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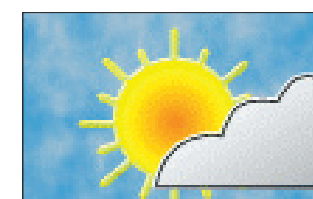
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**THURSDAY**

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Courtesy photo/Tommy Sullivan

Howard County Volunteer Fire Battalion Chief Terry Rumpff burns off an area of brush and cedar trees during a fire Wednesday afternoon on Highway 818 approximately a quarter-mile from Elbow Elementary. More than 300 acres were destroyed by the wildfire.

## Brush fires roar through Crossroads

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County volunteer firefighters had their hands full Wednesday, as a pair of wildfires threatened vast amounts of the Crossroads area.

The first fire, reported at approximately 12:50 p.m. near Glasscock County on Highway 821, destroyed more than 350 acres, according to Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan.

"Originally, the firefighters from Glasscock County con-



Sullivan

tacted us to see if we would take care of it. Luckily, we were already there," Sullivan said. "The fire started near a bank of electrical transformers in an area where there are heavy amounts of cedar trees, which don't just catch fire, but actually blow up, reaching temperatures in excess of 2,000 degrees."

Sullivan said firefighters were able to keep the fire contained, with six Howard County trucks working at the scene.

"Overall, it took nearly eight hours for our guys to get the

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## Commissioners begin task of redrawing county lines

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners began the arduous task of resetting precinct lines Wednesday morning in an effort to address disparities in the county's population identified in the 2010 Census.

Commissioners — with Precinct 1 Commissioner Emma Brown and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long absent — met with Austin attorney Bob Bass, a partner with Allison Bass & Associates, to go over the changes in the population through the county's four precincts and



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Austin attorney Bob Bass, left, and County Judge Mark Barr discuss efforts to reset precinct lines within Howard County.

look at possible ways to correct the issues.

According to Bass, the to-

tal population of the county was tallied at 35,012, with the census data breaking it down to Precinct 1, 7,965; Precinct 2, 7,941; Precinct 3, 9,491; and Precinct 4, 9,615.

However, gross totals include a number of factors that can't be used for redistricting, including more than 5,000 area residents who are incarcerated at the local federal and private prison facilities.

With inmates removed from the equation, Bass said the net population is 29,810, with the breakdown

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## 5-3A TOURNAMENT



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

With a wind turbine looming in the distance, Big Spring High School golfer Stormy Emery tees off on the first hole at Big Spring Country Club during District 5-3A tournament action Wednesday. See related story and photo, Page 7.

## Police association poker run planned here with craft show

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

It's time to hit the road and make a poker run.

The Big Spring Police Association is gearing up for its first Santa's Spring Fling Poker Run and Craft Show. The poker run will take place

in conjunction with Dee's Trade Show.

Registration will take place the day of the run, April 30 at 9 a.m. Registration will be at the Howard County Fair Barn and is \$20 per bike and \$10 per passenger.

The first bike will head out at 9:15 a.m. According to An-

drew Garcia, vice president of the Big Spring Police Association, the ride should take about two hours.

"It will consist of about 100 miles around Lake Thomas and the northeastern part of Howard County," said Lynn

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## Myra 'MaMaw' Kemper



Myra "MaMaw" Kemper, 86, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joey Bacon, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, 2011, at the funeral home.

She was born July 24, 1924, in Colorado City and married Velah E. Kemper on June 30, 1949, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death May 30, 1996.

Myra lived in Knott from 1932 to 1987, where she and her late husband farmed until retiring. She was a housewife and a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Boyce Kemper and wife Laura and Jimmy Kemper, all of Big Spring; four daughters, Jackie Tredaway and husband Jerry of Midland, Aletha Marlar and husband Brian, Zenobia Reid and Kenneth "Pig" Casbeer and Jodie Wright and husband Joe, all of Big Spring; 11 grandsons and one granddaughter, Shane Kemper and wife Shaundra, Clint Kemper and wife Monica, Todd Tredaway and wife Melinda, Joe Don Tredaway, Chad Kemper and wife Ashley, Brandon Kemper and wife Michelle, Kelby Kemper, Kortney Pritchard and husband Brian, Shawn Reid, Casey Reid, Joe Brice Wright and wife Kenni Kay and Blane Wright and wife Lisa; two step grandsons and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Bruce Kemper; three brothers and four sisters.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in honor of Trevor Tredaway, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

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

Paid obituary

## Teresa Phillips Darden



Teresa Phillips Darden, 44, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Westbrook Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 12, 1965, in Sweetwater. She grew up in Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. She had spent most of her life in Dallas. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by two sons, Talbott Moore of Big Spring and Alex Moore of Dallas; father, Stanley Phillips and wife Verlinda of Big Spring; mother, Kathy Martin of Wichita Falls; one brother, Steve Phillips and wife Maria of Dallas; one sister, Kellie Tubb and husband Todd of Big Spring; and her grandmother, Ruby Phillips of Garland.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Dewey Phillips Sr.

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

## Rosendo Robles

Rosendo Robles, 59, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Patsy Padilla

Patsy Padilla, 71, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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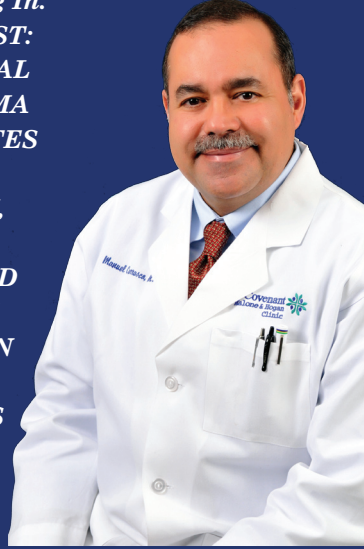
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## Obituaries

## Orville Steve Brant



Orville Steve Brant, 57, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on June 16, 1953, in Big Spring and married Carla York on May 4, 2010, in Big Spring.

Steve grew up here and graduated from Coahoma High School. He worked for International Paper in York, Penn., before returning to Big Spring in September 2006. He was a Christian and had served in the United States Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Carla Brant of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Melanie Guinn of Lubbock; one step daughter, Janis Bushman of Billings, Mont.; one brother, Billy Brant of Wataga; one sister, Lydia Reece of Big Spring; and two step grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Flora Brant; one brother, Joe Brant; and one sister, Sandra Thompson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

## C.H. 'Buddy' Arrick Jr.

C.H. "Buddy" Arrick Jr., 77, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in an Odessa nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating.

He was born July 5, 1933, in Maryneal. Buddy lived in Big Spring most of his life and had worked as a drilling superintendent for several oil companies in the West Texas area before retiring. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Buddy of Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter, Joni of Wichita Falls; two brothers, John Arrick and wife Sidney of Odessa and Jerry Arrick and wife Georgia of Big Spring; four sisters, Bonnie Burris and husband Darrell of Lake Buchanan, Sue Larimore of San Angelo, Sonja Patterson and husband Phil of Austin and Sherri Wisener of Burnet; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maggie Arrick; his parents, C.H. and Jewell Arrick; and two sisters, Claudia Arrick and Mary McCullough.

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## Daisy Riggan



Daisy Riggan, 87, died Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 23, 1923, in Arkansas. She married Loyd Riggan on Dec. 15, 1945. He preceded her in death in 1977. She retired from the Big Spring State Hospital. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church and had been the church pianist. She lived most of her life in Big Spring.

She is survived by three daughters: Remona Stone and husband Darrell of Stephenville, Gaye Nell Sullivan and husband J.D. of Ft. Worth, and Brenda Parker and husband Mike of Big Spring; one son, Fred Riggan and wife Debbie of Burleson; three sisters, Zola Buzby of Amarillo, JoAnne Henry and husband Eddie of Bastrop, La., and Marian Baker of Lubbock; one brother, Bill Baker and wife Dean of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Vera Lackey, Artie Hatcher and Gretchen Ray; and five brothers, Troy Baker, Floyd Baker, Herman Baker, Johnny Baker and one infant brother.

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

## Police blotter

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

• SABRINA VALENCIA MADRID, 26, of 1511 Princeton, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to appear and driving while license invalid.

• JOHNNY LEE JOHNSON, 39, of 110 Lockhart, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for no driver's license - when unlicensed.

• BRANDON JOSEPH SCHEIRBECK, 37, of 2514 Chanute, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• TONY GARZA, 39, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• CALEB JAMES CHAVEZ, 18, of 307 N.E. 11<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication by a minor.

• MARCUS NANES TREVINO, 43, of 1810 Mittel, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.

• ALEXA ELIZABETH CANDELARIA, 18, of 1001 S. Birdwell Lane Apt. 103, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft - shoplifting.

