

Coming March 30 Look at at the Crossroads of West Texas **Profiles Edition**

Shots fired; 1 injured

Victim refuses to cooperate in investigation, police say

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The onslaught of gang activity in Big Spring continued Wednesday night, as investigators with the Big Spring Police Department attempt to piece together a pair of shootings that left at least one person injured.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, a report of a gunshot wound was called in to dispatchers at approximately 5:26 p.m.

a gunshot victim located at the 7-Eleven convenience store at Medical Center." Highway 80 and Willia," said Everett. "Upon arrival, officers found that a subject in a red Camaro had been shot. He was immediately transported by

"The call was in reference to ambulance to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain

> Everett said that was as far as the wounded subject would cooperate with officers.

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City asks **TxDOT** for help on FM 700

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With two traffic fatalities to its credit in the past year, the stretch of FM 700 near the rear entrance to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has the city of Big Spring asking the Texas



Hoops, Dreams and Goals event planned Friday

Special to the Herald

Basketball teams from around the region are gearing up for Friday's annual Hoops, Dreams and Goals Basketball Tournament at the Garrett Dorothy Coliseum.

Six teams from around the area — the Big Spring Heat, Seminole Pink Panthers, Longhorns, Sweetwater Red Rattlers, Snyder Wildkatz and Monahans Warriors — complete with their own cheerleading squads, will compete in games and special events at the home of the Howard College Hawks and Lady Hawks.

for MHMR's own version of March Madness when the eight teams tip off at 9 a.m. Friday.

The tournament is also a time for the consumers of West Texas Centers for MHMR to exercise in an energized environment and celebrate March as Mental Retardation Month, West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Ballinger Smith, LMSW, said.



The Big Spring City Council approved a resolution Tuesday night requesting that TxDOT which is responsible for the thoroughfare - provide additional street lamps and a three-way hazard light for the location.

"It's very poorly lighted and right after a curve in the road," said Todd Darden, assistant city manager. "TxDOT lighting ends at about Dr. Myers office (1702 W. FM 700). We visited with them (TxDOT) about the problem and suggested

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HERALD file photo

participant leads his own cheers during the 2007 Hoops, Dreams and Goals Basketball Tournament. This year's tournament begins at 9 a.m. Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

It's West Texas Centers

"This is the fourth year West Texas Centers has sponsored the tournament," Smith said. "And every year is more successful and more fun than the last."

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, along with State

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Texas hottest growth state in the nation

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Four Texas metropolitan areas were among the biggest population gainers as Americans continued their trend of moving to the Sun Belt in 2006 and 2007, according to

Census Bureau estimates to be released today.

Dallas-Fort Worth added more than 162,000 residents between July 2006 and July 2007, more than any other metro area. Three other Texas areas — Houston, Austin and San Houston,

Antonio — also cracked the top 10.

Atlanta saw the second-largest population jump with just over 151,000 new residents. Phoenix was third with more than 132,000, and was followed by Riverside, Calif.,

Charlotte, N.C., Chicago, Austin, Las Vegas and San Antonio.

Of the 50 fastest-growing metro areas, 27 were in the South and 20 were in the West. Two were in the Midwest, one

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Focused on moving forward

Maj. John A. Meyer helps injured soldiers recover

By PHYLLIS HANSON

Special to the Herald

SAN ANTONIO — They say "time heals all wounds," but for injured soldiers returning home from war, it takes a great deal more than that — it takes the help of an army.

For the son of a Big Spring woman, helping these wounded heroes to heal and transi-

Who better to understand the pains that a wounded soldier suffers and the triumphs of rehabilitation than a soldier whose boots have gone down that same combat-beaten path?

Army National Guard Maj. John A. Meyer, the son of Joan Meyer of Big Spring, is

tion is priority number one. part of a Warriors in Transition Battalion that for the past year has been helping wounded soldiers recover both physically and mentally. Meyer works in a recovery setting unlike any the Army had yet to date offered.

Meyer is an operations offi-

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Maj. Meyer





Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsitv sports calendar

FRIDAY

Big Spring baseball vs. Kermit, 4:30 p.m. Coahoma baseball at Anson, 7 p.m. Forsan baseball vs. Eldorado, 4:30 p.m. Forsan softball at Menard, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY Big Spring softball at Frenship, 1 p.m.

Coahoma softball at Monahans, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY

Big Spring baseball vs. Frenship, 4:30 p.m. Big spring softball at San Angelo Lake View, 4 p.m. Coahoma baseball at Colorado City, 7 p.m. Coahoma softball at Colorado City, 7 p.m. Forsan softball vs. Miles, 5 p.m. Forsan baseball at Menard, 4:30 p.m.

Big Spring Country Club hosting

3-person scramble The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble April 5 and 6 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus a golf cart, however, private carts are welcome.

Entry includes a barbecue lunch on the course for the first day of the tournament.

The field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be deter-

Young becomes face of Rangers

BIG HERALD

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

SURPRISE, Ariz. — When last season was over, Michael Young had 200 hits again and had been to another All-Star game.

Another routine year for the Texas Rangers shortstop, the kind of performance his team has come to expect.

"There's no doubt he has great ability," Rangers hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo said. "Really to me, he doesn't get enough credit. This kid's a superstar in my mind."

But that kind of status and standout seasons repeated weren't really what the Rangers expected when Young was still a minor leaguer and the secondary player they got with pitcher Darwin Cubillan in a 2000 trade that sent right-hander Esteban Loaiza to Toronto.

"He's a better player than we thought," said Milwaukee general manager Doug Melvin, the Rangers GM at the time. "There were a lot of the intangibles that we didn't know about.'

Since Alex Rodriguez was traded four years ago, Young has

the face of the Texas franchise. Young is signed through 2013 after getting an \$80 million contract extension last spring.

Young has been to four All-Star games since switching from second base after A-Rod's departure. Young also has five consecutive 200-hit seasons, a streak surpassed only by the seven in a row by Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki and Hall of Famer Wade Boggs. He led the AL with a .331 average in 2005 and has a .302 career average.

Texas had two minor league

become a clubhouse leader and infielders to choose from in that 2000 deal, and took Young because he could play both middle infield spots. The other was Brent Abernathy, who was back in the minors the past two years after 232 games for three major league teams from 2001-05.

Young started 102 games as a rookie second baseman after being called up in May 2001. But Melvin was fired after that season, and then-manager Jerry Narron had to fight to keep Young on the roster and in the

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T-Mac leads Rockets past T-Wolves



By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON - With seven of their final 10 games on the road, the Houston Rockets couldn't afford to slip up against the lowly Minnesota Timberwolves.

Tracy McGrady and Luis Scola made sure they didn't.

McGrady scored 10 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and Scola had 18 points and a careerhigh 18 rebounds in the Rockets' 97-86 victory Wednesday night.

"The fourth quarter, usually the best player has got to step up and lead the team," McGrady said. "I just couldn't afford for us to lose this game, so I had to impose my will on it."

McGrady also had 11 rebounds and nine assists to help the Rockets keep pace in the tight Western Conference race.

