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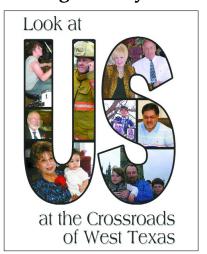
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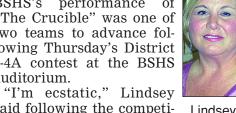
Several students earn individual one-act play awards

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Faced with a relatively inexperienced cast, Big Spring High School Drama Department Director Tracie Lindsey decided to go with the classics for this year's one-act play.

The move paid off as BSHS's performance of "The Crucible" was one of two teams to advance following Thursday's District 4-4A contest at the BSHS auditorium.



said following the competition. "We are so excited. I was concerned because we have a very young group this year but they just did

a fabulous job.' Several of Lindsey's students earned individual honors at the district meet, held in the high school auditorium. Natalie Beech was selected Best Actress and Josh Wilson and Geoffrey Treece were named to the All-Star Cast. Paula Mills and Eric Valle earned honorable mention All-Star Cast recognition.

Plainview High School's production of "Picnic" was the other play which advanced from the district round. The two casts will compete in the Area contest Tuesday in Lubbock.

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Homes destroyed



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Local resident Leonard Watkins sifts through the wreckage of his home on Curry Street south of Big Spring after a fire swept through the area Thursday evening, destroying approximately 400 acres

400-acre blaze taxes weary firefighters

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

In the past few weeks, Howard County has literally become a tinderbox — and the match was lit again Thursday.

At least two homes were destroyed when a fire of unknown origin burned at approximately 400 acres of land in the Silver Heels area south of Big Spring Thursday afternoon.

No injuries were reported. Officials are trying to determine the cause of the fire which started in a barrow ditch by South Highway 87 about five miles south of Big Spring.

Tommy Sullivan, chief of Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, said extremely dry conditions meant finding a specific cause to the fire would be difficult.

"The humidity was at 1 percent (Thursday). I've never seen it that low." Sullivan said. "That means almost anything could have set the fire off — car exhaust, a cigarette, even a piece of grass with the sun hitting it

just right." Sullivan said the fire spread quickly, fueled by plenty of dry grass and brush



Above, a Forestry Service helicopter refills its 1,200-gallon tank at Comanche Trail Lake before rejoining the battle against a brush fire south of Big Spring Thursday; at right, the fire rages east of Highway 87 Thursday evening.

> Photos by Artis McCasland and Steve Reagar

and pushed by a brisk wind and threatened several residential areas in the vicinity.

In response, a total of 84 firefighters from the county, Big Spring, Glasscock and Martin counties and Westbrook — joined by strike teams and aerial units from the State Forestry Service — worked feverishly to "box in" the fire and limit its damage.



Even private concerns pitched in. Sullivan said Price Construction provided bulldozers to help build fire breaks and several area oil companies provided muchneeded water trucks.

Sullivan, whose exhausted crews have been battling multiple fires on a daily basis for weeks, welcomed the additional help.

"I sure was glad to see

them," he said. "It was amazing how everyone pitched in to fight this thing.'

With Forestry Service aircraft dropping retardant on the fire from above, bulldozers and other heavy machinery creating fire breaks and firefighters dousing flames with water and foam, the blaze was effectively contained after a few hours.

The fire advanced as far as Chaparral Road before it was eventually stopped, Sullivan said. Three HCVFD units remained on the scene throughout the night on the watch for "hot spots."

One mobile home was destroyed and Sullivan noted that a house under construction also was leveled.

A question that needs to be asked is just how long overworked firefighters can keep up this pace — and it's a question without a ready answer, Sullivan conceded.

"That's what we're asking ourselves," he said. "But that's where the pride factor kicks in. We've got a job to do, and we're going to keep on doing it."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.



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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

TODAY

Coahoma baseball at Anson, 7 p.m.

Coahoma softball at Anson, 6 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

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 determined 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 sponsoring the 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.

Stanford's big guys ready for little Texas



AP photo/Harry Cal

Texas guard D.J. Augustin, right, moves toward the basket under the close guard of Oklahoma State's Byron Eaton, left, during first half action in their men's college basket-ball game March 9, in Austin. Augustin leads the second-seeded Longhorns into a Sweet Sixteen matchup against third-seeded Stanford tonight in the NCAA Tournament's South Region.

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — At some point Friday night, perhaps as early as pregame layups, the chants will start.

"Texas!" the burntorange throng on one side of the stadium will holler. "Fight!" the other side will answer.

Brook Lopez and his Stanford teammates will notice, of course — 25,000 people tend to make a lot of noise. And with their hands locked in the Hook 'em Horns gesture, their arms pivoting in unison, it'll be quite a sight, too.

Yet Cardinal players insist it won't bother them, even when the Orangebloods gang up and turn against them. After the catcalls they heard at UCLA and the edgy jabs spewed at Oregon State, they're convinced playing Texas in an NFL stadium in Houston will be just

another road game.

"Same thing," Lopez said. "Just a bigger arena."

Bigger stakes, too.