• MARION LAURA LEMONNIER, 19, of 1001 S. Birdwell Lane Apt. 103, was arrested Wednesday

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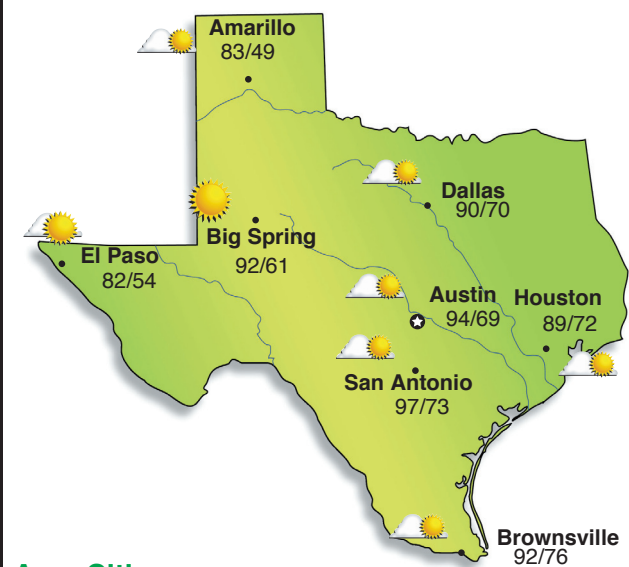
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## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 4/8	Sat 4/9	Sun 4/10	Mon 4/11	Tue 4/12
<b>92/61</b> A mainly sunny sky. Near record high temperatures. High 92F.	<b>96/58</b> A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>80/48</b> Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	<b>86/52</b> Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>92/62</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:26 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:11 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:25 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:11 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:12 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:13 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:13 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	65	sunny
Amarillo	83	49	pt sunny
Austin	94	69	pt sunny
Beaumont	85	71	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	76	pt sunny
Brownwood	97	67	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	90	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	90	68	pt sunny
Dallas	90	70	pt sunny
Del Rio	101	71	mst sunny
El Paso	82	54	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	93	63	sunny
Gainesville	88	66	pt sunny
Greenville	88	68	pt sunny
Houston	89	72	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	63	t-storm
Boston	56	37	mst sunny
Chicago	50	43	rain
Dallas	90	70	pt sunny
Denver	68	42	pt sunny
Houston	89	72	pt sunny
Los Angeles	59	45	rain
Miami	88	73	mst sunny

## FIRES

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fire out," he said. "It was definitely a bad one." The day was far for over for the firefighters following the fire on Highway 821, as a second blaze on FM 818 — less than one mile from Elbow Elementary School

— threatened nearly one dozen structures and homes. "We lost about 300 acres in that fire, but we were able to save two homes," an obviously weary Sullivan said. "We worked on that fire from about 3:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m." Sullivan said heavy rains reported on March 25 helped to stave off the onslaught of wildfires for a short time, but what-

ever reprieve it brought is over now. "We're responding to an average of about three fires a day now, so it's starting to really pick back up," he said. "The rain slowed things down for about six days, but all of that moisture is gone now. The danger of wildfires out there are incredible right now, and it doesn't look like it's going to let up anytime soon."

## LINES

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by precinct set at Precinct 1, 6,924; Precinct 2, 7,941; Precinct 3, 6,577; and Precinct 4, 8,368. "The overall goal is to have all of the precincts have the same number of voting age residents," Bass told commissioners. "Using these totals, the ideal population of each precinct would be 7,453 people. That means Precincts 1 and 3 have too few people, while Precincts 2 and 4 have too many."

According to Bass, Precinct 4 is the furthest out of proportion, having 915 people more than the ideal population, while Precinct 3 needs 876 people to bring it up to the ideal level. The disparity between the remaining districts offers a similar problem, with Precinct 2 488 people over the ideal number while Precinct 1 falls 529 people shy of the target population.

Totals and percentages considered Wednesday could change slightly, according to Bass, who said an area prison located on Interstate Highway 20 was inadvertently left out of the calculations.

Bass said it would be

a relatively simple process of balancing the precincts if they lined up more beneficially, however, complex census blocks established by the federal government and identifying areas strong with minorities makes it a much more complex task. "If it were as simple as balancing your smallest and largest areas, this would be much easier. However, the census breaks these areas down to census blocks. And while you may be able to look at a block and see there are 100 people living in it, if you try to break that block in half, you have no idea how that 100 will be divided. Take into account there are several thousand census blocks and it's not hard to see why this can get confusing."

"The net population, as of now, is approximately 24 percent out of balance. On a federal level they have to be balanced near to zero. At the state level 5 percent of the deviation is allowed, but 10 percent is the maximum on the local level."

## POLICE

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on a charge of theft – shoplifting.  
• THEFT was reported: In the 3600 block of N. Highway 87. In the 1400 block of Wood Street.

## Sheriff

In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:  
Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.  
• JEREMY DON RAINEY, 22, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of theft of property – grave/human/corpse/military marker and bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.  
• FREDDY HINOJOSA, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO in Midland County on warrants for indictments issued in late-February for aggravated sexual assault (two counts) and aggravated kidnapping.  
• MARCUS NANES TREVINO, 43, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a passenger under 15 years of age.  
• ALEXA ELIZABETH CANDELARIA, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property.  
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## RUN

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Creswell, secretary/treasurer of the Big Spring Police Association. "Along the way they might see the prong horned antelope, lots of hills, curves and country-side."

Those who want to participate but don't have a motorcycle are welcome to bring their car or truck, according to Creswell. He added that participants in the poker run will be expected to follow all laws, including wearing a helmet.

"There will be six check points set up along the way," Creswell said. "Each check point will gain them another card for their hand."

At the end of the ride, prizes will be given for the best and worst hand. Both hands will receive a plaque. The best hand will receive \$50 craft show bucks and the worst hand will get \$25 craft show bucks. Meals will also be provided for riders of the poker run. For those who want to eat but aren't taking part in the poker run, food can be purchased

at Dee's Trade Show. "We worked with Dee's in November and it was really successful in helping us get toys for children," Creswell said.

The money raised from the poker run will benefit the Blue Santa program, according to Garcia. The program purchases gifts for underprivileged children of Big Spring and Howard County. The toys are delivered by a blue-suited Santa.

"We are trying to keep hope alive for those kids who don't normally have a chance," Garcia said. "The kids we deliver gifts to are usually those who have seen one or more of their parents go to jail."

Creswell said the program started by serving whole families, but has since been directed toward teens.

"We tend to focus more on the teenagers, the ones that are left on the Angel Tree at Christmas," Creswell said.

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"We are trying to show these kids that people do care."

She continued, "If anyone is shown a little bit then they will give it back. If you give to the kids, when they grow up they will be the ones giving back."

The poker run will take place on the first day of Dee's Trade Show, but those wanting to visit the craft fair will have two days to do so. Dee's Trade Show will be at the Howard County Fair Barn from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 1.

For more information on the poker run, contact Lynn at 213-5032.

Contact Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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## AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Should morality be politicized? Should a politician seek to establish laws that regulate matters like abortion, homosexuality, racism, fraud or greed? Should a candidate be accepted or rejected because of personal beliefs?

At some point, all legislation is a matter of morality. It is against the law to murder because murder is immoral. It is against the law to steal because theft is immoral. Indeed, the very basis of legislation is the belief that some things are right and need to be protected while other things are wrong and need to be denied.

The belief that personal values should be set aside for the sake of legislation inevitably leads to immoral laws. There is a vast difference between a nation governed by immoral laws and "one nation under God."

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Saturday, at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College, Healthy Woman will be hosting A Call to Action - Women and Financial Preparedness.

After the Health Fair concludes, women and men looking for a little financial advice are encouraged to walk over to the Cactus Room and enjoy a buffet lunch and financial program by financial planner Troy Tompkins.

It's all about empowering people to take action and start making good decisions that will not only improve their financial situation but their health as well.

Financial issues may not be the first thing or even the last thing when it comes to health concerns, but in reality being financially stable can go a long way to providing better health.

The program is aimed at giving people the knowledge to ensure that they are able to make their own financial decisions and not have to rely on others.

A secure financial future is something that begins today and carries through a person's entire life.

The program will begin at 12:30 p.m. and last about an hour.

For those wanting to attend a reservation is requested and encouraged. Reserve your place by contacting Kim Howell at 268-4842.

Financial preparedness is the focus of the Healthy Woman event, but not the only activity Saturday. Consider taking part in the Master the Mountain 5k fun run/walk at 9 a.m. and make it a point to stop by the Health Fair at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum between 8 a.m. and noon.

It's sure to be a weekend full of healthy advice.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we think in terms of what's good for our future, Lord, and start walking with You.

Amen

# Protectors in leather attire

Leather attire, motorcycles, tattoos and tough guy attitude ... and an amazing sense of safety and security.

Not exactly the description you would expect to hear when it comes to bikers, but just because society and Hollywood have labeled bikers as tough, cold-hearted and all around mean guys doesn't mean that there isn't more than meets the eye.

BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) is a national organization created to provide abused children with a safer environment and an empowering feeling. In abuse cases, children become wary of their surroundings and can find it hard to trust and feel secure, but BACA members are there to lend support, be a friend and provide the support those children are lacking.

BACA doesn't function on its own, of course, but in conjunction with numerous state and local agencies.

I admit, I was at one time one



AMANDA MORENO

of those who believed bikers were a different breed. They were a breed that didn't deserve respect because they didn't give respect. Then again, the big screen helped shape that opinion.

It wasn't until I took the time to get to know some bikers that my eyes were truly opened.

In reality, bikers, especially BACA bikers, are a different breed, but not in the way I thought.

BACA members are protectors.

Their leather is not a fashion statement, but a protective shield for the children of abuse.

The tough guy demeanor isn't meant to scare others, but it is there to provide a sense of security for those children who feel they have lost their safe environment. They are the protectors for those who need protecting.

Just as little children believe in Superman, Batman and all those other super heroes, they can believe in BACA members. Cartoon superheroes may not be able to respond as the children would like, but when it comes to BACA members it simply takes a phone call.