McGrady, wearing a bandage on his left shoulder after spraining it late in Monday night's win over Sacramento, was 4-for-15 from the field after three quarters. He made three straight jumpers in a 2-minute span in the last quarter as the Rockets opened a double-digit lead and finally put away the Timberwolves.

mined by the number of entries.

An optional cash players pool will be available for both rounds.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for details.

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are the sponsoring Crossroads of West Texas Golf Class to be held at the Big Spring Country Club May 17 and 18.

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a twoman scramble format being used.

A handicap is required and the tourney will be pre-flighted by a tournament committee and local golf pro.

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

Winners may receive pro shop merchandise at 100 percent or may take 70 percent of winnings.

Call the country club's Pro Shop at 267-5354 or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more information.

Houston Rockets point guard Rafer Alston (12) drives to the basket while defended by Minnesota Timberwolves guards Marko Jaric, left, and Randy Foye (4) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday in Houston. The Rockets won 96-87.

Spurs withstand rally, defeat Clippers 97-88

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Every game is important now for the San Antonio Spurs, who are in a tight playoff race in the Western Conference.

The Los Angeles Clippers also played with a sense of urgency Wednesday night, even though they won't be in the postseason.

The Spurs withstood a late Clippers rally before they racked up their fifth straight win with a 97-88 victory.

"It was just great focus," said guard Tony Parker, who scored 15 points. "Even when we were down five it was like, 'Come on.' We knew that with the standings, we can't afford to lose the game."

The win gave San Antonio a 1?game lead over the sixth-place Phoenix Suns in the West, where the standings change nearly every night.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 26 points and 12 rebounds to close out the last of six back-tobacks the team played this month. They went 4-2 on the second night of the back-to-backs.

"I'm real proud of the effort they put out and the focus they showed at the end of the game tonight," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Now we'll take a well-deserved day off."

Corey Maggette scored 22 points for Los Angeles, which has lost nine in a row and is out of playoff contention. Al Thornton added 21 points and nine rebounds and Chris Kaman, back after a nine-game absence with a sore lower back, scored 16.

"We just wanted to play well," Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy said. "And we've been playing a lot of good games. But we play a lot of guys a lot of minutes because we've been short-handed. It catches up to you a little bit. Tonight our guys were tired. We had good, open looks. We just didn't finish."

The return of Kaman, who had been relatively quiet for the first three quarters and played limited minutes, proved crucial to the Clippers in the fourth quarter. He and Maggette keyed an 11-0 run by the Clippers, and his basket with 7:23 to play gave them their first lead - 80-79 - since they were up 3-2 early.

The Clippers went up by five before the Spurs answered with a 10-0 run - highlighted by a 3from the team's resident sparkplug, Manu Ginobili — that put

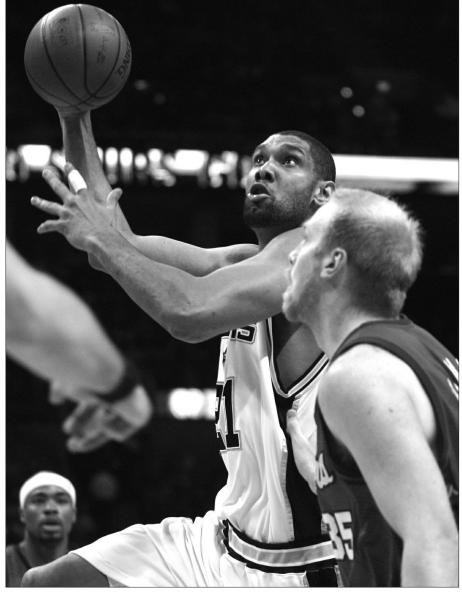
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"I got a little rhythm going," McGrady said, "and I took over the ballgame."

The Rockets outrebounded the Wolves 58-38 and scored 14 second-chance points to win for the 19th time in their last 21 home games.

Al Jefferson had 21 and 10 rebounds for Minnesota, which had won four of its last six games.

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photo/Pat Sullivan

AP photo/Delcia Lopez

San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan, center, is defended by Los Angeles Clippers center Chris Kaman, right, during the second quarter of a NBA basketball game in San Antonio, Wednesday. The Spurs defeated the Clippers, 97-88.

Obituaries

Betty Brumley, 78, died Thursday, March 27, 2008, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Georgia Luce

Georgia Luce, 88, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

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

• American Red Cross Lifeguarding and CPR classes will be held in two sessions this year, March 31-April 5 and April 14-19. Cost will be \$125. Those interested can sign up with Coach Randall Shaw at rshaw3535@hotmail.com or at the Big Spring YMCA. Times of the class will be given at the time of registration. Spots are limited and fees must be paid at registration. Individuals who register must be present for all classes. After the first day of class, no refunds will be given.

 Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

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

• St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

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

LOCAL

Police blotter

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

• REGINALD JAMES, 38, of 1000 W. Fourth Street Apt. 214, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

• ARNULFO CHAVERA, 27, of 2401 S. Main, was arrested Wednesday on six local warrants and a charge of driving while license invalid.

• THEODORE E. RIOS, 37, of 3206 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct - fighting.

• TIMOTHY JOHN RIOS, 30, of 702 Lorilla, was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct fighting

JESSISE DELGADO JR., 22, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported:

- in the 200 block of FM 700.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF FIREARM was reported in the 3200 block of Eighth Street.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2100 block of Swords.

• AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY **WEAPON** was reported:

- in the 800 block of Wyoming.

- in the 900 block of Willia.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 40 inmates at the time of this report.

• LINDA THIBODEAU, 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• EDDIE MONTEMAYOR, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• CLIFFORD LEON ANGLIN, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

• BERNARDO FRAUSTO PEREZ JR., 43, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

• DAVID ARTHUR WITTREIN, 28, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping/failure to appear.

· CHRISTIAN DAVON GORDON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Fire/EMS

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

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

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

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. West winds 10 to15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Much cooler. Highs in the upper 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. East winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 12-25-27-40-43-47. Number matching six of six: 0.

BIG SPRING HERALD

Thursday, March 27, 2008

 All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.0, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

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



• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Albrook. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. One person was transported to SMMC.

• GRASS FIRE was reported in the area of N.E. Seventh Street.

• GRASS FIRE was reported in the area of E. Fifth Street.

• AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

· Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.



TexaStone Rockers were top fundraisers in 2007 for the Howard-Glasscock County Relay for Life. So come see us on Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for our Stone and Scrap Sale, all proceeds go to AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

Call for Details 432-354-2569.

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 21-23-25-26-32

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-4-7. Sum It Up: 18.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-2-2. Sum It Up:

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

TUESDAY

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

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.



