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The cartoon here of the workplace.  
In our readers: Beginning today, your Sunday Comics section has been reformatted. However, all your favorite comic strips remain, including Dilbert, which is moving to the Business section. Today's Dilbert appears on page B2.

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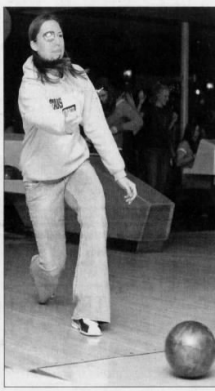
Todd Gemalik, left, chairman of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-a-Thon, fires up participants, from left, Kelly Koepsen, Karen Pooleman and Joanna Herrmann, all students at Valders High School. The bowl-a-thon, a fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Manitowoc County, was held Friday and Saturday and continues next weekend.

## Bowling for a good cause

School teams raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters

BY CINDY HODGSON  
Herald Times Reporter

TWO RIVERS — Music blared, lights flashed, and teenagers bowled and ate pizza Saturday at Rudy's Lane — all to raise money for a good cause.  
Eight teams of students from five high schools participated in the 27nd annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-a-Thon. A special Saturday morning time slot was set aside for them, according to Todd Gemalik, bowl-a-thon chairman and president of the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Manitowoc County.  
"It brings in a lot of extra money for the organization," said Jeremy Green, also a junior at Roncalli.  
Parkes and Green, both members of a bowling league at their school, were among a group of National Honor Society students from Roncalli who participated in the bowl-a-thon.  
Green said he wanted to be involved in "raise money for a good cause, have fun doing it."  
National Honor Society students from Manitowoc High School also were there bowling for the cause.  
"It's fun, and it helps out," said Manitowoc senior Julie Wojta.  
Jacque Williams, another senior at Manitowoc, said she'd like to be a Big Teen, a mentor



Julie Wojta of Manitowoc High School's team bowls at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-a-Thon. Wojta wears an eye patch in keeping with the theme of "Pirates of the Lakeshore."

The high school teams made up just one of 11 shifts of bowlers competing this weekend and next, according to Gemalik. This is the second year the event has been spread over two weekends.  
Participants are asked to donate financial and other types of assistance. After touring the devastated area, Bush said that it not only was apparent, but the toll on residents was much bigger.  
The biggest effect of the storm is the shattered lives," said Bush. "We can rebuild buildings, and the fundamental question is, will the spirit stay strong in Enterprise, Alabama. I predict that it not only will be strong, it will be strengthened.  
"And it's easy to tell when you talk to the people, whether it's young or old, this town refuses to be devastated.  
This town is a town full of people that will not succumb to the effects of the storm."

"This is my way of helping the Big Brothers Big Sisters out," Jacque Williams, Manitowoc High School senior

The bowl-a-thon has become a highly successful fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Manitowoc County, an organization that matches children with mentors.  
Rita Muench, office manager for BBBS, said the event raised \$5,000 in 1997.  
Ten years later, the goal is \$120,000, said Executive Director Tom Kocourek.  
But while the fundraiser has grown, so has the need.  
Muench said a newspaper article from 1997 indicated 28 children were on the waiting list.  
"Kids served since 2000 have gone up 157 percent," Kocourek said.  
New children enrolling in the program increased 58 percent between 2000 and 2006, he said.  
Revenue from the bowl-a-thon amounts to about 40 percent of the organization's annual operating budget, according to Kocourek.  
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## AVERY TRIAL Keeping quiet

Mishicot residents don't want to talk about gruesome case

BY KEVIN BRALEY  
Herald Times Reporter



MISHICOT — The residents in this village of 1,422 people are trying to separate themselves from the horrors of the Steven Avery murder trial, and keeping quiet about it.

"I think (the trial) should have been done and over with a long time ago," Jeff Nowak, of Mishicot, said. "When people start talking about it, others ask them to shut up."  
Nowak, who owns the Crow Bar tavern in Mishicot, described the crime as sickening and the trial as boring.  
"It's not really a big topic here anymore," Nowak said. "People are just waiting for him to go back to prison."  
In 2003, Avery was released from prison after DNA cleared him of a sexual assault he didn't commit. He served 18 years in prison — the first six for endangering safety regardless of life and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

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## Expert testimony tightens case

BY ANDY NELESEN  
Gannett Information Services

CHILTON — The third week of testimony in the Steven Avery trial revolved around expert analysis of what investigators found in his home and on his family's property after 23-year-old Teresa Halbach was reported missing in 2005.  
Avery, 44, is accused of freecasting photographer on Oct. 31, 2005, and burning her body on the family's property near Mishicot to conceal the crime. Avery's nephew, Brendan Daney, 17, also is charged in Halbach's death and is to stand trial in April.  
Avery, who spent 18 years in prison for a 1985 sexual assault conviction later overturned by DNA evidence, has accused Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office of framing him for Halbach's murder because of a \$36 million wrongful conviction lawsuit pending at the time.

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## Bush offers federal aid for town hit by tornado

High school destroyed

CURRENT NEWS SERVICE

ENTERPRISE, Ala. — President Bush got a firsthand look Saturday at the damage done by a tornado Thursday to Enterprise High School and offered federal support for recovery efforts.

He reviewed maps of the area with Gov. Bob Riley, Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell and Alabama GOP Sen. Richard Shelby and Rep. Terry Everett, K.A.N. — President Bush got a firsthand look Saturday at the damage done by a tornado Thursday to Enterprise High School and offered federal support for recovery efforts.  
"I told the mayor yesterday that I come down here with a heavy heart," the president said. "I hope it helps for the citizens here that we have decided this is a disaster area." He encouraged others to

donate financial and other types of assistance. After touring the devastated area, Bush said that it not only was apparent, but the toll on residents was much bigger.  
The biggest effect of the storm is the shattered lives," said Bush. "We can rebuild buildings, and the fundamental question is, will the spirit stay strong in Enterprise, Alabama. I predict that it not only will be strong, it will be strengthened.  
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OBITUARIES

The obituaries and funeral announcements published on these pages have been prepared by friends and family as a tribute to the deceased and as a notice to those who would like to pay their respects...

James D. Berge

Funeral services for James D. Berge, age 76, of Harmony West Assisted Living, Manitowoc, and formerly of 5616 Marken Road, Valders, who died Thursday morning, March 1, 2007, at his residence...

Robert V. Neuser

A memorial service for Robert V. Neuser, age 59, of 919 S. 7th St., Manitowoc, who died Thursday morning, March 1, 2007, at his residence...

Jane A. Yindra

Funeral services for Jane A. Yindra, age 74, of 151 Hoyer St., Whitefish, who died Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, 2007, at Holy Family Memorial Medical Center...

Annabel I. Schroeder

Funeral services for Annabel I. Schroeder, age 92, a resident of Shady Lane Nursing Care Center, Manitowoc, who died Thursday morning, March 1, 2007, at Shady Lane...

Teacher faces felony charges for having sex with student

FOND DU LAC — An English teacher in North Fond du Lac has been charged with 20 felony counts related to a sexual relationship with a student...

MISHCOT

Who asked not to be identified, and they no longer want news accounts or read about the case in the newspaper. "I just turn it off," one resident said about TV coverage...

TESTIMONY

Last week, prosecutors called witnesses who saw a large fire on Avery's property on Oct. 31, 2005, and explained that Halbach's charred remains were among debris found in a barn pit behind the garage...

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