Once a child is referred to BACA, two members are assigned to the child. Those two

members serve as that child's superhero. Anytime the child feels scared or in need of protection, BACA members are there.

It doesn't matter the situation, whether it be a court hearing, a frightening moment at home or a simple need for security during the day, BACA members are always around.

The important thing to remember is that the members are there to provide the sense of security while empowering those they are assigned to.

After all, fear is a daily thing, but the lesson to be learned is that fear can be overcome and it can be defeated.

BACA members are there to ensure the safety of the child and their environment, but also to help the child create that environment for themselves.

In letting the child know that they are not alone, they are helping build the self assurance that the child has lost.

BACA members may be only a small portion of the biker world, but they are a portion that gives the biker persona a whole new definition.

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# Time to touch on religion...

As a journalist, there are certain topics you simply avoid from time to time. Some of them are simple, like the difference between the words "effect" and "affect," which still gives me fits as a professional writer. Others are more volatile, such as the powder kegs known as religion and politics.

Unfortunately, the ostrich method — simply sticking your head in the sand so you don't have to deal with the issue — does little to help things, and, by most standards, just makes them worse.

So, in the interest of self-help, I've decided to write an entire series of columns on topics most of us have absolutely no desire to tackle because of their volatility or "ick" factor. Think of it like Mike Rowe's television show "Dirty Jobs," but instead of wading through sewage or getting kicked by a muddy, angry mule, we'll be discussing today's "dirty" topics.

In trying to decide what would be my second topic in this series — the first was on racism and stereotypes — I asked my friends and family for their input. However, I didn't ask them what I should cover, I asked them what I shouldn't write about. And, just as I suspected, the frontrunner was unanimous: religion.

Now, relax. I'm not about to rifle off into massive diatribes denouncing people's faiths — or even their lack of faith — in this column. As we all know, there are enough religions and denominations of religions to choke a horse, and, not surprisingly, each is convinced they have the right ideas about God and the afterlife.

And while theories — ranging from the Church of Euthanasia's belief we need a better balance between humans and the other creatures of the Earth to the Nation of Yahweh's belief black people are the "true Jews" — are as different as the people who follow them, there is one universal truth: In today's world, religion is big business.

However, this really isn't a news flash. In fact, it's been going on since the days of the Egyptian pharaohs, with Roman emperor Constantine giving it legal validity around 313 A.D. with his edict of Toleration, which gave Christianity parity with pagan religions and, eventually, saw the Catholic church become wealthy through pagan decrees, tax exemptions and immunity from military service.

The trend continued in the

sixth century with Pope Gregory the Great (590-604 A.D.) who was the greatest slave and landowner in the world. He announced the "end of the world," at which time slave owners were told to turn their money and property over to the Church. I wonder how many churchgoers kicked themselves for going along with that one?

And while it may seem like I'm picking on the Catholic church at this point, I promise you that is not my intention. Simply speaking, the Catholic church was one of the few churches to maintain historic records that can still be validated today, making it the most verifiable.

Of course, we've all seen at least one minister, pastor, reverend or preacher drive down the street in their Cadillac, on the way back to their mansion-esque home with the in-ground swimming pool and acres of rolling, well-manicured lawns. Not so long ago it was the Jim and Tammy Bakkers of the world, jetting from one resort to the next under the guise of doing God's work.

Today, however, the wolves have learned to keep their personal spending habits under better wraps. And while being less blatant about it may help their image, it does nothing to help change the feeling among many people that religion is more about the offering plate than ministering to the weak and infirm.

I recently read a report that studied the growth of religious beliefs tracked by census information in countries like Norway, Switzerland and other countries in Northern Europe. Unlike the U.S., these countries gather information on religious affiliation as part of their counts.

The latest trend identified by those studies might be somewhat frightening for the less-than-holy religious leaders of the world. The number of people without a religious affiliation is steadily growing, leading many scientists to predict the whole thing will eventually follow the "majority effect," which states people will tend to follow the majority on these types of issues.

Now, on one hand I can certainly understand why we would see this type of trend. I mean, how many times can someone say the world is ending — several such "dates" were extolled by the Seventh Day Adventists since its inception in 1844 — before people begin to look at you funny.

Let's not forget the Heaven's Gate cult, whose leaders convinced 38 followers to commit suicide so their souls could take a ride on a spaceship they believed was hiding behind a

comet carrying Jesus.

Seriously... Google it if you don't believe me.

As the world's knowledge of these bilkers and scam artists increases, skepticism grows, gains strength and could eventually wipe religion from the face of the Earth. And while this thought may make most atheists grin from ear to ear, do you honestly think the world would be a "better" place without the ethical and moral guidance of most religions?

I seriously doubt it.

So, Thomas, what can we do to help right these wrongs? OK, so no one is going to actually ask that question, and if they do it certainly won't be addressed to me. However, I'm going to chip in my two cents.

First and foremost, we have to start holding our clergymen to a higher standard, which includes demanding fiscal transparency. Knowing how much money you have and what you're spending it on is the first step to getting things back on the right foot, which, in this case, is making sure the money and resources are going to actually helping people, and not to fancy cars or swanky homes and hotel rooms.

There are a lot of small churches in our community that will continually do more good for those in need than the larger, wealthier churches. Maybe it's because those smaller churches are closer to their blue-collar roots. Maybe it's simply a matter of temptation, and, if given the chance, they would be just as gluttonous as the big boys if they had the chance. Take your pick.

In the end, however, I hope you'll understand I'm not denouncing religion, regardless of how quirky or weird — Raëlianism is the religious, naturalist belief system promoted by the Raëlian Movement, an atheist UFO religion founded in 1970s — it may sound. However, I think it's high time we hold our religious leaders responsible for how resources and funds are doled out.

For example, the Catholic church's Vatican is believed to hold assets in excess of \$10 billion. According to SmartMoney magazine, religious funds now control more than \$27 billion in assets, up from \$10 billion in the late 1990s, making it one of the hottest sectors in the broader category of socially responsible funds.

Then again, I might just be ticked that a preacher borrowed my denim jacket nearly 20 years ago and still hasn't returned it. The world may never know.

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# Worried about a radioactive ocean?

**MALCOLM RITTER**

AP Science Writer  
NEW YORK — This week, workers at the stricken Japanese nuclear plant dumped radioactive water into the ocean to make room for storing even more highly contaminated water on the site. The water dumping came after earlier leaks of radioactive water that had already raised concerns about its effects in the ocean, raising questions about health and safety. Here are answers to some of those questions.

**Q. Can you see radiation?**

A. No, you can't see, taste or smell it.

**Q. How does radiation travel?**

A. In the air, it moves as energy waves. That's how an X-ray machine looks inside you. At the Japanese nuclear plant complex, workers have been exposed to such waves, as well as radioactive particles. Over long distances, tiny radioactive particles on dust are blown by the wind. It can come back down to Earth with rain.

In the water, microscopic radioactive particles

are carried along by the currents.

**Q. How dangerous is radiation?**

A. We live in a world of radiation. It is in the water we drink, the food we eat, the very air we breathe. Most of the radiation we are exposed to comes from outer space, the decaying of uranium in the earth, and medical procedures like X-rays and CT scans.

**Q. How is radiation measured?**

A. Radiation is often measured as a dose or exposure — the amount of radiation absorbed over a certain time. It's generally measured in millirems in the United States, and millisieverts elsewhere. The average place on Earth exposes people to about 300 millirems, or 3 millisieverts, every year. A chest X-ray exposes a patient to about 10 millirems, or 0.1 millisievert.

**Q. How can radiation hurt us?**

A. Too much radiation in a short time can cause deadly radiation sickness, with its signature symptoms of nausea, dizziness and hair loss. High doses can also cause cancer decades later. It can lead to congenital defects in future children of exposed adults.

**Q. So how much radiation is too much radiation?**

A. Natural background radiation in the environment varies greatly at different places on Earth, depending on altitude, geology and other factors. In theory, any increase in radiation can lead to a higher risk of cancer. In practice, though, population studies find no apparent elevated risk of cancer even at the highest levels of background radiation. And the most respected

radiation experts say people can tolerate at least 10,000 millirems (100 millisieverts) in a short period with no discernible harm. On the other hand, much larger doses — like 400,000 millirems or 4,000 millisieverts — will cause radiation sickness and cancer in many people. That would be the rough equivalent of 40,000 chest X-rays.

**Q. Can the radioactive water leaking from the Japanese nuclear plant eventually reach the U.S. and be hazardous?**

A. It's hard to say how that water will move, because it will spread not only on the surface but downward in deep layers of the Pacific Ocean. If it does reach the West Coast, it would probably take at least 18 months to three years, by one estimate. In any case, nobody expects it would pose a radiation hazard upon arrival because

of tremendous dilution along the way.

Airborne radioactive particles have already reached the United States, but federal authorities say the measured levels aren't dangerous.

**Q. Weren't the workers at the nuclear plant treated for burns after coming into contact with radioactive water? What if someone swam in the ocean off the coast of Japan?**

A. The kind of radiation levels the workers experienced cause sunburn-like burns in about a half-hour to an hour. But swimming near the plant is banned, and radiation levels of water dumped in the ocean decline quickly with distance from the complex.

**Q. What radioactive elements are leaking and what are the risks?**

A. Measurements so far have focused mostly

on iodine and cesium, which were responsible for most of the radiation dose to the public at the Chernobyl disaster.