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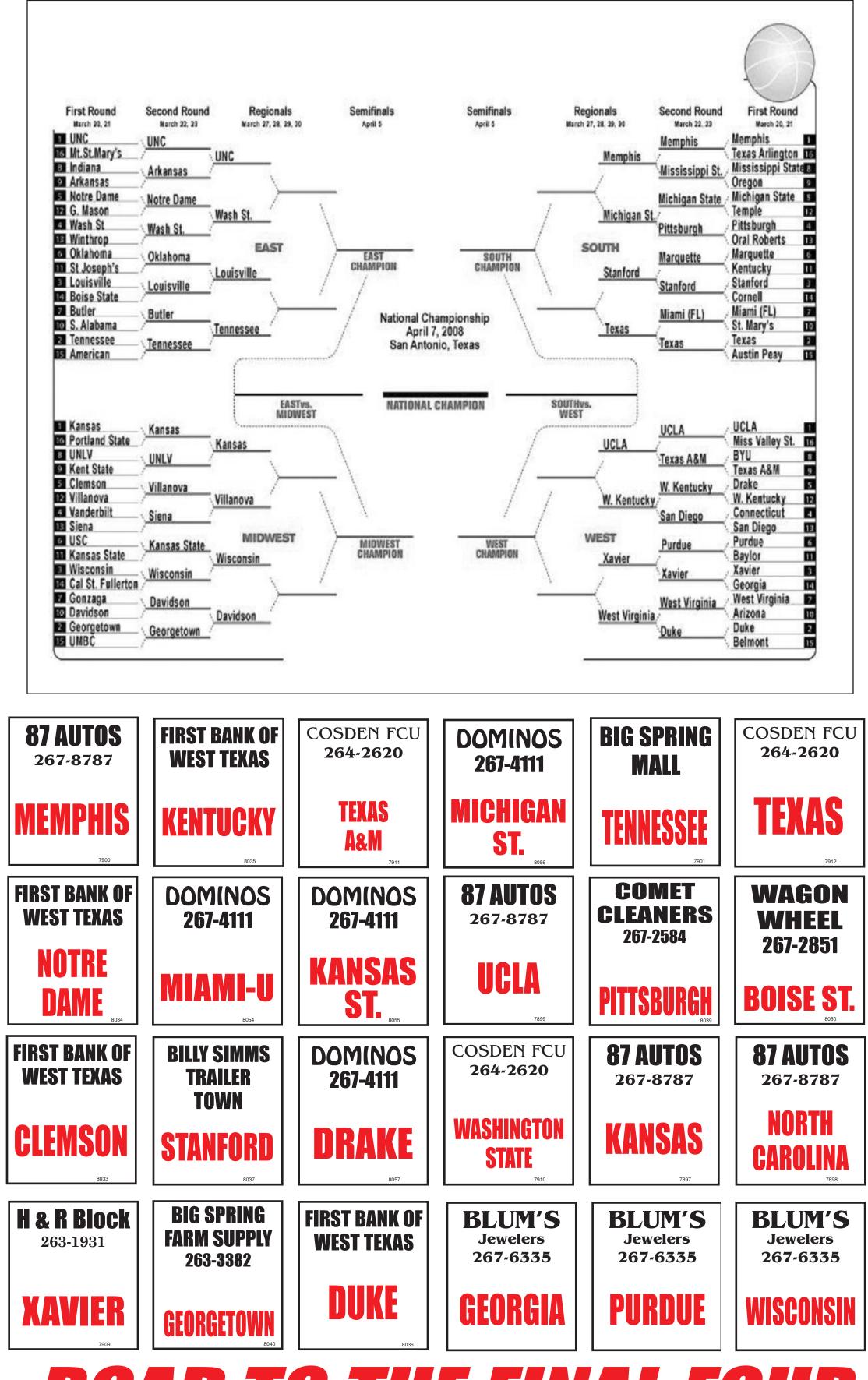
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ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR +

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Street and Creighton.

party house."

Team (SORT).

"The officers were told no one

was hit by bullets and the

actors had run inside a home at

804 Creighton, a suspected gang

Everett said law enforcement

officials then called in the

Special Operations Response

"A search warrant was

obtained for the residence,"

said Everett. "The police SORT team was called in and began

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"The subject who was wound-

ed is a known gang member

and refused to cooperate," said

Everett. "It appeared to officers

the shooting happened on

Creighton and Lorilla. The vic-

tim's injuries were not life-

threatening and he refused to

press charges or assist in the

between

Street,

Rep. Joe Heflin, and Stefanie Wilkerson, representing State Sen. Kel Seliger, will assist with opening ceremonies.

The event, co-sponsored by The

investigation."

While the wounded subject's refusal to cooperate could well have been the end of the investigation, Everett said officers were once again called to the area where the shooting was believed to have occurred.

honors the many individuals and fami-

lies who live with mental retardation on

basketball arenas around the country

and that, coupled with our spirited

cheerleaders, just adds to the excitement

"We play music that you find at many

a daily basis, Smith said.

"That evening detectives with the BSPD were monitoring activity in that area," said Everett. "At about 12:18 a.m. officers heard numerous shots, and within seconds arrived at the intersection of Eighth

Howard County Arc, Howard College of the games," she said. and West Texas Centers, recognizes and

The teams compete for a first place trophy but everyone is declared a winner.

"I wish everyone would come out and watch the games and all of the other special events we have on this day. I can't think of any other day in my life that I look forward to more than the day we host Hoops, Dreams and Goals," said

inside."

Smith. "The tournament is the highlight of my year."

The event is free and open to the public. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, contact Rodney Jones 263-9795 at or Rodney.Jones@wtcmhmr.org

> year-old boy to the hospital life-threatening with non injuries.

According to police officials. the majority of the reports are gang related. No arrests have been made in connection with Wednesday's shooting.

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

SAFETY

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they look at putting up a light and they talked about just going out and putting up reflective buttons. We felt that type of reflective warning wasn't enough to take care of the safety issue we have."

Darden said he hopes the resolution will help influence TxDOT's decision in the matter, but it could have little or no effect.

"It may not go any further than this," said Darden. "But this resoluports TxDOT having additional lighting for that driveway, as well as a caution lamp warning traffic going through the area that emergency vehicles do use that area to enter."

tion says the council sup-

At least two traffic fatalities have taken place at the location in the past year.

Mary Hughes, 91, of Big Spring was pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Aug. 17, 2007, after her vehicle was struck by an automobile traveling west on the inside lane of FM 700.

Hughes was attempting to turn east on FM 700, according to law enforcement officials.

A similar crash involving a motorcycle claimed the life of 56-year-old John Turner at the same location Oct. 31, 2007. Turner, who was traveling west on FM 700, died after his motorcycle collided with a vehicle that was attempting to make a left turn onto the roadway.

McEwen said there may be a second way to help make the stretch of road safer if TxDOT balks on the city's request.

"It would be great if

they did this, but my question is would it become safer if they designated that as a slower area?" asked McEwen. "Would it help if we had a slower speed limit there? The reason I think of that is there is a stretch of Highway 71 going into Austin where numerous people have been killed because people don't observe the traffic laws. Last weekend I was there, and there were like four or five highway patrolmen giving out lots and lots of tickets. The theory I saw is people are going to start slowing down if

you hit their pocketbook.

capsicum) gas into the resi-

dence and later entered the

house and found no one

Everett said the matter is still

Wednesday's report of gunfire

joins approximately 20 other

reports of deadly conduct/dis-

charge of a firearm made in the

city of Big Spring since the

beginning of the year, includ-

ing an early-morning drive-by

shooting in the 1500 block of

Owens Tuesday that sent an 11-

under investigation.