Texas and Stanford are playing in a South Regional semifinal, with the winner becoming among the eight teams still vying for the national title. The third-seeded Cardinal (28-7) hasn't gotten this far since 2001, while the second-seeded Longhorns (30-6) already have gotten a round farther than they did last year with superstar freshman Kevin Durant.

The matchup is a classic case of opposites: Stanford and its big guys, 7-foot twins Brook and Robin Lopez, vs. Texas and its little guys, do-it-all guard D.J. Augustin and shooting ace A.J. Abrams.

Analysts can fill a

Analysts can fill a school's worth of chalkboards with strategies

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North Carolina tramples Washinton State, 68-47

By AARON BEARD

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Before North Carolina took the court against Washington State and its deliberate offense, Roy Williams scribbled a message about defense on the board in the locker room.

"Tough enough, patient enough, poised enough," it read. His Tar Heels were all three. Now they're within a game of the Final Four again.

Tyler Hansbrough scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half and the top-seeded Tar Heels held Washington State to 32 percent shooting in a 68-47 victory Thursday night, sending North Carolina to the NCAA tournament's round of eight for the second straight season.

Danny Green had 15 points to help the Tar Heels (35-2) set a school record for victories while continuing their dominant run through the East Regional. The No. 1 overall seed has won its first three NCAA games by 20 or more points for the first time in program history as it chases a record 17th trip to the Final Four.

"We continued to talk about this throughout the year, the fact that we're tired of hearing that North Carolina can't play defense and that's going to be our weak link," junior Marcus Ginyard said. "But tonight, I think you see that this team has the capability of buckling down and being that great defensive team."

All season, Williams never stopped pushing his team to play better defense, not even as it piled up lopsided wins and crowd-pleasing offensive displays that few teams could match. Against a fourth-seeded Cougars team that had completely shut down its first two tournament foes, the Tar Heels gave their Hall of Fame coach what he had been asking for since November.

North Carolina played patiently and didn't take chances as the Cougars' offense ate into the clock. Washington State (26-9) managed just 18 field goals for the game while scoring 20 points below its average and going 2-for-16 from 3-point range. The 47 points were the fewest allowed

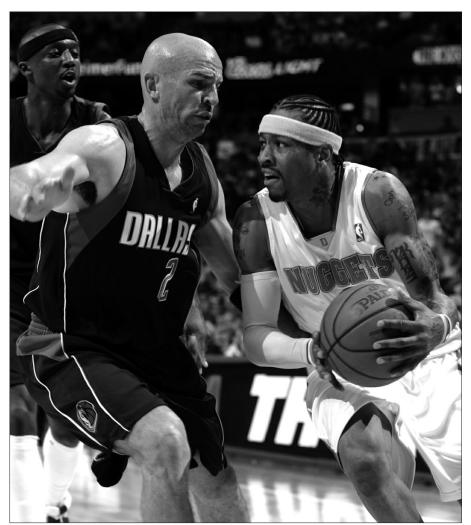
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AP photo/Nell Redmond

North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough, right, shoots over Washington State's Aron Baynes during an NCAA East Regional basketball semifinal Thursday in Charlotte, N.C. The Tarheels blew out Washington State, 68-47, advancing to the Elite Eight.

Nene returns as Nuggets rip Mavericks, 118-105



118-105 victory in an NBA basketball game in Denver Thursday.

AP photo/David Zalubowski Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Kidd, left, blocks the path to the basket for Denver Nuggets guard Allen Iverson in the fourth quarter of the Nuggets'

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer

DENVER — The minutes didn't matter. The Denver Nuggets were just encouraged to see a uniform draping Nene's beefy body again, and that great smile splashed across his face once

The big Brazilian forward played the final 77 seconds of the Nuggets' 118-105 win over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night, marking his return to the court 2-1/2 months after surgery to remove a malignant testicular tumor.

"Everybody was excited to see Nene back out there, just to see him back in his uniform, seeing him smile again after the stuff he's been through," said Carmelo Anthony, who scored 32 points and keyed the decisive run in the Nuggets' fourth straight win.

Nene had been out since Jan. 11, and it's been just over a month since he underwent chemotherapy.

In the locker room afterward, Nene never stopped smiling. He said he's still full of nerves, still absent enough stamina but certainly not lacking any strength.

"I survived, I'm still here," he said. "I'm a new man, stronger than ever, I just say, 'Thank you, everybody.""

Allen Iverson added 31 points for the Nuggets, who are a half-game behind Golden State for the eighth and final playoff spot, and one game behind the Mavericks. The Warriors visit the Pepsi Center on Saturday night for another big matchup.

"That game's bigger than this game," suggested Anthony.
But this game will long be

remembered, too.
When Nene stripped off his warmups and finally entered the game with 1:17 left, he was given a rousing standing ovation and

teammate Kenyon Martin embraced him in a bear hug. "George Karl said, 'Go ahead, enjoy your party," Nene said. "It's a special moment in my

life."

Iverson said this was a night

he'll remember forever.

"He's a teammate, and he's somebody we care about and we want around, but life is so much bigger than basketball," Iverson said. "When it happened to him, it put it more in perspective for me that it's not just about this game, it's about life. It was just a good feeling and I was happy to be a part of it."