Radiation from iodine-131 dissipates quickly, falling by half every eight days, so that it's virtually gone in 80 days. Its danger is that if inhaled or swallowed, it can concentrate in the thyroid and cause cancer.

Cesium radiation sticks around much longer, taking 30 years to decline by half and 300 years to virtually disappear. Cesium can build up in the body and high levels are thought to be a risk for various other cancers. Still, researchers who studied Chernobyl could not find an increase in cancers that might be linked to cesium.

**Q. Will ocean creatures be harmed by the discharges of the radioactive water?**

A. Experts say animals very near the plant may face problems like higher rates of genetic mutations, but that this would probably happen within only maybe a half a mile or so.

National Writer Jeff

## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I've been close friends with "Lucy" since high school. In the past few years, I've noticed that she is imitating everything I do, and I mean everything.

I recently dyed my hair red, and she did the same, even using the same stylist. She bought the same carpet, painted her house the same color as ours and last year acquired the same breed of dog.

She buys her grandkids the same gifts we buy ours. I just purchased a jacket, and when Lucy saw it, she bought the same one and flipped out because she could not get it in the same color. I know imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, but this is scary. It's as if Lucy is trying to live my life.

Last week, I bought a set of new sheets. Lucy stopped by as I was making the bed and asked her usual questions —

where did I buy them, how much did they cost, etc. But then she asked what my husband was like in bed. She confided that her sex life is not so good and once thought her husband was having an affair. I was flabbergasted and finally said it was personal and nobody's business, and I refuse to discuss my sex life with anyone.

Lucy became agitated, said I should be willing to answer her question since we're good friends and then left in a big huff. I haven't seen her since, although she lives down the block. Should I have answered her? I think I need to end the friendship, but how? — *Feeling Uneasy*

**Dear Uneasy:** No one needs to answer such personal questions. Imitation is usually a sign of insecurity in one's own taste. It often helps to offer to shop with the person and help them develop their own style. Lucy, however, seems to be looking for more than style. She wants a life upgrade, and she's chosen yours. We suggest you put gradual limits on the amount of contact you have. Continue to be friendly, but find a way to be busier. When you go out, alter your schedule so you have less of a chance of running into her. And if she ever asks for help, urge her to seek professional coun-

seling.

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## HEALTH AND FITNESS LEAVE THE PAST, 2011 WILL BE A BLAST. BIG SPRING YMCA MAKING A SPLASH SPRING 2011

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5:30 to 6:30 AM	SPINNING Rhonda	POWER PUMP Kim Evans	SPINNING Rhonda	POWER PUMP Kim Evans	SPINNING Rhonda	
8:45 to 9:30 AM		ZUMBA Jamie W.		ZUMBA Jennifer		
9:30 to 10:30 AM	Step-N-Tone Lisa	POWER PUMP Jennifer	Step-N-Tone Lisa	POWER PUMP Jennifer	ZUMBA Elvira	
10:00 to 11:00 AM	Aqua Exercise Suzanne		Aqua Exercise Suzanne		Aqua Exercise Suzanne	ZUMBA Elvira
11:00 to 11:45 AM		Rockin' Aerobics Sheryl Cox		Rockin' Aerobics Sheryl Cox		
4:30 to 4:55 PM	ZUMBA Jennifer		ZUMBA Jennifer			
4:30 to 5:30 PM		POWER PUMP Marlena		POWER PUMP Marlena	ZUMBA Toning Elvira	
5:00 to 5:30 PM	Absolutely Abs Dianna		Absolutely Abs Dianna			
5:30 to 6:30 PM	Pump Step Dianna	Kick Boxing Jenni	Cardio Jamie W.	ZUMBA Elvira		
		Aqua Exercise Gayla		Aqua Exercise Gayla		
		SPINNING Rhonda		SPINNING Rhonda		
6:30 to 7:30 PM	Yoga Rhett	ZUMBA Elvira	Yoga Rhett	*K-BOXING/Toning Jenni		
6:30 to 7:00 PM*						

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1	6	7	4	8	2	5	9	3
7	8	6	5	4	1	3	2	9
5	9	2	3	6	8	7	1	4
4	3	1	9	2	7	8	5	6



## Babysitting Schedule



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AM	9:30 - 11:00	9:30 - 11:00	9:30 - 11:00	9:30 - 11:00	9:30 - 11:00
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# Texas House backs plan to allow 85 mph speed limit

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House approved a bill that would allow the speed limit on some highways to be raised to 85 mph, which would be the highest in the nation.

The measure passed Wednesday on a voice vote as part of a larger transportation bill. It would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to raise the speed limit on designated lanes or entire stretches of roadway after doing engineering and traffic

studies, the Dallas Morning News reported Thursday.

The Senate is considering a similar bill.

"They have high-speed roadways in Europe, and there could be some merit in having some of those highways in Texas," said Rep. Lois Kolkhorst of Brenham, who introduced the bill. "Given the right engineering, we should consider it."

Texas currently has more than 520 miles of interstate

highways where the speed limit is 80 mph.

One such stretch of Interstate 10 "is as nice a road as you can build; it's flat with a long line of sight, wide lanes and good shoulders," said Rep. Joe Pickett of El Paso. "For people like us who travel that long distance, it could be good" to raise the limit to 85 mph, he said.

Some auto insurers oppose the measure.

"Obviously, the two things

that kill most people on our highways are speed and alcohol. Increasing it to 85, or even 75, will have a dramatic impact on the death and injury rate on those highways where it's implemented," said Jerry Johns, a spokesman for the Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

He said drivers already exceed 70 mph highway speed limits.

"But 85 mph is simply too fast to drive even on a flat road.

Any little hitch can cause an accident at that speed. There is still traffic on those roads, and to drive 85 mph is simply ludicrous," he said.

The Transportation Department hasn't done the speed and safety analyses of roadways the legislation would require, said department spokeswoman Kelli Petras.

"It would be awesome to travel it, but you'd have to look at the safety and other factors," she said.

## State briefs

### Body recovered from water in Amarillo ditch

AMARILLO (AP) — A body has been recovered

from a water-filled ditch in the Texas Panhandle in a death being investigated as suspicious.

Amarillo police say an autopsy was expected to be completed by Friday.

Lt. Gary Trupe says investigators will try to determine if the victim was a Nevada man last seen alive in December. His name has not been released.

Trupe says the body found Wednesday morning, by a worker spraying for weeds, is similar to the person in the photo of the man reported missing.

### Harris County deputies chase own swiped squad car

HOUSTON (AP) — One stolen vehicle was followed by another after a car theft suspect arrested in the Houston area then swiped a patrol car.

Harris County Sheriff's Office deputies on Wednesday night chased one of their own cruisers after the handcuffed man drove off in it.

Authorities say the suspect was in the back seat of the patrol car when he somehow climbed into the front seat and took off, smashing over yards and through fences. The law enforcement vehicle ended up dumped in a gully.

Witness Marcus Lafayette told KHOU-TV that he heard a bang and then saw the squad car "flying through here."

The chase ended in Atascocita as deputies caught the suspect, who has previous auto theft convictions. Nobody was hurt.

### Part of Brownsville road named for slain ICE agent

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A stretch of South Texas highway near where a slain U.S. agent grew up has been renamed in his memory.

An unveiling was held Wednesday in Brownsville for Jaime J. Zapata Avenue.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Zapata was killed and ICE agent Victor Avila was shot in the leg during the Feb. 15 attack on their vehicle in Mexico. U.S. officials say the roadside ambush, in San Luis Potosi state, was carried out by drug cartel gunmen.

The Brownsville City Commission approved the

roadway name change. It's part of Coffee Port Road between South Padre Island Highway and Old Port Isabel Road.

### DFW to Paris diverts to Chicago, unruly passenger

DALLAS (AP) — An American Airlines flight from North Texas to Paris had to divert to Chicago because of an apparent intoxicated passenger.

Flight 48 left Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport shortly after 6 p.m. Wednesday and landed safely at Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

American spokesman Jim Faulkner says police in Chicago arrested the unruly passenger. The individual had been restrained by the crew.

Nobody was hurt. Faulkner says the jet was expected to continue on to Paris.

### Texas company added to lawsuit against ministry

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — A Texas security company has been added as a defendant in a lawsuit against businesses operated by Tony Alamo Christian Ministries of Fouke and people associated with the ministry.

The lawsuit by seven women says they were beaten, denied food and psychologically abused. Six say they were forced as children to marry Alamo and the seventh says she was being groomed as his wife before escaping.

The Texarkana Gazette reports that Robert Gilmore and Associates Security of Wake Village is now accused of knowing about sexual abuse of underage girls and failing to report it.

Robert Gilmore denies the allegation and said if he had known of abuse it would have been reported.

Alamo is in prison after being convicted in 2009 of taking minors across state lines for sex.

### Comment period extended for lizard listing

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reopened the public comment

period on a proposal for listing a small lizard found in southeastern New Mexico and West Texas as an endangered species.


The agency is planning two public meetings on the dunes sagebrush lizard.

The first meeting will be April 27 in Midland, Texas. The second will be in Roswell the following day.

The decision to extend the comment period resulted from numerous requests.

Biologists say the dunes sagebrush lizard faces threats from oil and natural gas development and herbicides.

The lizard lives in a small area of shinnery oak dunes in northeastern Chaves County, Roosevelt County, eastern Eddy and southern Lea counties in New Mexico and in a narrow band in Gaines, Ward, Winkler and Andrews counties in Texas.



## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### High-Class Technique

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
West North East South  
3♠ Dble Pass 5♦  
Pass 6♦

Opening lead — king of spades.

A **competent declarer** rarely errs in handling the myriad card combinations encountered over many deals. Time and time again, he adopts the technically correct approach to each suit, adjusting his play whenever necessary if special circumstances crop up along the way.

Consider this deal where South arrived at six diamonds after West opened with three spades. Declarer won the spade lead and tackled trumps, carefully cashing dummy's ace first. This was designed to guard against East holding four diamonds,

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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## A Most Stalwart and Reliable Ally

### Is Israel indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier?

In previous *hasbarah* (educating and clarifying) messages, we made clear what a tremendous asset for our country Israel is. We gave many examples of its contribution to American safety in that important area of the world. But there is much more.

**What are the facts?**

**Turmoil in the Middle East.** There is upheaval in the Middle East. Governments shift, and the future of this vital area is up in the air. In those dire circumstances, it is a tremendous comfort to our country that Israel, a beacon of Western values, is its stalwart and unshakable ally.

**Unreliable "allies."** Egypt, a long-term "ally" of our country, is the beneficiary of billions of dollars of American aid. Its dictator, Hosni Mubarak has been dethroned. As of now, it is unclear who and what will be Egypt's new government. It is widely assumed, however, that it may be the Muslim Brotherhood. Far from being a religious organization, as its name would imply, it is dominated by fanatical radicals, ardent antagonists of the West, obsessed anti-Semites, and sworn enemies of the State of Israel. If the Muslim Brotherhood would indeed come to power, a bloody war, more violent than anything that has come before, is likely to ensue.

Saudi Arabia, a tyrannical kingdom, is another important "ally" of the U.S. It is the most important source of petroleum, the lifeblood of the industrial world. It is, however, totally unreliable and hostile to all the values for which the United States stands. The precedent of Iran cannot fail to be on the minds of our government. The Shah of Iran was a staunch ally of the U.S. We lavished billions of dollars and huge quantities of our most advanced weapons on him. But, virtually from one day to the next, the mullahs and the ayatollahs — fanatical enemies of our country, of Israel, and of anything Western — came to power. Instead of friends and allies, Iran's theocratic government became the most virulent enemy of the United States. Could something like that happen in Saudi Arabia? It is not at all unlikely!

Other U.S. allies in the region — Jordan, the "new" Iraq, and the Gulf emirates — are even weaker and less reliable reads to lean on. Libya, which once, under King Idris, hosted the Wheeler Air Base, became an enemy of the U.S.

Israel is indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier. If it were not for Israel, thousands of American troops would have to be stationed in the Middle East, at the cost of billions of dollars a year. In contrast to the unreliable friendship of Muslim countries, the friendship and support of Israel are unshakable because they are based on shared values, love of peace and democracy. What a comfort for our country to have stalwart and completely reliable Israel in its corner, especially at a time when in this strategic area turmoil, upheaval and revolution are the order of the day. Yes, Israel is indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier in the Middle East.

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# Still in charge

## BSHS boys increase lead in District 5-3A golf action

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School boys' golf team took full advantage of their home-course advantage to pad their lead in the District 5-3A golf tournament.

The Steers fired a team total of 304 to boost their lead over second-place Abilene Wylie to 21 strokes after second-round play at Big Spring Country Club Wednesday afternoon.

Big Spring's Blake Borman defied windy conditions to fire a 1-under 71 to lead the Steers and maintain his lead in individual medalist play. Fellow senior Andrew Fillingim shot a 73, followed by Ryan Pollard

with a 79, Tate Kennedy at 82 and Devin Roberson with an 86.

The Steers have a two-round total score of 612, followed by Wylie at 633, Sweetwater at 639 and Snyder at 642.

The team entered play Wednesday holding a 10-stroke lead over Wylie.

"We wanted to be close last week, and we did even better than that," BSHS Coach Chris Joslin said. "(Wednesday's result) was what we wanted to do."

In medalist play, Borman leads with a two-round total of 138, nine strokes better

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Big Spring's Blake Borman eyes his putt on the ninth green at Big Spring Country Club during the second round of the District 5-3A golf tournament Wednesday.**

## Sports calendar

### FRIDAY

Baseball — Big Spring at Snyder, 7 p.m.  
Baseball — Post at Forsan, 7 p.m.  
Baseball — El Paso CC at Howard College (DH), noon.  
Softball — Big Spring at Snyder, 5 p.m.  
Softball — Howard College at Western Texas College, Snyder (DH), 1 p.m.  
Softball — Slaton at Coahoma, 5:30 p.m.  
Softball — Post at Forsan, 5:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Baseball — El Paso CC at Howard College (DH), noon.  
Softball — Western Texas College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.  
Track — Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton at District 3-2A meet, Denver City.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331, ext. 235.

# Rangers hit the road

## Down Seattle to conclude spotless homestand

ARLINGTON (AP) — Mitch Moreland delivered the tie-breaking double for the still undefeated Texas Rangers off Cy Young winner Felix Hernandez. The young first baseman then earned a dinner from new teammate Adrian Beltre for his work with the glove.

Moreland put the Rangers ahead to stay with his RBI double into the right-field corner in the seventh. He then started the next inning with an incredible snag of Beltre's bounced throw after the Gold Glove third baseman made an equally impressive stop in the Rangers' 7-3 win over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday.

"It was OK. He made a better

play than I did because it was a tough hop I threw over there, a little two-seamer low. He picked it very nice," said Beltre, who snagged Milton Bradley's hard high chopper near the line. "Every time he does that I owe him a dinner. Hopefully he can save me a lot of errors."

So far this season, the AL champion Rangers are flawless.

They wrapped up their season-opening homestand with their first 6-0 start since 1996, when they set a team record by winning their first seven games. Texas has a day off Thursday before starting its first road trip of the season Friday in Baltimore.

"Everybody's talking about homers, but pitching and de-

fense got us where we needed to be, got us six big wins," designated hitter Michael Young said.

Moreland's go-ahead hit in the seventh inning, which he pulled down the line into the right-field corner, made a winner of C.J. Wilson (1-0). Arthur Rhodes, the 41-year-old lefty, needed only four pitches to get through the 3-4-5 batters in the Seattle lineup in the eighth.

Hernandez (1-1) allowed four runs, two unearned, in seven innings. He struck out six and walked three.

"It was the wind first, I couldn't get my balance. But af-

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## In brief

### CGA tournament set for Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association will host an individual play tournament Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is set for a 10 a.m. shotgun start and a 9:30 a.m. signup deadline. Fee is \$20 per person.

For more information, contact Bobby Cordova at 935-0410.

### Tournament to benefit Relay for Life

The 2011 Cancer Scramble, which will benefit the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life American Cancer Society fundraiser, will be held April 16-17 at Big Spring Country Club.

Format will be a four-person scramble. Entrants can make their own teams or be assigned. The field will be flighted after the first round.

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to pin and the top three teams in each flight. Entry fee is \$75 per person plus a \$22 cart fee (private carts are welcome).

For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

### Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

The Howard College Cheerleading Squad will hold try-outs Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. in the Harold Davis Fitness Center on the Howard College campus.

A clinic will be held for applicants to learn all try-out material Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. in the fitness center.

All interested persons need to fill out the online application, found on the Howard College athletic website ([www.hchawk.com](http://www.hchawk.com)).

For more information, please see the website, or contact Hollie Allred at 432-264-8538.

### 3-person scramble set for Seminole

SEMINOLE — A three-person scramble golf tournament will be held April 30 and May 1 at the Gaines County Golf Course.

Cost is \$80 per person plus cart fees.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. the first day, and at 2 p.m. May 1.

For more information, call (432) 758-3808.

### Volleyball showcase May 21 in San Angelo

Registration is now open for the West Texas Volleyball Showcase, scheduled for May 21 in San Angelo.

The tournament will be officiated by TASO-approved officials.

Registration fee is \$225 per team. Registration deadline is May 15.

Play will be held in two divisions — big school (Class 3A and up) and small school (Class 1A and 2A, as well as junior varsity). There is a 20-team limit.

Also, San Angelo will be the site for a volleyball summer league, which runs from June 7 until June 28, officials announced.

Registration fee is \$25 per player. Players can sign up as individuals to be placed on a team.

There will be three divisions — varsity/JV, junior high and elementary.

For more information, contact Chris Cardenas at (325) 374-2910.

# Spurs earn top seed with victory

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Manu Ginobili knows fortunes can change quickly in the NBA.

Last week, the Spurs were in jeopardy of losing the top seed in the Western Conference to the Los Angeles Lakers after dropping six straight games.

Now, San Antonio has home-court advantage throughout the West playoffs after Ginobili scored 25 points in a 124-92 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

The Spurs improved their NBA-best record to 60-19 and clinched home-court advantage throughout the West playoffs later Wednesday when the Lakers lost at Golden State.

"We knew we weren't going to lose every single game (the rest of the way)," Ginobili said. "We had a few good games we just couldn't win. We had a better schedule over the last three games. We won an important game in Atlanta and we got lucky that the Lakers lost to the Jazz."

George Hill scored 12 of his 19 points during the third quarter, when the Spurs outscored the Kings by 20 in their best offensive quarter of the season.