"My concern is this is a dangerous area very because you have emergency vehicles coming in and you have people that absolutely flying are through the area," he added. "Does anybody have a problem with changing the speed limit in that area?"

Councilwoman Gloria McDonald said she's not sure if a decrease in the speed limit on the stretch of FM 700 is the answer to the problem.

"I hate to change the speed limit on an area designed to get around from Point A to Point B," said McDonald. "For such a small area, I think it would be very hard to enforce. Of course, if you get a ticket three times right there, you will slow down."

Darden said TxDOT is expected to conduct a study of the location including any history of traffic accidents - and report their findings to the city.

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GROWTH

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Fayetteville, Ark. straddles the South and Midwest and none was in the Northeast.

Detroit lost more than three times as many people as any other metro area — its population declined more than 27,300. Other areas losing more than 5,000 people were Pittsburgh, Cleveland,

Buffalo, N.Y.

Experts credit much of the growth in the South to relatively strong local economies and housing prices that are among the most affordable in the U.S.

"People are running away from unaffordable housing, from the economic slowdown," said Karl Eschbach, a state demographer in Texas. "I would expect Texas to stay at the top of a slow-

percent of Americans who moved to other states between July 2006 and July 2007 came to Texas, which led the nation for the second straight year in that category.

Home prices continue to be a big factor. A report earlier this month by Global Insight found that housing prices in the Dallas area were undervalued by as much as 30 percent.

Ann Sekesan, a pharmacy technician, moved her According to figures family from Pennsylvania to suburban Fort Worth

last June after seeing spacious homes in Texas for under \$200,000 on a television show.

"After we saw that on TV, my husband and I looked at each other and said, 'Have you ever been to Texas?" Sekesan said. "It's amazing the size of a home you can get down here. It's just incredible." Among other Census Bureau findings:

• On a percentage basis, the Palm Coast, Fla., area was the fastest-growing in the nation. Population the population of New

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there jumped by 7.2 percent to more than 536,000. The next areas experiencing the biggest surge in growth were St. George, Utah; Raleigh, N.C; Gainesville, Ga.; and Austin.

• The New Orleans area, recovering from Hurricane Katrina, grew by 4 percent or nearly 40,000 people, putting it 16th in terms of raw numbers but eighth for percentage growth. During the same survey last year,

Orleans dropped by nearly 290,000 people.

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Allie Mae Moser, 93. died Tuesday. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Georgia Luce, 88, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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ing game. Ga., compiled by Eschbach, 16

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cer for the Warrior Transition Battalion at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

"I manage all the training and tasks for the battalion and track the work program," said Meyer, who is a 1992 graduate of Texas Tech University.

The battalion is among 35 warrior transition units worldwide established in mid 2007 to better serve the severely injured soldiers' needs. The transition unit's staff focuses on a system called "triad of care," staffed by a platoon or squad leader, primary care manager and a case manager for each soldier.

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The 18-year Army National Guard veteran has been assigned to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio for the majority of his career. Meyer has been deployed to Kosovo and Afghanistan. He plans to retire and continue working as a federal employee.



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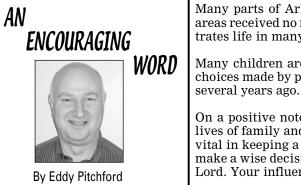
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them up 89-84 with 1:43 to play. At the same time, the Clippers didn't post any points for more than 4-1/2 minutes and didn't hit a field goal for the last 5:58.

"We took the lead there and just couldn't capitalize. They got a bunch of stops in a row. We just fell apart on offense," Kaman said. "I think we panicked a little bit. ... We were up five points but we couldn't finish the game, which has been a consistent problem for us all year."

The surge gave San Antonio the lead for good, though Ginobili didn't stop and scored another basket, followed by a 3 from Michael Finley to make it 94-86 with 37 seconds to play and put the game out of reach for the Clippers.

"We missed some easy shots that were dead-on. You want to give yourself a chance in the fourth quarter, especially against a really good team. And we gave it a battle," said Cuttino Mobley, who scored 10 points for Los Angeles.

Finley added 16 points for the Spurs, and Ginobili scored 13.

The Spurs jumped out to a 27-18 lead after the opening quarter and led by as many as 13 in the first half, but eight straight Clippers points from Thornton to close the half brought Los Angeles to within 48-44.

In the third quarter, the Clippers crept close to the Spurs before finally tying it at 69 with 1:04 to play off Thornton's jumper, but they never took the lead. It was tied again at 71 before Bruce Bowen's 3-pointer, from his sweet spot in the corner, gave the Spurs a 74-71 lead with one quarter to play.

Notes: Spurs G Brent Barry, who re-signed with the team this week after a monthlong absence as part of a San



AP photo/Kevork Djansezian

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) is ejected from the game by referee David Jones after receiving his second technical foul for kicking the ball during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Charlotte Bobcats at the Staples Center in Los Angeles Wednesday. Bobcats won 108-95.

Antonio-Seattle trade in February, was on the Spurs' bench but didn't dress. ... Clippers C-F Aaron Williams continued to sit out with a lower abdominal strain. ... Spurs F Robert Horry was still out with a bruised left knee. ... The Clippers shot 39 percent from the field.

Bobcats 108, Lakers 95

Kobe Bryant wasn't around at the finish of a bad loss, and Phil Jackson didn't stick around very long to explain what happened. The Los Angeles Lakers' stunning 108-95 home defeat to the lowly Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday night dropped them behind three teams in the Western Conference standings. Jason Richardson had 34 points and 10 rebounds, Raymond Felton added 13 points and 10 assists for Charlotte, and Bryant drew two technical fouls in a span of 29 seconds late in the fourth quarter and was ejected.

Bryant has 15 technicals, and one more means an automatic one-game suspension.

"Well, I may look like I'm

here to explain something, but I have nothing to explain," Jackson said of losing to a Charlotte squad that is now 7-28 on the road. "I can't explain it, so don't ask me any questions. It just looked like we were out of character, tremendously out of character, in more ways than one — irrational play at times, inconsistent at best, but just some poor judgments, poor decisions."

When a reporter asked about Bryant, Jackson smiled, stood up and left the interview room. The loss dropped the Lakers

(49-23) into a three-way tie for

second place in the West with \oplus Houston and San Antonio.

"Our defense was terrible from the start," Luke Walton said. "Every team has talented players. If you don't show up ready to play, that's what's going to happen. There's no excuse for us to come out on our home court and not take care of business."

Matt Carroll added 18 points and Gerald Wallace had 15 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Bobcats, who won for just the second time in eight games and snapped a six-game road losing streak.

Hornets 100, Cavaliers 99

David West's 17-foot jumper, coming on Chris Paul's 20th assist with less than a second left, gave the Hornets their fifth straight win.