Karl said he wanted to cry when Nene got into the game. "It's worthy of tears," Karl

said. "To see him come back, he's a hell of a person."

Obituaries

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Georgia Luce



Georgia Luce, 88, of Coahoma died Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with George Ivy officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 22, 1920, in Paris, Texas, to Zannie and Dempsey Moser.

She lived most of her life in Howard County, except for 30 years in San Angelo. She had worked at the Twins Café and the Crawford Hotel Coffee Shop. After moving to San Angelo, she worked at the San Angelo State School for 15 years until retiring. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Dixie Banister of Sand Springs; one son, Alvin Luce and his wife Don Nell of Coahoma; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Henry Moser, Lindly Moser and Ernest Moser; and four sisters, Margaret Abbe, Madeline Jackson, Catherine Cartwright and an infant sister.

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

Betty J. Brumley



Betty J. Brumley, 78, of Colorado City Lake died Thursday, March 27, 2008, in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Westbrook with the Rev. David Nash, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will follow at 4 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born March 28, 1929, in Stamford and married C.W. Brumley May 17, 1947, in Big Spring.

Betty was a resident of Stanton from 1955 to 1992, and worked for Stanton ISD for 24 years, retiring in 1992. She and her husband then moved to Colorado City Lake.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Westbrook and a member of the J.O.Y. Sunday School

Survivors include her husband, C.W. Brumley of Colorado City Lake; one son and daughter-in-law, Donnie and Vickie Thompson of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and John Hillje of Alpine; one brother, Jackie Cottongame of Big Spring; one sister, Sharon White of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Christine Brumley; one son, Jerry W. Brumley; her parents, Jerry and Mary Cottongame; and one sister, Geneva Morton.

The family suggests memorials be made to The American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Estevan 'Steven' Navarro

Estevan "Steven" Navarro, 27, of Abilene died Thursday, March 27, 2008, in Abilene. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Northeast winds10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the south

in the afternoon. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds around 15 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds around 15 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows 57 to 63. Monday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the lower 80s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.



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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m.

- DAVID GRIJALBA MORALES, 31, of 1513 Sycamore, was arrested Thursday on charges of hindering officers and failure to identify - giving false
- FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTI-FYING INFORMATION was reported in the 1600 block of Lark.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A **FIREARM** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
- in the 400 block of 12th Street. - in the 600 block of Caylor.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
- in the 3200 block of Drexel.
- in the 500 block of 17th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 39 inmates at the time of this report. • ARNULFO CHAVERA JR., 27, was transferred to

the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of

driving while license invalid/suspended - enhanced. • **REGINALD JAMES**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

• GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for forgery and theft of property.

• BRANDON SCOTT PAPASAN, 27, was arrested Thursday by DPS on Taylor County warrants for theft by check and bail jumping/failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 367. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of N. Service Road and FM 700. Three people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported near the intersection of Ratliff and Hughes.

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, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m., 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.
- 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.

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TODAY

s. 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.
- The Scenic Mountain Medical Center will hold the finale of "March Mammo Madness" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Mammograhy and Bone Densitometry Center on the second floor of Malone and Hogan Clinic. Events include breast self-examination education, drawings for a free mammogram and reading and more. For more information, call 264-0602.

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-15-26-29-33. Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 21-11-10-4. Bonus Ball: 8. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-4-1-9. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-8-0. Sum It Up: 11.

Support Groups

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-
- 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.