"(After the first half), I knew we need-

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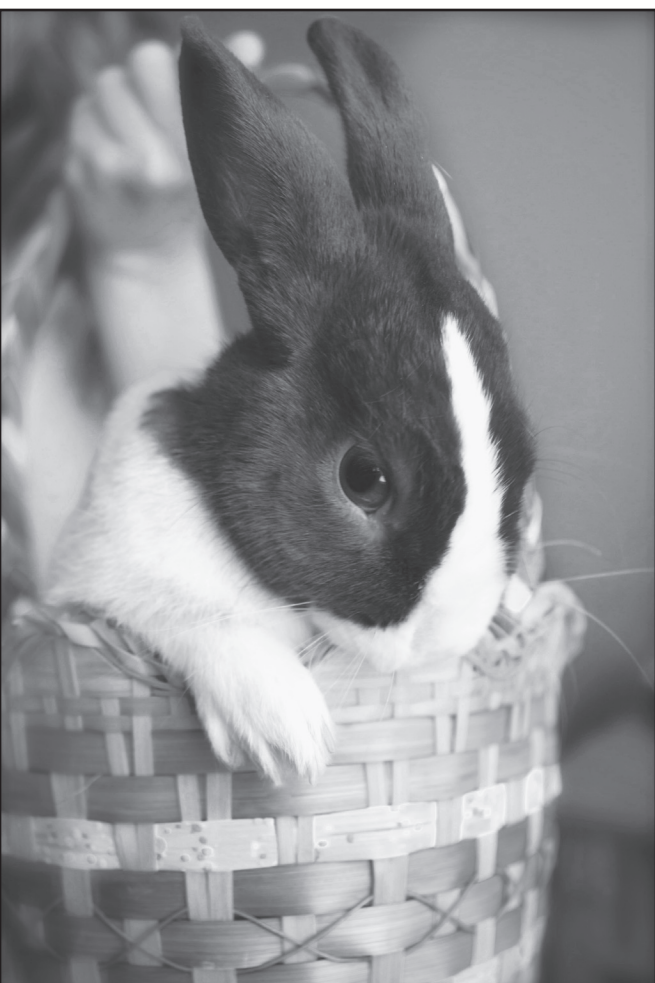
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# Beware the Easter bunny; he may not be an easy pet



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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Every year in the weeks and months after Easter, a wave of rabbits turns up at animal shelters, abandoned by people who bought them for the holiday but changed their minds.

Turns out, cute little bunnies can be challenging pets. If you're thinking about getting one for Easter or any other time, here are a few things to keep in mind from Marc Morrone, host of Hallmark Channel's "Petkeeping with Marc Morrone," where one of his sidekicks is a rabbit named Harvey, brought to him by police who found him abandoned 10 years ago.

Rabbits can be trained to walk on a leash or harness, but you can't let them play

freely outside; they are prey to snakes, hawks, owls, dogs, foxes, cats, raccoons and people. "Bunnies are an animal that the entire world eats," Morrone said. "Bunnies live in a state of perpetual anxiety that somebody's going to eat them. Once they realize no one is going to eat them, they relax and you can see their true nature come out."

You must be prepared to commit to pet care for about a decade. Rabbits usually live eight to 12 years and can only be called bunnies for about six months.

Rabbits get nervous if you pick them up but let their feet dangle, and that can be a problem for kids who like to carry around small pets. When a rabbit is being held in such a way that it feels nervous, it will kick, and that can upset

some kids. Mother rabbits don't pick up and carry their young, Morrone said, so nothing prepares them to be carted around.

Rabbits are small, but their vet bills will be similar to those for dogs or cats. They have to be spayed or neutered, they get hairballs and diseases, and they need their nails trimmed by professionals, Morrone said.

Rabbits are unhappy in cages and need room to romp, but the space has to be bunny-proofed because they are constantly chewing. If there are lots of wires, expensive molding or rugs, letting them loose in the house can be dangerous to them and costly for you. They need alternatives like grass mats and wicker baskets.

They shed and must be brushed daily, and

while they are clean and can be trained to use a litter box, it can get smelly, like a cat's.

They prefer air-conditioning and companion rabbits.

Because a rabbit is not as expressive as a dog or as vocal as a cat, it takes time and understanding to get in tune with a rabbit, Morrone said.

But he added: "They are extremely affectionate. They have a complex communication system like foot-thumping and chin-rubbing."

Foot-thumping is a way of acknowledging something or someone. "If I walk into a room, my rabbits will stamp their feet to let the other rabbits know, 'Hey, Daddy's here,'" Morrone said.

Rabbits are usually mute, but in distress, they make a high-pitched scream, and if annoyed, they grunt.

If you do decide to get a rabbit, Morrone recommends adopting it from a shelter or rescue group and learning all you can about them online from the House Rabbit Society.

"People begin dropping rabbits off at shelters a couple of weeks after Easter and continue through mid-late summer," said Adam Goldfarb, director of the Pets at Risk Program for The Humane Society of the United States. "The novelty wears off for the kids, the rabbit gets relegated to the basement or garage. When the parents get tired of taking care of the rabbit, they either surrender the rabbit to a shelter or rescue group or 'set it free' in a park," where most are picked off by predators or die of exposure.

Bottom line, said Morrone: "Rabbits do make good pets but they are only good pets for the right people. The main issue is commitment."

Online: <http://www.hallmarkchannel.com/pet-keepingwithmarcmorrone/home>  
<http://www.rabbit.org>

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

This Mercury retrograde may seem like an overly complicated one in light of the major astrological changes of the past two weeks. A slow, methodical pace will keep you from making silly mistakes. Double and triple check your work. If you feel like you need a breather, take it. Step back and clear your mind to get perspective on your situation.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your agenda may not be so easily sold on its own. But when you piggyback your plan with one that is already positioned to succeed, you'll have a smash hit on your hands.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The same guidelines that were put in place to keep order and create safety are now stifling your freedom and limiting your joy. Investigate to see whether rules can be broken or bent to suit you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have an appropriate command of your space. You send all the right signals so that others come close when you need them to hear and see you and stay far away when you prefer to be alone.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The initial impression someone made years ago is still affecting the way you think of this person today. But something will happen to change all of that. Stay open-minded.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You are bright and capable — a natural choice to lead the group. And yet you may not feel that you want the extra responsibility that comes with the role. You'll find a way to lead without being the official leader.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll influence those who see you as serious and

knowledgeable. To help this image along, move more slowly than everyone else. Your every gesture will seem to have greater importance.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though you look forward to having downtime when you can recharge your energy, you still have a ways to go. Take short breaks instead of long ones. Distractions abound. Remember what you came to do.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are sensitive to the feelings of others; therefore, people open up around you. What you learn because of this may be surprising or even shocking. You will keep a sacred trust.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Prepare for an upcoming meeting as though you are practicing for a game. Rehearse what you'll say. Play out different scenarios, and try to guess how the other person will react. Plan your countermove.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You take care to make others feel comfortable around you. When someone new enters your realm, you'll immediately initiate a connection. Through your example, you'll teach good manners to an ill-mannered world.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may start out less confident than you could be. A pep talk in the mirror will be in order. With a little extra attention to your image, you'll come across better than you thought you could.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your many responsibilities will require you to be outgoing. Your heart remains light, even as you deliver a substantial message. You will smile and laugh your way to a successful outcome.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 7). Your eye-on-the-prize mentality will serve you

well. Stay on track, and you will soon accomplish what you set out to do. In June, you'll win one prize and be ready for a change. A new study, hobby or activity will strike your fancy. Shared adventure bonds you with a sweetie in July. August brings career luck. Aquarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 12, 41, 25 and 3.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I am having a very difficult time with growing older. I feel like I've lost my looks entirely, and I'm not even 40 yet. What can I do to raise my self-esteem? I'm considering a surgical overhaul, though I don't know how I'll pay for it. Would it be worth the money and risk if I did get an 'extreme makeover'?" — *Vain Virgo*

Your sign really does have a knack for staying healthy and young at every age. The sign of Virgo includes such timeless beauties as Sophia Loren, Raquel Welch and Mother Teresa, whose inner beauty knew no bounds. Virgo men, such as Regis Philbin Richard Gere and Bill Murray, seem to have even better camera appeal as they get older. Perhaps you are defining beauty for yourself in terms that are too narrow. Each age has its particular kind of beauty, though it is sometimes difficult to see this if you are too focused on the limited perspective perpetuated by Hollywood-based media. Your self-esteem depends on you valuing yourself for reasons other than the physical. Before you go into debt over this crisis of confidence, consider spending some time developing a nonphysical aspect of yourself.