LeBron James' 75-foot heave at the horn bounced off the 24second clock at the other end. He had 21 points.

Peja Stojakovic scored 25 points — 18 on 3-pointers — and West added 20 points for the Hornets.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored a season-high 29 points with 15 rebounds for Cleveland, which had its nine-game home winning streak end.

Celtics 117,

Suns 97

At Boston, Kevin Garnett scored 30 points, sinking the final two to an "M-V-P!" chant echoing through the new Boston Garden, and Paul Pierce had 12 of his 27 in the fourth quarter.

Rajon Rondo scored 14 points with six rebounds and six assists while frustrating Shaquille O'Neal into a technical foul as Boston turned a tie game into a double-digit lead in the third quarter.

Amare Stoudemire scored 32 and O'Neal had 16 with seven rebounds for the Suns.





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OUR VIEWS

Two weeks left before deadline to be registered

ime is running out for Crossroads area citizens who are not yet registered to vote, but plan to cast ballots in the May 10 municipal and school board elections. If you are not registered to vote and want to cast a ballot in a city council or school board election, the deadline to register is April 12.

That's right, the deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, April 11. to get that small, but very important task accomplished. Registration is held at the County Annex building, east of Howard County Courthouse.

The right to vote gives us the opportunity to choose who we want to serve as our voice in all levels of government.

And just because nobody will be voting on seats in the legislature or Congress, or selecting a president doesn't mean the May 10 election isn't important.

In fact, they're extremely important, because the people we elect will be overseeing our cities and school boards.

Voter registration is simple and free. It takes only a couple of minutes. To be eligible to vote, residents must be 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. You do not need to have resided in Howard County for a specific length of time before registering here.

It should also be noted that anyone who has

was one of seven people who each spoke at our church's Good Friday service on one of the seven sayings of Christ on the cross. I chose, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?"

In my more skeptical days, I viewed the question as odd almost ammunition for the cynic. Why would Christ, if he were truly God, need to ask God about anything? Also, why would an all-powerful God have been in such a vulnerable position?



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I now realize that these questions are no more unique than the basic misunderstandings of Christianity and Christian doctrine that give rise to them. But interestingly, this utterance of Christ that was once a stumbling block for me has now become a powerful reinforcement for my faith.

I used to wonder how the crucifixion, no matter how much physical suffering Christ endured, could cancel out our sins. After all, other human beings have experienced similar physical punishment. But I was completely unaware of the spiritual wounding that was involved. The Scripture tells us, "The human spirit can endure in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?"

But Christ was spiritually separated from and abandoned by God. To atone for our sins, he took on our sins, and God cannot look upon sin. We cannot begin to comprehend the agony he experienced in this separation after he had enjoyed infinite bliss with the Father and the Holy Spirit in eternity past.

After having lived a sinless life, the full force of mankind's accu-

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mulated sin was heaped upon his human soul. All the spiritual forces of darkness were joined together in their collective hatred and fury in one last effort to defeat the conqueror of death because if they failed, death would be defeated forever.

Forsaken so we could live

Human beings had no power either to comfort or deliver him; the Father wouldn't because he had to allow him to complete his redemptive work. At that moment, Christ was the loneliest man who ever lived. Yet consider this staggering irony: At no time was Christ more perfectly in his Father's will. And through it all, he never renounced his Father, referring to him as "my God, my God."

Although we sometimes separate ourselves from God, he will never abandon us this side of eternity. Witness the prodigal son. And consider the martyrs who died joyfully because even in their death, though hated and persecuted by men, God did not abandon them. Ignatius, waiting to be thrown to the lions said, "Let me be food for the wild beasts, if only God be glorified." Christ, unlike the martyrs, did nothing to deserve his abandonment.

Skeptics should note that the Gospel writers never would have invented this potentially embarrassing saying of Christ because it suggests Christ's powerlessness to deliver himself from his own predicament.

But I believe the statement is only comprehensible in reference to God's Triune nature: Christ's nature as both fully human and fully divine and God's salvation plan for mankind.

Christ's question to the Father on the cross shows not that Christ wasn't God but that he was also a distinct divine personality in the Trinity and also fully human. If he had not been fully human, he

could not have taken on our pain. Nor could he have died. If he was not God, he couldn't have lived a sinless life or wiped away our sins.

Evangelist John Stott wrote: "We are not to envisage God on a deck chair, but on a cross. The God who allows us to suffer, once suffered Himself in Christ, and continues to suffer with us and for us today. Ö I myself could never believe in God were it not for the cross. Ö In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it? Our sufferings become more manageable in the light of His. There is still a question mark against human suffering, but over it we boldly stamp another mark — the Cross, which symbolizes divine suffering. The cross of Christ Ö is God's only self-justification in such a world as ours."

Despite his indescribable suffering, Christ would not rescue himself, precisely because he was a co-conspirator in the salvation plan, which required him to fulfill his prophesied substitutional sacrifice.

As Bishop Fulton Sheen observed: "Every other person who ever came into this world came into it to live. Christ came into it to die. Death was a stumbling block to Socrates — it interrupted his teaching. But to Christ, death was the goal and fulfillment of his life, the gold that he was seeking."

Christ died forsaken by God so that his people might claim God as their God; he endured abandonment so we would never be abandoned; he tasted hell so we'd never have to taste it ourselves; he endured loneliness so we'd never be alone.

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If not, the *Herald* encourages you to register tomorrow. Then take the time to study the issues, the candidates and their platforms and vote.

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Newspapers must embrace change disappear, it simply means that to survive, local papers must change to meet the times.

Change and newspapers, however, does not generally go hand in hand as many of the people who work at newspapers have not realized that 2008 looks a lot different from 1973. And while it's tempting to place all the blame on corporate ownership, the reality is newsroom personnel must shoulder much of the responsibility.

Editors and reporters should lead the charge in creating newspapers that serve their readers. Certainly many newsrooms have been victims of short-sited personnel cuts that make this task difficult, but editors must better use the resources they have left. Serving readers means providing what they want, what they don't know they want and what they can't get anywhere else.

Unfortunately, the typical newsroom's view of news often differs greatly from what might actually cause a younger reader — or someone who does not generally buy a newspaper — to plunk down their 50 cents. Too many editors and reporters still believe that the only news that matters comes from city hall, planning and zoning commission meetings and the same variety of meetings that newspapers have covered since their inception.

While real news may happen at these meetings, generally minutia from the charter revision committee meeting or intimate details of what the board of education discusses holds little appeal outside the newsroom. People care about whether a new business will open up downtown and whether the

school's needs might cause taxes to go up, not how these things happen.

There's a place for covering the traditional stuff, but there also must be a place for a new kind of journalism that focuses on people, why things happen and what might happen next. Local audiences want to know what they might be able to do on the weekend, where they might take there kids and how they might improve their lives.

A story about the mayor announcing a new initiative counts as news, but so does the high school drama club announcing dates for its new production. Politics, scandal and serious subjects have a place in the paper, but so do people, lifestyle issues and lighthearted fare.