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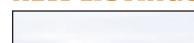
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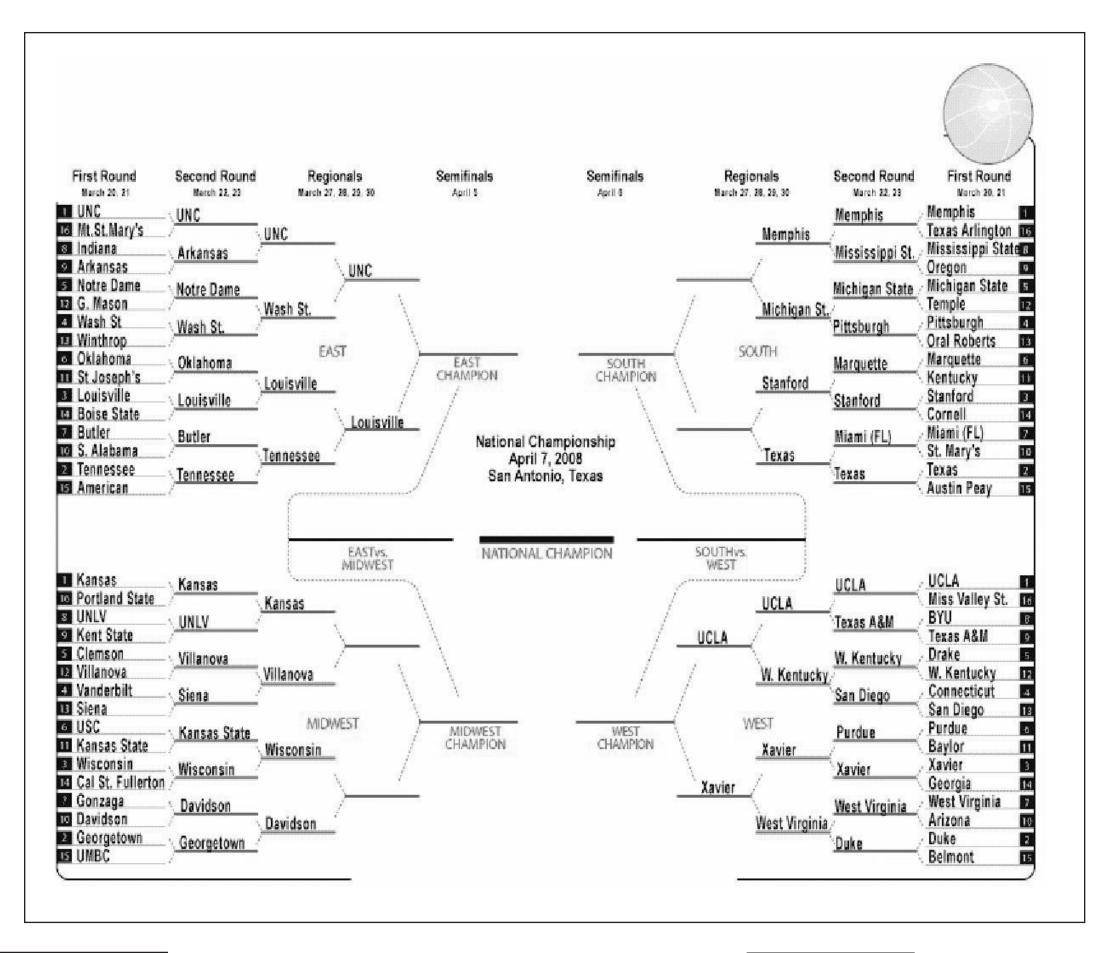






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by the Tar Heels in an NCAA game since 1946.

"I said to Marcus and Danny and Wayne (Ellington), 'You're going to be hit by a screen. You have to be tough enough and patient enough to get through it," Williams said. "You've got to be tough enough and patient enough to continue to play the defense for 35 seconds.'

When it was over, North Carolina had advanced with a very un-UNC-like score to play third-seeded Louisville in Saturday night's regional championship.

North Carolina improved to 24-1 in NCAA games played in its home state and is 7-0 all-time in Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Now they can focus on erasing the lingering memories from last year's final game: a blown double-digit lead late in the second half of an overtime loss to Georgetown in the regional finals.

'We know what happened. know that feeling, Hansbrough said. "We don't want to have it again. That's kind of our attitude, and that's

the mentality we have."

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For the first time in this tournament, the Tar Heels, the nation's second-highest scoring team, didn't crack 100 points. It didn't matter. Nor did it matter that Hansbrough struggled much of the way. After hearing all about how Washington State held Winthrop and Notre Dame to a combined 81 points, the Tar Heels looked determined to prove they could play some tough defense, too.

Washington State missed shot after shot — sometimes open, more often not — while the Tar Heels kept pushing forward with their slowed, but effective, transition attack. The Cougars got little from the perimeter, with Kyle Weaver and Taylor Rochestie scoring a combined 12 points on 4-for-21 shooting.

"It was freezing out there," said Weaver, who had 10 points. Derrick Low and Aron Baynes scored 14 points to lead the Cougars.

Meanwhile, the Tar Heels kept the pressure on, gradually getting more runouts in transition and increasing the pace to steadily build the lead. North Carolina led 35-21 at halftime on a 3-pointer from Ty Lawson just before the horn, then got a

quick six-point burst to push the lead to 47-27 on Alex Stepheson's three-point play with 11:45 left.

"We've played some really good teams in our league with different styles," Washington State coach Tony Bennett said, "but North Carolina is very special."

Louisville 79,

Tennessee 60 CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Earl Clark scored 17 points and had 12 rebounds, and coach Rick Pitino's mix of defenses made life miserable for Tennessee and put the third-seeded Cardinals in the East Regional

After two blowout wins last weekend, Pitino's signature zone and pressure limited the high-scoring Volunteers to 34percent shooting. The veteran coach improved to 8-0 in regional semifinals.

Terrence Williams and Andre McGee each added 13 points and David Padgett had 10 points eight rebounds for Louisville (27-8), which nearly blew all of a 16-point first half lead, only to take control midway through the second half and keep alive its hopes for a

second Final Four berth in four vears.

Chris Lofton scored 15 points for Tennessee, but hit only 3 of 15 shots in his final game with the second-seeded Volunteers who have advanced beyond the round of

Xavier 79, West Virginia 75

PHOENIX — Three-pointers saved Xavier. Missed free throws doomed West Virginia.

B.J. Raymond made two 3pointers in the last 1:18 of overtime Thursday night and the Musketeers advanced to the West Regional final with a 79-75 victory over coach Bob Huggins' Mountaineers.

Third-seeded Xavier (30-6) will seek its first Final Four appearance when it plays top-seeded UCLA in the regional final on Saturday.