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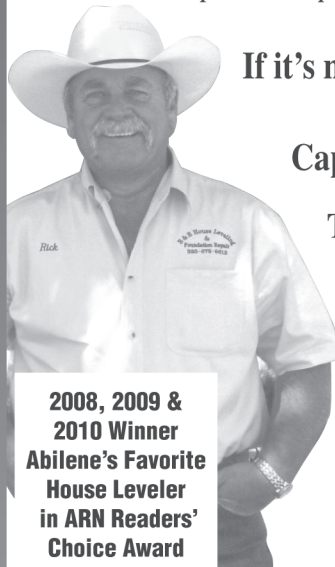
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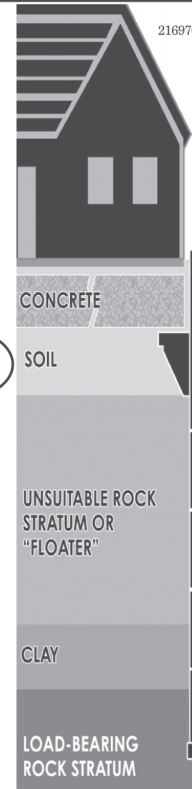
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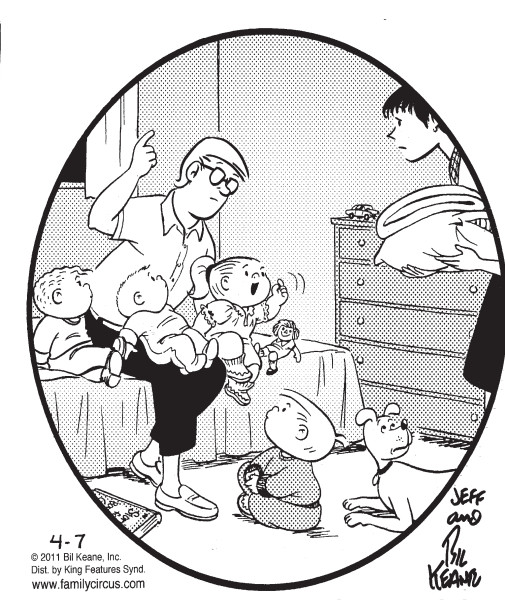
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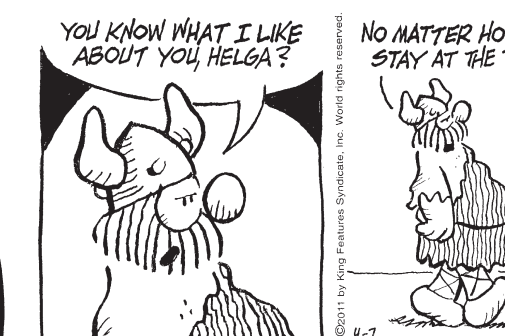
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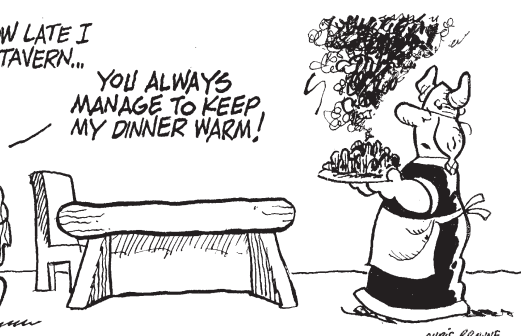


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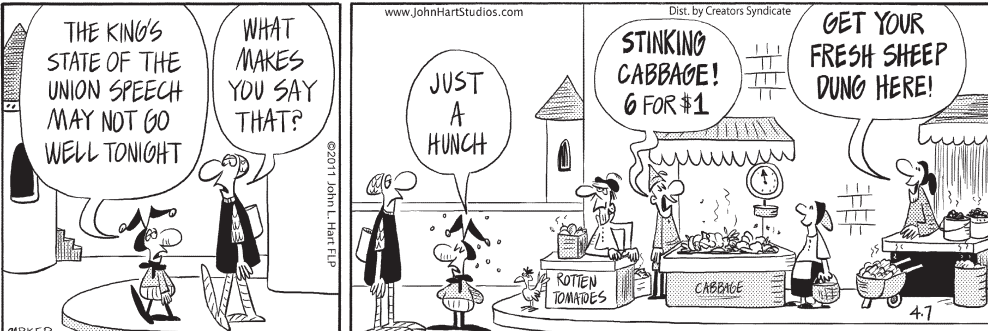
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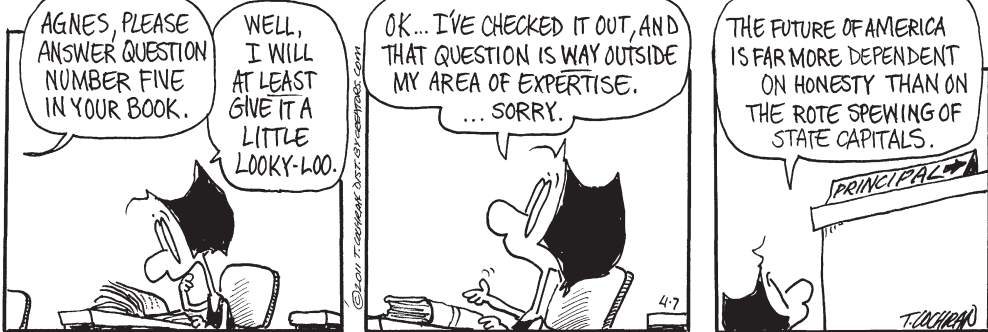
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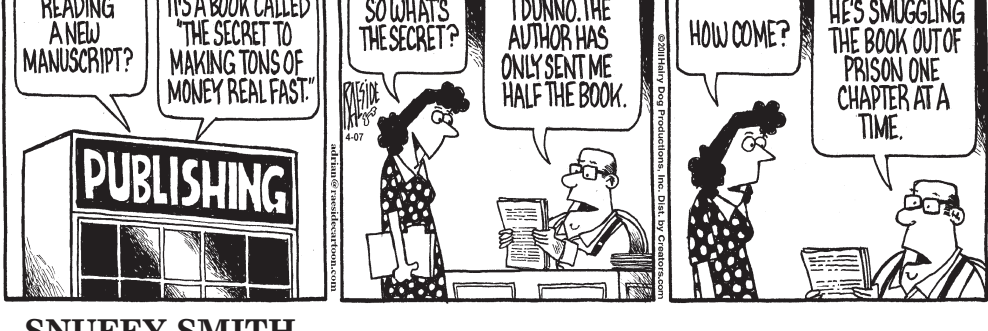
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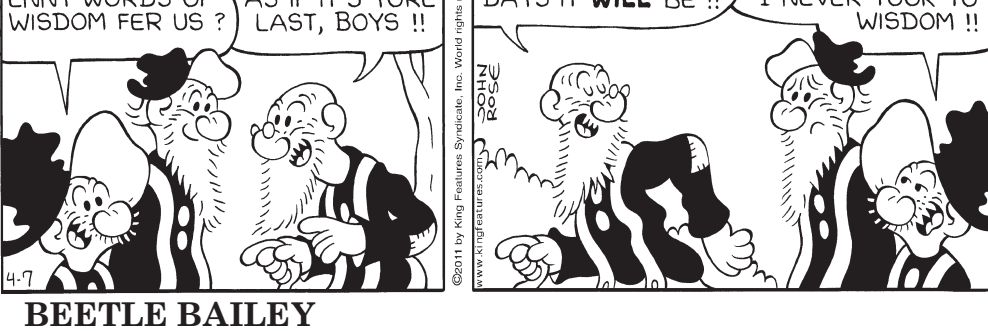
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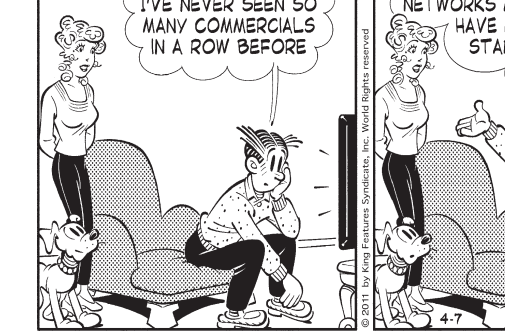
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**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

Today is Thursday, April 7, the 97th day of 2011. There are 268 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On April 7, 1862, Union forces led by General Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

On this date:  
In 1788, an expedition led by Gen. Rufus Putnam established a settlement at present-day Marietta, Ohio.  
In 1798, the Mississippi Territory was created by an act of Congress, with Natchez as the capital.  
In 1927, the image and voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington to New York in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.  
In 1939, Italy invaded Albania, which was annexed less than a week later.  
In 1948, the World Health

Organization was founded in Geneva.  
In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjöld (dahg HAWM-ahr-shoold) of Sweden to be secretary-general.  
In 1969, the Supreme Court, in Stanley v. Georgia, unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.  
In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he was deferring development of the neutron bomb, a high-radiation weapon.  
In 1983, space shuttle astronauts Story Musgrave and Don Peterson took the first U.S. space walk in almost a decade as they worked in the open cargo bay of Challenger for nearly four hours.

Today's Birthdays: Actor R.G. Armstrong is 94. Sitar player Ravi Shankar is 91. Actor James Garner is 83. Country singer Cal Smith is 79. Media commentator Hodding Carter III is 76. Country singer Bobby Bare is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Charlie Thomas (The Drifters) is 74. California Gov. Jerry Brown is 73. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 72. TV personality David Frost is 72. Singer Patricia Bennett (The Chiffons) is 64. Singer John Oates is 62. Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels is 62. Singer Janis Ian is 60. Country musician John Dittrich is 60. Actor Jackie Chan is 57. College and Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Tony Dorsett is 57. Actor Russell Crowe is 47. Christian/jazz singer Mark Kibble (Take 6) is 47. Actor Bill Bellamy is 46. Former football player-turned-analyst Tiki Barber is 36. Actress Heather Burns is 36. Actor Kevin Alejandro (TV: "Southland") is 35. Actor Conner Rayburn is 12.