If local papers want to survive, their editors and publishers have to understand that the days where every small town paper strives to be the *New York Times* have passed. Quality news coverage of a community requires leaving the newsroom; going out into that community and without cynicism or skepticism finding out what the people want from their newspaper.

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Still, if editors, reporters and publishers want their jobs to continue to exist, they must lead the charge and they must accept change.

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ROCKETS

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"They beat us pretty good on the boards," Wolves coach Randy Wittman said. "Our defense wasn't bad, but we gave up too many second-chance baskets."

The Rockets looked sluggish most of the night, going 4-of-19 from 3-point range, committing 14 turnovers and never leading by more than 12. Scola seemed like the most active Rocket on the floor, fighting for boards and scrambling for every loose ball.

"We weren't playing very good," said Scola, an NBA rookie from Argentina. "Every possession, everything counts. You're not playing very good,

you need to play hard. It creates more possessions for you and it gives you more chances to score.'

The Rockets open a five-game road trip against San Antonio on Sunday.

The teams had identical records (49-23) after wins on Wednesday and both were one game behind New Orleans in the race for the No. 1 seed in the West.

"Every game is important," Scola said. "You win one game, you go up to the 2 spot. You lose one game, you go down to 7. That's the way it is and that's the way it's going to be from now on, until the regular season is over. We've got to be ready for that and we've got to know that's the way it is.'

Kirk Snyder, acquired from you're not getting easy baskets, Houston in a trade on Feb. 21, lead early in the third quarter.

had seven points and four assists in the first quarter to keep the Wolves close. He finished a fast break with a dunk, but Rafer Alston sank a 3-pointer in the final seconds of the quarter to give Houston a 24-23 lead.

The Rockets built an eightpoint lead in the second quarter, but the Timberwolves stayed close behind Jefferson and Ryan Gomes, who scored 10 points apiece in the first half. Gomes finished with 17.

McGrady aggravated his shoulder injury on a drive into Marko Jaric just before halftime.

He winced as he walked to the free-throw line, but hit both shots to put the Rockets up 46-

Houston rebuilt its eight-point

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After signing the deal,

Young started last season

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Gomes made a 3-pointer and Jefferson dunked over Dikembe Mutombo to cut it to 53-50.

Scola had a putback and converted a three-point play to push the lead back to eight. He had a steal later in the quarter that led to an easy layup for Alston.

"It took us until the second half to really find our defensive energy that was needed to win the game," Alston said. "We got an all-around night from Tracy and Scola."

The Rockets outrebounded Minnesota 46-31 through three quarters and led 69-60.

The Wolves opened the final quarter with a 12-5 run, spurred by three straight baskets by Rashad McCants. Bobby Jackson McGrady and answered with consecutive baskets to push the lead to 78-72. 16 points.

Jackson tipped in McGrady' miss to put Houston up by 12 with 4:15 left.

The Rockets have won 29 of their last 33 games.

Notes: At halftime, the Rockets honored Mutombo with a video tribute. Team owner Les Alexander presented Mutombo with a \$500,000 check for the hospital that Mutombo built in the Democratic Republic of Congo. NBA commissioner David Stern was on hand for the ceremony. Yao Ming, on crutches after breaking a bone in his left foot in late February, also attended. ... Former president George H.W. Bush had a courtside seat next to Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane. ... Snyder had 12 points and six assists for Minnesota. ... McCants scored

YOUNG

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lineup because some front-office personnel weren't so sure about the young infielder.

"Just seeing him in '01, how he went about his business, and how hard he worked and the talent he has," Narron said, explaining what drew him to Young. "Even if he doesn't hit, you can win with what else he's going to bring to the ballpark every day."

Narron, fired after the 2002 season, returned to the Rangers this spring as a consultant. Lucky for them that Narron got his way then, though he downplays his role in Young's development.

"It's safe to say I wouldn't be in this locker room if it wasn't for Jerry," Young said. "I wouldn't be in this uniform right now."

longest-tenured player on the Rangers' 25-man roster, and has played at least 156 games in each of

the past seven seasons. The only other player signed as long is second baseman Ian Kinsler, who last month got a \$22 million, five-year contract that includes a \$10 million team option for 2013. Young was glad to get his contract settled last spring, though it hasn't changed the way he plays – or made things easier.

"Every player loves to be able to be in position where they can just focus on the game," Young said. "It's harder. Now you have a huge responsibility."

One that Young, who could have been eligible for free agency after this season, accepts without reservation.

"A lot of guys get a big deal and they kind of just Frank sit back,' Catalanotto said. "But Mike's going to work even harder just to kind of prove that he deserves that contract."

Catalanotto returned to Instead, Young is the Texas last year after four seasons with the Blue Jays. While Young became one of the AL's best players during that

span, Catalanotto said "Mike the person" hasn't changed since they were first teammates in 2001 and 2002.

"The only thing that has changed is really his numbers and his status," Catalanotto said. "His work ethic is second to none, and always has been. His ego hasn't gotten big."

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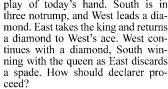
But Young was up to .257 by the end of May, and was hitting .291 after June when he was selected for another All-Star game. His average kept climbing and finished at .315, the second-best in his career.

"It was the most gratifying as a coach watching him do what he did early and the outcome. It was

awesome," said Jaramillo, who has also tutored Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez.

"It was tough, but sometimes you get off to a slow start," Young said. "Granted, I'd like to get off to a quick start and make it easier on myself, but looking back, that was probably the season I was most proud of mentally."





Many players would no doubt cross to dummy with a heart or a spade at this point, lead the queen of clubs and finesse. In the actual deal, they would go down one after West took the king and cashed his diamonds.

But this line of play is incorrect. It is all right to enter dummy and lead the queen of clubs, but it is wrong to finesse. Instead. declarer should

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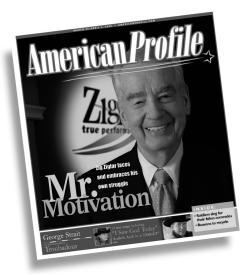
up with the ace. As it happens, the ace catches the king, and South winds up making five notrump, but the fact that this occurs does not in itself prove the play is right. There is a far better reason than hindsight for playing the

If East has the king, declarer still makes four notrump by continuing with a club. All it costs him to refuse the finesse is a 30-point trick

But if West has the king, the finesse always loses the contract, while playing the ace wins whenever West's king is singleton. This latter possibility is something declarer is duty-bound to protect against.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Mercury, Uranus and Jupiter align for a cosmic cocktail party. It's a

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ARIES (March 21-April Regarding that 19). conversation you think you need to have with someone -- make it short. One sentence. Five words will do it. You give your words more power when you use them sparingly.