Raymond, who had made only one field goal all night, hit a 3pointer from the top of the key to put the Musketeers ahead 75-74 with 1:18 to play. He then shook loose on an inbounds play, took a crosscourt pass and made a 3 with the shot clock expiring with 30 seconds to go for a 78-74 lead.

Josh Duncan scored a careerhigh 26 points, despite foul trouble, to lead Xavier. Joe Alexander scored 18 and had 10 rebounds for the Mountaineers

(26-11).West Virginia missed four of six free throws in the overtime. Alexander missed one with 14.2 seconds left in regulation that would have given his team a 65-

UCLA 88,

64 lead.

Western Kentucky 78

PHOENIX — With Kevin Love scoring a career-high 29 points, the Bruins nearly frittered away a 21-point halftime lead and hung on to defeat Western Kentucky.

The top-seeded Bruins (34-3) are a win away from their third consecutive trip to the Final Four.

Love also had 14 rebounds. He hit 10-of-14 shots from the floor and helped rescue the Bruins for the second time in as many games. James Keefe had 18 points and 12 rebounds, both career highs for UCLA.

Tyrone Brazelton scored 31 points -25 in the second half — and Courtney Lee added 18 for 12th-seeded Western Kentucky (29-7).

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and counterstrategies about exploiting those differences. But the X factor might be how both teams will react to the Longhorns-loving crowd.

After all, the pressure of trying to please family, friends and fans can be a burden for guys in their late teens and early 20s.

"We don't want them distracted from the fact that we have to get ready to play a basketball game against an outstanding team," coach Rick Barnes said.

Texas has done just fine in recent years, going 6-0 in NCAA tournament games played in the Lone Star State since 2002. That includes a trip to the Final Four in '03 that was sealed by a pair of regional-round wins in San Antonio.

Back then, the Alamodome was more raucous than a neutral site is supposed to be. Longhorns fans could make it even louder this time, mainly because there will be even more of them.

The Reliant Stadium configuration can hold around 40,000 fans and Houston is home to the one of the largest group of Texas exes.

"It's going to be great, man," said swingman Damion James. among nine native Texans on the roster. "I'm excited, the fans should be excited. And I want you to put this: We really appreciate them to come out and support us. Keep cheering."

Go ahead, said Stanford coach Trent Johnson, who considers it such a moot point he doesn't plan to talk to the club about it. "This is a mature, experi-

enced basketball team," he

said. "The one thing I've told them that the crowds get bigger and the magnitudes in question in the game gets bigger, but it's still a game itself, and your ability to relax and do what you've done all year long is going to put you in situations where you can be successful or not.'

A scan of the Cardinal's record shows at least a hint that hostile crowds can get to them: six of its seven losses came away from home.

Three were to UCLA, and there's no shame in that; the Bruins are the top seed in the West region.

Stanford held its own in the road games, going to overtime at Pauley Pavilion and losing in the final seconds of the Pac-10 tournament (at the Staples Center, as much of a neutral site as this will be).

As encouraging as that might

be for Cardinal fans, there's also this fact: Texas was one of the two teams that beat UCLA at home this season.

"You watch that videotape and you understand that that basketball team is more than D.J. Augustin's team," Johnson said. "It's a very complete team and a very tough-minded team and a very skilled team."

Abrams has been the offensive spark in the NCAA tournament, scoring 26 points in each of the first two games. Texas also gets a lot of outside shots from its frontcourt of James and Connor Atchley. At 6-foot-10, Atchley is technically a center, but he takes — and makes — the third-most 3-pointers on the squad.

Texas isn't all small. On the bench there's 6-foot-10, 299pound Dexter Pittman. He had 10 points and 11 rebounds in the opening round and might

log extended minutes to help contain the Lopez brothers.

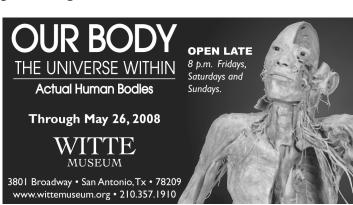
Stanford talked Thursday about trying to play a slowtempo game, but that's not totally its style. The Cardinal averages 71.2 points per game, only 4.3 less than the Longhorns.

Brook and Robin are the focal points at both ends of the court. Brook averages 19 points and is coming off a buzzer-beater over Marquette.

The other highlight from that game was Johnson getting tossed in the first half. That couldn't possibly happen again ... could it?

"Yeah," he said. "If we get off to a bad start, I'm going to get ejected again so we can win the game."

Hearing laughter, he added, "It's not a joke, it's true, I love winning, so whatever it takes."



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learned a really cool word that became a big part of my

vocabulary sometime in the

late '80s. Paradox. A paradox

is when something seems contra-

dictory or opposing but in reality

expresses a truth.

learn to love the

dox works. If you

As I progress in

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irony of how a para-

want to live, vou've

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life. If a guy wants to

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God loves a really good paradox.

