Roberts is 81. Actor Robert Morse is 78. Actor and television executive Dwayne Hickman is 75.

Baseball Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson is 72. Bluegrass singer-musician Rodney Dillard (The Dillardards) is 67. Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson is 63. Actress Candice Azzara is 62. Country singer Joe Bonsall (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 61. Rock musician Rick Wakeman (Yes) is 60. Actor James Stephens is 58. Country singer George Strait is 57. R&B singer Butch Tavares (Tavares) is 56. Actor Chow Yun-Fat is 54. Rock singer-musician Page Hamilton is 49. Contemporary Christian musician Barry Graul (MercyMe) is 48. Singer-actress Martika is 40. Comedian-writer Tina Fey is 39. Rapper Special Ed is 35. Dallas Cowboys offensive tackle Flozell Adams is 34.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| ACROSS | 67 Speak formally | 10 Kitchen-flooding piece | 42 Bring in the harvest |
| 1 Coupes and convertibles | 68 Clothes-dryer buildup | 11 Neighbor of Turkey | 43 Islam's Almighty |
| 5 Health resorts | 69 One of the Great Lakes | 12 Take a break | 48 Spoke in a monotone |
| 9 Mix together | 70 North Pole resident | 14 Take care of wood | 50 Complete confusion |
| 13 Black-and-white cookies | 71 Boys | 25 Electrical unit | 53 Tusk material |
| 15 Luau dance | 72 Changed the color of | 26 Have faith in measure | 54 Granter of wishes |
| 16 "Radial" auto part | 73 Crystal-ball user | 27 Swimming-pool | 56 Mystical glows |
| 17 Soup-serving utensil | | 28 More secure | 57 Like skyscrapers |
| 18 Sign of the future | | 30 Dalmatians and dobermans | 58 Opera solo |
| 19 "Woe is me!" | DOWN | 1 Pepsi or Coke | 59 What libraries do |
| 20 In an honest way | 1 Mideast native | 2 Decorate anew | 61 Marsh plant |
| 22 Mannerly man | 3 Figure out | 4 "Scat!" | 62 Country byway |
| 23 Approx. landing hour | 5 Mountain lions | 6 Watchful | 63 Suffix for major |
| 24 Barrel strip | 7 Summer shoe | 8 Broadway scenes | 64 Beloved |
| 26 NFL six-pointers | 9 Outdated | | |
| 29 Outdated | 31 Defeated ones | | |
| 35 Genuine | 37 Any minute now | | |
| 40 River barrier | 41 Ready to celebrate | | |
| 44 Funnyman | 45 Make airtight | | |
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| 49 RN's specialty | 51 Pigpen | | |
| 51 Pigpen | 52 Piece of parsley | | |
| 52 Piece of parsley | 55 "Now I get it!" | | |
| 55 "Now I get it!" | 57 Folk story | | |
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STEERS

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Parker, who has been on the cross country teams at Big Spring which have contended for state titles the past few years, surprised the field by finishing second in the 3,200-meter run.

This was a surprise because it was teammate Jordan Valle who was expected to be the Steer contending for a state title in the event. However, Valle, who has been plagued by an injury during the track season after winning a cross country state championship in the fall, couldn't deliver a qualifying performance in the 3,200 or

1,600.

Woodard finished second at the 2008 state meet in the long jump, but he'll get to contend for an individual title as a senior. He placed second at regionals.

Woodard was expected to contend for a second bid in the 110-hurdles, but was clipped on the hip as he cleared the sixth hurdle and limped to the finish line in eighth.

The Steers also qualified their 400-meter relay team, which finished second by three one-hundredths of a second ahead of Mansfield Timberview. Monte Anderson, who ran the final leg for the Steers, leaned at the finish line to seal silver for the Steers.

The state meet is set for June 5-6 at Myers Stadium at the University of Texas in Austin.

RANGERS

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right-center. Hamilton fell on the warning track, scrambled to his feet and threw back to the infield to keep Matthews at first.

"It saved the game," Washington said of Hamilton's grab. "It was going to be the first team that gave something up was going to lose. Weaver

was doing a great job. If (Hamilton) doesn't get that ball and they score a run, you don't know what's going to happen."

Hamilton finished the inning but was replaced by Byrd to start the eighth. Washington said Hamilton has a slight groin strain and is day to day. Hamilton came off the 15-day disabled list earlier this week after missing 13 games with a rib injury sustained when he crashed into the outfield wall in Toronto.

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COAHOMA

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Newton helped her own cause in all three contests, hitting a solo home run in each. Unfortunately in the first game, it was the only run the Bulldogettes could muster.

She started getting some help from teammate Breanne Conner in Game 2, though. Conner belted a 2-run shot in the second game, then had a double and two more RBI in Game 3 to take some of the pressure off Newton.

With the win, the Bulldogettes

face Coleman at a time to be determined Tuesday in Colorado City for a regional quarterfinal playoff. It will be a one-game format as will all high school softball and baseball postseason matchups Monday and Tuesday due to a ruling handed down by the UIL.

The UIL is attempting to cram games into a shorter time frame after postponing the start of the postseason due to the potential threat of a swine flu outbreak earlier this month.

Game 1	
Clyde 2, Coahoma 1	
Coahoma 000 001 0-1 3 0	
Clyde 000 002 x-2 5 1	
Heather Newton and Berkley Iden. Regan	

Darnell and Shelby Cheek. W - Darnell. L - Newton. HR: Coa - Newton. RBI: Coa - Newton; Clyde - Halliegh Haak, Jayton Gordon.

Game 2	
Coahoma 3, Clyde 1	
Clyde 000 001 0-1 3 0	
Coahoma 010 200 x-3 7 0	
Regan Darnell, Kim Ramos (5) and Shelby Cheek. Heather Newton and Berkley Iden. W - Newton. L - Darnell. 2B: Coa - Newton. HR: Coa - Newton, Breanne Conner. RBI: Coa - Newton, Conner 2.	

Game 3	
Coahoma 3, Clyde 2	
Coahoma 100 001 001-3 5 1	
Clyde 200 000 000-2 6 2	
Heather Newton and Berkley Iden. Kim Ramos and Shelby Cheek. W - Newton. L - Ramos. 2B: Coa - Breanne Conner; Clyde - Ramos. HR: Coa - Newton; Clyde - Jenna Loper. RBI: Coa - Conner 2, Newton; Clyde - Loper.	

ROCKETS

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February after undergoing microfracture surgery on his left knee.

In the first round, backup center Dikembe Mutombo went

down with a knee injury. Then star center Yao Ming was lost in Game 3 against Los Angeles to a broken left foot.

Still, the Rockets won two games after losing Yao and had many Lakers fans wondering what was wrong with their team.

Rockets point guard Aaron

Brooks, whose ability to penetrate the Lakers' defense time again during Game 6 at Houston, missed all four of his field goal attempts in the opening quarter and finished the first half 1-for-6 with five points and one assist. He ended up with a team-high 14 points on 4-for-13 shooting in 39 minutes.



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