TAURUS (April 20-May Multitasking 20). is usually not as productive for you as a single focus. Though you're better off doing one thing at a time, switch projects after about two hours. You'll accomplish an impressive amount.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your imagination dances. You may even feel ready to let your brainchildren be seen by others. A Capricorn can help you design a plan that will allow your project to attract the right kind of attention.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). make People decisions you weren't expecting, and it affects you directly. Your first reaction is extreme. What you think of after a few hours will be much more reasonable and ultimately good for everyone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The stars highlight your talent for working well with those who have special requirements. The young, elderly, sick or just plain difficult people hurting never comes.

are drawn to you. They need your care, and you 20). It's a strange social need to give it to them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's been said that the meek will inherit the earth. But not today. Bold moves are rewarded. You can be strong without being pushy, ambitious but not smarmy. You find charming middle а ground.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You learn the truth. And you know exactly where to go from there. What happens during your personal breakthrough may be small as a breath. But the realization will be grand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You like to prove that you are capable and independent. However, it's really not necessary to travel your road alone. Let someone who's been there before show you the potholes to avoid.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Before you bail on a relationship, be realistic. You're not going to love every minute of any relationship. Cut through petty annoyances and look at the fundamentals before you make a decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're on the move, ready to find your way in new places and forge new connections. If you must bring а companion on this journey, just make sure it's someone who wants to go almost as much as you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Approach a romantic problems from every possible angle; answers are available but not obvious. When in doubt, give. It's almost impossible to "give until it hurts" because the

Annie's Mailbox •:

Dear Annie: I just else to think but that he discovered that my 14- is a predator. daughter, I have his name, phone number and address, and I have turned that information over to the authorities in my state and the military. Please anyone advise legitimately trying to find a mate online to ask the right questions to determine whether the future mate is of age. For example, ask a supposed 21-year-old if she is in school and what subjects she's taking. If she tells hope you she's studying fractions and geometry, vou know she's barely out of grade school. --Disappointed and Furious Disappointed: Dear Don't be naive. Any girl who would lie about her age could just as easily lie about what subjects she's taking in school. stupid, there is nothing We know you are frightened for your daughter and worried about what might have ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED happened, and we don't blame you. But it is very difficult to discern the truth over the Internet. District, Business Office, 708 East Yes, adults need to be circumspect, but all parents should supervise what their children are doing online, teaching them how to protect themselves from predators and why deliberately misrepresenting

cease and desist. We are both in our 50s with grown children from

fact that people like those they have helped better than those who have helped them. So don't be afraid to ask for assistance. You could be strengthening a bond by doing so. ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I consider myself а rational, practical person. Yet

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

when I tell people that I follow astrology, their challenges skepticism me. I'm not sure if I even believe in astrology, and I certainly can't justify why it speaks to me, it just does.'

I get thousands of letters from astrology readers, but my favorites are the ones that start, "I don't believe in astrology ... " and end " ... so what's in the stars for me?" Plenty of people don't believe, but "believing" is kind of beside the point. You can use astrology whether you're a believer Astrology or not. provides an opportunity to pause for selfreflection. It's all about personal: What's the happening to you, in your life and in your head? Instead of expecting your horoscope to predict the future, try reading your horoscope at the end of the day -- as a way of looking back on the events and interactions you've had since you woke up, and thinking about what they meant to you, how they shaped you, what your reactions said about you. (For more about how to use astrology in your daily life, check out my book, "Rock Your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting it All.")

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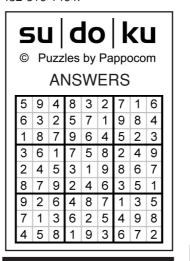
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Commissioners Court for their consideration at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 2008. The court reserves the right to re-

ject any or all bids. Jackie Olson-Auditor

#5717 March 27, and April 3, 2008

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ject any or all bids. Jackie Olson-Howard County Auditor

#5729 March 27 & April 4, 2008

year-old "Melissa," has a MySpace account where she is posing as a 21-year-old. She posted pictures of some other female and said they were of herself. A military man, 27 years old, has been e-

mailing her, and some of his letters are rather explicit. Of course, I will take steps with my daughter to see that this does not happen again and Ι communication between us gets better. But I am furious with this man. Perhaps he legitimately thought she was 21, but I don't believe it. Any adult with half a mind could ask the right questions and discover the writer was a child. I could tell from her first e-mail. Assuming he isn't

Legals

PROPOSALS Sealed proposals, address to Sandra Waggoner, Chief Financial Officer, Big Spring Independent School

Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas for "Softball and Baseball Field Lighting" will be received up to and no later than 4:00 pm local time, April 7, 2008. At this time all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Quoters may obtain complete sets of Contract Documents at the Big Spring ISD

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#5723 March 20 and 27, 2008

themselves can lead to major trouble or worse.

Dear Annie: What do you make of a man who finds it necessary to tell you about his past love life, how many women he's been with, how great sex is when you are high (I don't do drugs), and who says he is "used to having sex and lots of it"?

I have been seeing this man for three years, and every so often he comes out with this stuff. I have told him I don't like it and don't want to hear it, but he can't seem to

previous marriages. --Too Much Information

Dear Too Much: We think your boyfriend is terribly insecure and desperate to impress you with sexual his experience. You might point out that those who are truly knowledgeable tend not to brag about it. Otherwise, if you can't ignore him, try to laugh about it. We suspect that will take care of the problem.

Dear Annie: The letter "Confused from in California" broke my heart. His best friend, "Alex," is gay and Dad won't let them hang out anymore. As you can see, homophobia hurts everyone, not just gay people.

There isn't much a 15year-old can do when he's living under the tyranny of such a misguided father except try his best to continue with what he believes is right and be a true friend. One day soon, both boys will be able to move away from home and be friends with whomever they like, but sadly, not soon enough.

I'm a 26-year-old gay man, and when I came out, I was lucky to have friends, gay and straight, who cared enough to help through me the difficulties with my parents. If "Confused's" mother doesn't share Dad's backward attitude toward gay people, he should continue talking to her, even if she is unable to persuade his father to be more reasonable.

I wish both kids the best. The next few years are going to be tough, and they will need the kind of strong friendship they have in each other. -- Supportive in Quebec

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FEATURES

1-Series arrives

BMW's 128i Convertible spirited, fun in the sun ride

grew up an army brat and went to high school in Germany (actually, it was West Germany back then).

Wanting to make a little pocket change, I had a car washing business after school and had built up a pretty

good list of steady clients. Two of

my best customers both drove **BMW 2002** models for those not familiar with BMW, 2002 is the name of the car, not the

year. I absolutely loved that car. In addition to letting me wash and detail their prized 2002 models, they would often give me a ride, which frequently included a spin on the Autobahn so they could show off the prowess of this phenomenal rearwheel drive performance driving machine.

A couple of times, one of the owners — who also happened to be one of my teachers — let me drive his car around the empty parking lot after I had finished detailing it out.