It's one of the reasons I figure God

absolutely loves the Brewer. Yes,

that's right, I am convinced that

loves me personally. I mean, why

wouldn't He? I am a walking para-

around hand sanitizer because I'm

a germ freak. I'm a jamming musi-

cian that preaches behind a pulpit

There are lots of things about all

profound genius. He smiles when

He sees busy people slow down to

He's like that because He always operates outside of the box. His

help and great big guys cry over

ways are not our ways. I heard

Graham Cooke say that the only

time God has ever been in a box

was the Arc of the Covenant, and

on Sundays. I am a hillbilly from

Johnson County that loves quan-

the great God of this universe

dox. I am a slob that carries

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- The Big Spring High School One-Act Play cast and crew. Their performance of "The Crucible" advanced Thursday from the District 4-4A Contest and will perform in Area competition Tuesday in Lubbock.
- West Texas Centers for MHMR on its annual Hoops, Dreams and Goals Basketball Tournament, going on today at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Our hat's off, too, to all of the sponsors, Howard College cheerleaders and other college personnel who give their time to help out with this great event.
- Local and area firefighters all of them. With the dry weather and so much brush, teams from across the area — to include Martin, Glasscock, Scurry and Mitchell counties — have fought blazes alongside Howard County volunteers and Big Spring firemen countless times in the past few weeks. Appreciated, too, are those with the Red Cross, Salvation Army and others, plus businesses that have donated personnel and equipment. We can all be proud of the efforts these folks go through on what has been an almost daily basis.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

May we detach from a volatile situation, Lord, and turn it over to You.

application process may be hazardous.

clubs are required. of the reverse) or retirement spurt to an otherwise down and

Nor does this blessed stimulus end with the arrests and refilling of vacancies. There are other ripples. As the prison population subsequently expands, so too does the need for guards, cooks, bailiffs, drivers, lawyers, suppliers, maintenance and eventually for a battalion of construction workers to build a new jail. Many states are already far down that road in preparing to house more offenders. In Washington our hard line administration is naturally pursu-

if you touched the box, you died. God hates the box we want to put him in.

Defying explanation ... that's God

We put God in a box because we want God to be more responsible for being like us so we won't be held responsible for being more like him. We desperately try to make God about our own agendas so we won't have to be about His. We really want God to look like us and talk like us, and anything that doesn't line up with who we are, can't be God. That's religion, and it's really ugly.

Most portraits of God tend to fit Him into whatever culture we identify with. In a way, that's fine because God loves our diverse cultures and how different people live and look.

In the artist's defense, there are no scriptures describing the physical appearance of Christ because God knew we were knuckleheads. Had the Bible described Jesus as tall, there would be denominations specifically for people six foot two and above. The church in the Middle Ages would have thought it godliness to stretch people until all their joints popped out of place. Oh wait—the church did do that in the Middle Ages.

I saw a picture of Jesus at a shop in the Hong Kong airport that showed him completely Asian. Who among us hasn't seen blond haired, blue-eyed portraits of Jesus walking across the water in his lily-white feet? We all recently heard Sen. Barack Obama's pastor in his ridiculous tirade on how Jesus was a poor black child that grew up under the oppression of terrible white peo-

I don't think God looks like any of us. I don't think He thinks like us or acts like us. The pattern that kindest and most thoughtful person in the universe. He loves deeply and lives passionately. Like King David, He has the heart of a warrior poet that kicks butt on the battlefield and intimately loves His bride. I think He could care less about a lot of the hang ups we church folks tend to have about people, and I think He cares a lot more about people having a true encounter with His heart towards them while they are still breathing

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planet Earth's air. He's totally holy, yet He loves us. That's a paradox. He's completely sinless and separate from everything ugly, yet He thinks we're beautiful. He hates sin and the darkness of our age, yet His goodness is towards us. That's a paradox, and I love it.

Let me see if I can't craft some words together that illustrate how God is oxymoronically

supernatural. I'll fill inn the blanks with contradicting terms explaining how God pulls off what nobody else can.

He is majestically humble towards us and anxiously patient with us. He is altogether separate because He climbed down into hell and slapped death in the face for all of us.

He is naturally supernatural and dangerously safe. He has made Himself the permanent substitute for our sin, and His plan is for us to be alone together with Him

Mark 4:34

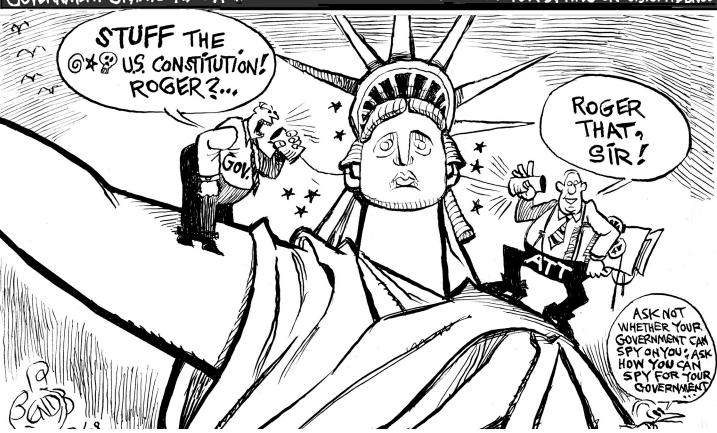
He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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of us that seem to contradict, but actually make up, our unique personalities. God loves that. He loves it when beyond infinity. little children speak simple but

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How to boost state's economy

es, the economy may be sagging, but locally a federal drug task force just gave ours a big shot in the arm. DEA troopers popped into our city the other day and hauled off 22 assorted pushers, transporters and enforcers

to the hoosegow. The partying in the drug community that night went into the wee hours. It's not every day that 22 good-paying employment vacancies come along. Of course the Guns, knives and

WILLIAM A. Collins

There are no health benefits (sort plans, and you constantly have to watch over your shoulder. Still, 22 fat new jobs offer a juicy economic out community.

ing that same self-destructive for-

mula.