Thought for Today: "Verba movent, exempla trahunt." (Words move people, examples lead them.) — Latin proverb.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS
- 1 Neighborhoods
- 6 In itself
- 11 Female lobster
- 14 Fracas
- 15 Corporate raider who once owned TWA
- 16 Wordsworth work
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- 19 Unfamiliar
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- 21 Beneficial
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- 25 Attempt
- 27 Itty-bitty
- 28 Oppressive
- 33 Abrasive material
- 34 Scornful look
- 35 Oater exclamation
- 38 Lithograph, e.g.
- 41 Symbols of wisdom
- 42 Tend to a turkey
- 44 Superbly pitched
- 46 One way to sit
- 49 GPS reading
- 52 Elastic material
- 53 Club list
- 55 Assist in wrongdoing
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- 64 Arabic prename
- 65 Felt poorly
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- 68 Reporters' stations
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- DOWN
- 1 Comparable to molasses
- 2 Fix a foyer, say
- 3 Schwab.com alternative
- 4 Matter, essentially
- 5 Business partner, perhaps
- 6 "La Vie en Rose" singer
- 7 Brown shade
- 8 Jazz pianist
- 9 Exasperation exclamation
- 10 Extremity
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- 12 Paradise
- 13 Small salamander
- 18 Hit a homer
- 22 Is unable to
- 24 Resistance unit
- 26 KLM competitor
- 29 Sheet-music abbr.
- 30 Competing swimmer
- 32 AWA members
- 33 Wears away
- 35 Pugilists' org.
- 36 "Hardy" follower
- 37 Well-known Italian tune
- 39 Yuletide quaff
- 40 Dennis Leary film of '94
- 43 St. Pete clock setting
- 45 Altar affirmation
- 47 Bob Hope's real first name
- 48 Drums out
- 49 Radio interference
- 50 Decide on
- 51 Wears away
- 54 Vacation spot
- 55 Quickly, initially
- 56 China-shop menace
- 58 Offend the nose
- 59 Schedule stats
- 62 CB radios, in the '70s
- 63 Special \_\_\_ (military missions)

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## SPURS

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ed some fire coming off the bench," Hill said. "I just tried to be aggressive and give a spark. I think it helped and got other people involved, too."

Tyreke Evans led the Kings with 16 points and rookie DeMarcus Cousins added 15 points and 10 rebounds.

San Antonio held Sacramento to 36 percent shooting in the third (9 of 25) and 40 percent for the game.

"We didn't make shots and they did and they got a lot of points off the fast break," Evans said. "They're a veteran team and they know how to finish. They make a lot of high percentage shots. They cut hard and swing the ball side to side. They set picks and make the defense move side to side. It's hard."

The 32-point victory is the largest for the Spurs this season, surpassing the 30-point win over Miami in March.

San Antonio has won three straight after losing six in a row. San Antonio also has a two-game lead over the Chicago Bulls for the NBA's top seed.

The Spurs had their best-shooting quarter of the season in the third to push past the visiting Kings, scoring a season-high 41 points and shooting a season-best 82 percent (14 of 17) to outscore the Kings by 20 and take a 92-70 lead.

San Antonio, which made just one 3-point shot against Atlanta on Tuesday, shot 63 percent (12 of 19), with Ginobili going 4 of 6 from beyond the arc.

## Astros remain winless

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Big Red Machine sure would be proud.

Brandon Phillips and Paul Janish had three hits apiece Wednesday night, and the Cincinnati Reds overcame a four-run deficit and remained the NL's only unbeaten team with a 12-4 victory over the winless Houston Astros.

The Reds are 5-0 for the first time since 1990, when they won their last World Series championship. They're brushing away every challenge by scoring at a pace unmatched since the days of Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, Johnny Bench and Tony Perez.

The Reds have scored 43 runs through five games, their second-highest total in modern history. The Big Red Machine scored 44 runs in the first five games of its 1976 World Series title season, sweeping Houston 11-5, 13-7 and 9-3 in its opening series.

"Everybody knows what our ballclub can do," said Edinson Volquez (1-0), who got bailed out by another double-digit scoring game. "We scored a lot of runs in the first four games, and we did it again tonight."

Thirty-five years later, Houston is taking another early beating in Cincinnati.

"They seem to take advantage of every little thing, every little mistake the pitcher makes, every ball that falls in," said Nelson Figueroa (0-1), who couldn't hold a four-run lead. "They're very aggressive. It's a testament to the way they played all last year, and they continue to this year."

"You've got to raise the level of your game to compete with that."

Instead, the Astros imploded, committing a season-high five errors while falling to 0-5. They're the only winless team in the NL, three losses away

from matching their 0-8 start of last season.

Figueroa had one of the five errors that undercut the fast start. The Reds scored five runs in the third, aided by back-to-back errors, and four more in the sixth.

Volquez had a rough time on opening day, throwing 30 pitches and giving up three runs in the first inning against the Brewers. The Reds rallied for a 7-6 win on Ramon Hernandez's two-out, three-run homer in the ninth.

The first inning again was a big problem for Volquez, who was on the mound for 23 minutes and 44 pitches this time. The Astros came in batting only .215 with five walks and one stolen base in their first four games.

Houston sent 10 batters to the plate for four runs — the most it has scored in any of its first five games. Volquez walked three and gave up four singles, including Chris

Johnson's two-run hit. The Astros even pulled off a double steal.

Just like opening day, Volquez settled down and the Reds pulled off a big comeback. This one came with one bizarre twist or two.

The Reds sent nine batters to the plate in the third for five runs and a 6-4 lead. Scott Rolen doubled home a pair of runs to get it going.

Then, things got wacky. Figueroa fumbled a comeback grounder for an error that let a run score. Then, the Reds pulled off a double steal and catcher J.R. Towles hit Hernandez's bat as he tried to throw to third to get the runner. The ball skipped out of his hand and bounced into the stands for another run-producing error.

That's how the season has gone for the young Astros.

The Reds batted around again in the sixth for four more runs.

## RANGERS

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ter that I felt good. All the pitchers were working," Hernandez said. "I know they're gonna swing anyway, so I just have to make good pitches. It was pretty good today, I got seven innings."

A pair of errors by newly converted second baseman Jack Wilson led to the Mariners' troubles.

After pitching a complete game on opening day, Hernandez started against Texas with a 10-pitch walk to Ian

Kinsler. The right-hander also walked AL MVP Josh Hamilton in the first without giving up a run.

But in the second, Hernandez allowed consecutive one-out singles and a walk to the bottom three hitters in the Texas lineup to load the bases. Wilson then made consecutive errors on what could have been ending-inning double plays.

Kinsler hit a grounder to third baseman Chone Figgins, whose throw to second was bobbled by Wilson without getting an out when a run scored. The next play was a grounder to shortstop Bren-

dan Ryan, and Wilson got the forceout but threw wide of first after Kinsler slid in hard. Wilson was knocked to the ground and two runs scored on the errant throw.

Luis Rodriguez replaced Wilson at second base to start the bottom of the third.

"(Wilson) was a little hazy after that play at second base," manager Eric Wedge said. "He was having trouble getting it back to we had to take him out."

Known for making stellar plays at shortstop, Wilson had only played that position during 10 years in the majors until being shifted to second

base this season. Ryan took over as the starting shortstop.

C.J. Wilson gave up two earned runs and six hits over seven innings. The crafty left-hander was a 15-game winner last season when he made the transition from reliever to starter.

"I thought he matched (Hernandez) pitch for pitch," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He held his composure and got us through seven innings. ... Fortunately we were able to come back and get some runs, and get the win. He deserved it."

The Rangers broke it open

in the bottom half of the eighth with three runs, two on a double by Nelson Cruz off Brandon League.

After playing their first six games on the road, the Mariners (2-4) have a day off Thursday before their home opener against Cleveland.

During pregame festivities Friday in Seattle, Hernandez will be presented his Cy Young Award he won last season when he was 13-12 with a league-best 2.27 ERA.

Rodriguez had a leadoff double in the fifth and scored on a grounder. Bradley led off the sixth with a double and scored on a single.

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## BSHS

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than Fillinghim, who is tied for second place with Taylor Grant of Abilene Wylie.

Joslin credited the leadership of Borman and Fillingim as being a major reason for the team's success.

"One of the big reasons this team has come together and played so well is because of those two seniors," Joslin said.

"Their leadership has been fantastic."

Big Spring's B team is in ninth place after shooting a 377 Wednesday. Jason Guevara fired an 84, followed by Nolan Beal with an 89, Matt Davila with a 101, Stormy Emery with a 103 and Tyler Hester

at 106. The group has a two-round total of 759.

In girls' play Tuesday in Abilene, freshman Kelsie Guinn shot an 88 and senior Gabriele Gallier added a 101 in individual competition. Guinn's two-round total of 182 has her in eighth place in medalist competition, while Gallier is 22<sup>nd</sup> with an aggregate of 206.

"They've worked really hard," Joslin said. "There's more than 50 girls competing in this district, and those two are in the top third. I'm very proud of both of them."

The BSHS boys will conclude district play Monday at Sweetwater, while the girls will be at Snyder.

While Joslin is concentrating on the golf program's present, he's also keeping an eye on

its future.

Big Spring Junior High School golfers have been participating in an informal four-school competition the past two weeks. After two rounds of nine-hole play, Tyler Bryan leads the tournament with a total score of 70.

Other BSHS boys in the program include Eric Rodriguez, Sam Harris, Brycen Kiker, Jordan Myers and Kyle Mahaney. The girls' team is composed of Brianna Cobos, Shyllee Griffin, Sydny Oliva, Mariah McIntosh, Mia Oliva, Emily McKinley, Mykal Mahaney, Caycee Arrequin and Rylee Whitaker.

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