Like other red blooded American teens, I still drooled over the muscle cars of that era, but I made no bones over the fact that my "dream car" was a BMW 2002. I've never forgotten that experience. To me, that car was as close as you could come to engineering mechanical perfection. It was simple to operate yet an absolute blast. This week, I had the opportunity to drive the new 2008 128i Convertible, part of the new 1 Series lineup and just released for delivery in North America. The 1-Series follows in the iconic tradition of the 2002 sedan. While it has its own distinctive styling, it does have a lot of resemblance to the 2002. When I walked out into the parking lot, my first reaction was that it was a 2002. I had to walk around back and check the badge just to make sure. Available in coupe or convertible body styles, the 1-Series is available in two models — the 128i and 135i. The 128i is powered by a 230 horsepower in-line six-cylinder engine gen-

erating 200 lbs.-ft. of torque and featuring Valvetronic valvetrain management and aluminum/magnesium cylinder block construction.

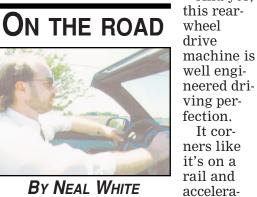
The 135i is powered by a 300 horsepower/300 lbs.ft. torque twin turbocharged version of the same engine.

And yes,

It cor-

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absolutely



top notch.

The premium interior is classy, comfortable and absolutely loaded.

I especially like the keyless entry/start function. All you have to do is have the key fob on your person, touch the door handle and the doors unlock. Climb in, put your foot on the brake and push the button to start the car.

While the weather wasn't very cooperative to put the top down this week, the convertible roof raises and lowers in 22 seconds. I didn't test this out, but according to BMW, you can even raise or lower the top on the move while driving at speeds up to 25 mph. Now I do have one beef about the 1-Series. It goes along with my recent love-hate relationship with many of today's BMW models. While I think all BMWs are mechanical masterpieces truly designed, engineered and manufactured for the driver, I don't understand why



require a PhD in engineering — or a great deal of patience.

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Bush confronts Chinese leader over Tibet crackdown

By TERENCE HUNT

AP White House Correspondent WASHINGTON – President Bush sharply confronted China's President Hu Jintao on Wednesday about Beijing's harsh crackdown in Tibet, joining an international chorus of alarm just months before the U.S. and the rest of the world parade to China for the Olympics.

In a telephone call with Hu, Bush "pushed very hard" about violence in Tibet, a necessity for restraint and a need for China to consult with representatives of the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet, the White House said.

After days of silence by Bush as other world leaders raised direct protest from one president to another. As if to underscore how pointed Bush was, the White House said he used the call to "speak very clearly and frankly."

At the same time, Bush was forced to address an embarrassing blunder by the United States — the shipment of nuclear missile fuses to Taiwan and the failure to discover the error for more than 18 months. "It came up very briefly," National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley told reporters.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had previously registered concern about China's actions in Tibet, but Bush's call raised the protest to the highest level of the U.S. govFrench President Nicolas Sarkozy notably has suggested a boycott of the Olympics opening ceremony in Beijing in August.

The United States and Britain have ruled out a boycott, and Bush has said he will attend. He has taken the position that the Olympics are about athletic competition, not politics.

China has defended its use of force against anti-Chinese protesters in Tibet, describing demonstrations that broke out in the capital city of Lhasa on March 14 as riots and violent crimes.

"No responsible government would sit by and watch when faced with this kind of violent crime, which gravely violated

rupted social order and seriously endangered the safety of public life and property," Hu told Bush, according to an account by Xiinhua news agency.

China's crackdown in response to the most sustained uprising against Chinese rule in almost two decades has put Beijing's human rights record in the international spotlight, embarrassing and frustrating a Communist leadership that had hoped for a smooth run-up to the Olympic Games.

China on Wednesday showed some signs of relenting, allowing the first group of foreign iournalists to visit Lhasa since the violence began. The reporters were taken to Potala Square, below the Potala

their voices, it marked a rare, ernment. On the world stage, human rights, seriously dis- Palace, the traditional seat of Tibetan rulers, which reopened Wednesday for the first time since March 14. Then reporters were taken a few blocks away where many shops had been burned out during the violence.

Hadley said Bush pressed for a resumption of now-suspended consultations between China and representatives of the Dalai Lama, and that there was an encouraging response from Hu.

"It was interesting that President Hu said that the government was willing to continue contacts and consultations with the Dalai Lama as long as ... there's an abandonment of Tibetan independence and stopping activities that involve crimes and the use of violence," Hadley said.



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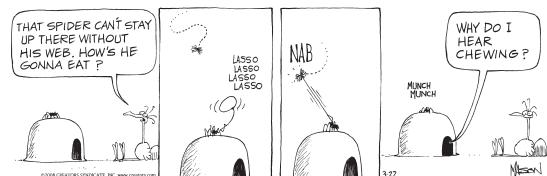
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Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1977, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife.

On this date: In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted

present-day Florida. In 1625, Charles I acceded to the English throne upon the death of James I.

In 1794, Congress approved "An Act to provide a Naval Armament" of six armed

ships. In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated, in on the Western Front had been broken. In 1958, Nikita

Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1964, Alaska was hit by a powerful earthquake and tsunamis that killed about 130 people.

In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man to orbit the earth, died in a plane crash.

In 1980, 123 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the Alexander Kielland, capsized during a storm.

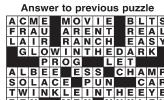
In 1996, an Israeli court convicted Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin of murder, then sentenced former law student Yigal Amir to life in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Former newspaper columnist Anthony Lewis is 81. Dance company director Arthur

(Genesis) is 58. Actress Maria Schneider is 56. Rock musician Andrew Farriss (INXS) is 49. Movie director Quentin Tarantino is 45. Rock musician Derrick McKenzie (Jamiroquai) is 44. Actress Talisa Soto is 41. Actress Pauley Perrette is 39. Singer Mariah Carey is 38. Rock musician Brendan Hill (Blues Traveler) is 38. Actress Elizabeth Mitchell is 38. Hip-hop singer Fergie (Black Eyed Peas) is 33. Actress Taylor Atelian is 13. Thought for Today: "Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live.", Dorothy Thompson,

American journalist (1894-1961).

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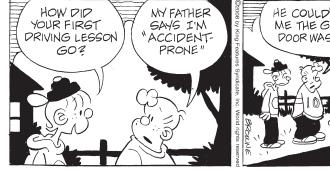
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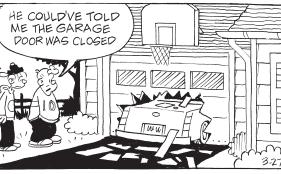
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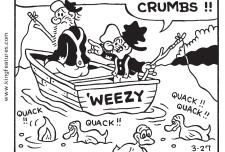
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7 Blessing 8 "Got it" 9 E! subjects **10** Pyrenees land **11** Part of the Arizona/ 12 Furnish for a time 13 Antlered animals 21 Erode 25 Tip-top 26 Proposed, perhaps 27 Last part of Cats 28 Nadir 29 Red ink 30 Inactive **31** Upper class 32 Worked at a

35 See 1 Across 38 ___-cake 39 Typifies 42 Most strange 44 Asks for help from Nevada border 46 Strasbourg's region 48 Card game 50 Storage medium 51 Throatclearing sound **52** Spilled the beans 54 Minimally 55 Wendy's dog 56 Troubadour topic 57 The A in A-Rod keyboard **58** Housing fee

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