This seemingly bizarre economic symbiosis between prosecutors and unemployed drug pushers is powerfully enhanced by prison unions. Even though unions may be flagging in the private sector, they're immensely potent in government, especially law enforcement. While anti-drug ideologues may dominate the drug reform debate, it's the unions who wield the anti-reform clout in the cloakrooms. All in the name of morality of course.

Economists are not quite so ecstatic about this brand of economic jolt. The bulk of the new spending is for public employees, all of whose pay must be raised from taxes. No, that's not totally different from the current congressional tax rebate plan. That one is all tax money too, but at least it's temporary. Jailing drug dealers drains the treasury forever.

All of which makes the Drug War, like the Terror War, a permanent economic stimulus program. The more drug warriors you hire, the more planes, radars, and jails they need to operate and the more money that thus goes into circulation. Hence the more economic activity. Plus the best part is that the White House has now discovered that you never actually need to pay for any of it. At the federal level anyway, you simply borrow. It's magic. Unfortunately for the states, they

have to pay cash.

Neither is there any required measurement of success. Drugs may seem as cheap and convenient as ever, but that's not how success is defined. Awards go for the number of scum in jail, not for any reduced amount of public consumption. Nor does anyone keep tabs on casualties, dead or wounded, from this war. That's just a cost of doing business while protecting Americans from themselves.

Liquor used to be like that too all crooks and goons and crime syndicates. When prohibition finally gave way to regulation, that job market tumbled, more people were able to drink, and society breathed a huge collective sigh of relief.

It's that way now with drugs. If we switched from a prohibition to a regulation model, the job markets for both gangsters and jailers would shrivel. Yes, the economy would take a hit but society would again breathe its collective sigh of relief. Yet another stimulus package would then be needed, as well as alternative training for pushers, jailers, and cops. A regular Marshall Plan. But a Marshall Plan is always a good thing to do in the euphoria that follows the close of a prolonged war.

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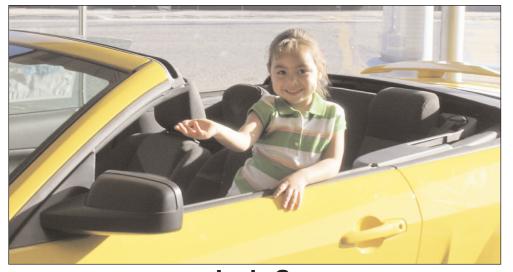
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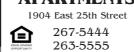
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Free spirits unite! Love builds an altar to sacred irreverence today Venus

unites with Uranus and Jupiter. We may fall for unusually bold or outlandish people or things — not because they're politically



HOLIDAY MATHIS

correct, right or even justifiable because but we're captivated by brazenness, a unique vision, beauty and truth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're ready for some friendly excitement. Social success depends on your location. Decide who you want to meet and be around, then go where that type of person is likely to show up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know you're right and not inclined to compromise. You just may get away with having it all your way, as long as you don't draw a lot of attention to yourself. A humble attitude helps you slip under the radar.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll find yourself thinking more than once, "How unusual!" Unique experiences keep you on your toes, preparing you for the fun variety that's to come this weekend.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is a point where selflessness gets excessive and not helpful. Show as much concern for your own well being as you do for the health and happiness of others and you're golden.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're feeling competitive, and physically you're quite strong. However, your favorite sport may be cerebral now, like the hearty game unraveling a mystery. Misunderstood people and uncharted places entice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Fate is your friend, a good friend at that, although she's not the kind of friend who wants to do all of your work for you. She'd prefer an equal partnership, and so she's currently backing off, just to let you prove yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's impossible to control all that you think and say. If you had amazing control over your mind and mouth, you might make fewer mistakes. But vou certainly wouldn't be more likeable. Others love you the way you are,

and you should too. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Nobody knows what you need as well as you do. Honor that extremely important body knowledge — the rules of you. In doing so, you may have to say "no" to someone who wants badly for you to say "yes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You show your love by trusting someone to do a job. And when this person comes back to

you with results that baffle you, be willing to suspend judgment until after the full explanation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you start to feel tired, change the way you frame situation. Instead thinking of it as something you have to do, think of it as something you get to do. You'll be instantly energized by the shift. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You don't always have to take down the dragons of life. Some dragons make excellent friends. Wouldn't it be nice to have that kind of ferocious intensity on your side? PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). You'll be making decisions, some of which are not even yours to make. Unfortunately, not everyone is equipped with your powers of deduction. And you'll do a good job for those who can't reason themselves.

LOVE

ARIES:

WEEKEND

FORECAST:

When love asks you to sacrifice one thing for another, you're not giving up anything you don't already TAURUS: You're looking for answers and an intimate possesses the unique wisdom to meet you there. GEMINI: You've assumed nurturing role with loved ones lately. And you're rewarded with satisfaction of giving. CANCER: Don't let a fear of being wrong keep you from expressing what you know is right. LEO: Some people are more powerful for being hidden. An obscure partnership powers your dreams. VIRGO: Love surprises, then surprises Suspend again. all expectations and it gets even better. LIBRA: Relationship is a learned skill, and you've just graduated teach, not preach, what vou've learned. SCORPIO: Have fun! Receive what (and who) you meet in a spirit of experimental SAGITTARIUS: A partner is lost in his or her own private world. Meet up there to create magic together. CAPRICORN: To truly consider a loved one's needs, loosen the limits and conditions you've placed in firm positions. AQUARIUS: Don't anticipate how someone will respond. Welcome all feedback (or non-feedback) as useful PISCES: information. Socialize purposeful intent.

COUPLE THE OFWEEKEND: Leo and Gemini, you're tight like the soul and the spirit, the head and the heart. This closeness fosters mutual understanding, respect ... and a unique perspective of one another's foibles and fierceness. Yes, you know each other so well, you can't get away with anything — nor would you want to, right?

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Church News

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First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

Both the Saturday breakfast, provided by the men of the church, and the Easter sunrise service, conducted indoors because of the very welcome rain, were wellattended.

Coahoma Presbyterian Church invites everyone to our "Frolic" this Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the church social hall. Anyone with a talent to share is welcome, even if the talent is enthusiasm and appreciation for others. A light supper will be provided.

Lectionary for Sunday includes Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16, I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

Some members of the Coahoma church are planning to attend the Service of Ordination and Installation for Dana Mayfield as pastor of Presbyterian First Church at Colorado City. The service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the church at 5th and Chestnut in Colorado

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

As a part of our Easter Sunday worship service, the Rev. Bill Henning officiated at the baptism of Spencer Faith Patterson, daughter of Todd and Jennifer Patterson. In addition to her parents, Spencer was accompanied by her brothers, Jake and Mason and her paternal grandparents, Rip and Patterson. Claudie Spencer's father was baptized by Henning when he

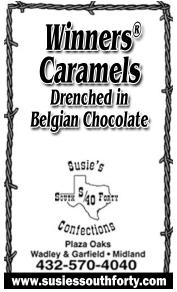
was pastor in Big Spring. Presbyterian Women met March 25 at 2 p.m. in the church library for monthly Bible their

Weekly Bible Study was at 5:17 p.m., Youth Group at 6 p.m. and choir practice at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening as usual.

Members who have been serving as ushers at worship services during March are Louise Hitch, Sue Carter, James F. Little and Meredith Communion Morgan. servers for the month have been Jim Bill Little, Little, Nancy Lane Reynolds and Pat Fleming. The people responsible for our "Take Ten" refreshments during the month are Karen Schaedel, Ethel Guthrie, Nancy Little, Janet Payne and Helen Glass.

Tim Summerlin, president of Schreiner University in Kerrville, will preach at the Sunday worship service. The monthly Noisy Offering will be taken.

Following worship, the service committee will



provide a soup and sandwich lunch for our 5th Fellowship Sunday Dinner, with the focus on world hunger. Please remember three things for March 30: the Noisy Offering, the church fellowship dinner with a unique program by the youth and your faithful commitment to feed the hungry.

The lectionary for the day is Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

Palo Duro Presbytery and First Presbyterian Church in Colorado City have invited everyone to the Service of Ordination and Installation for Dana Mayfield as pastor at Colorado City. Dana is a former teacher at BSHS and member of FPC. Big Spring. The Big Spring church choir will sing the anthem "Rejoice in the Lord Always" during the service.

First United **Methodist Church**

This Sunday we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Clark Williams as our guest preacher in both services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

The Rev. Williams has filled in for us previously and we welcome him back on this last Sunday in March.

A special Weekend

Confirmation Retreat has

been scheduled for April 4-5. Sessions will begin Friday evening and will conclude early Saturday afternoon Confirmation at the Services of Worship on Sunday. Scott Smith, youth pastor at St. Stephens United Methodist Church in Amarillo will be teaching the class. If you have a 5th through 8th grader who has not been able to go through the class, they are invited to participate. Contact Joyce Willis at 267-6394 for further infor-

mation.

lowing the 10:50 service of worship, there will be a summer volunteer fair for children's ministry. Lunch will be provided and an overview of summer activities, including Vacation Bible School, will be discussed. Make plans to attend this meeting which will highlight "Outrigger Island," scheduled for late July.

Special thanks to all who responded to the request for volunteers to do morning devotionals on KBST Radio. Hats off to Hayes Stripling, Lee Emerson, Stacy Barr, JoAnne Forrest, Joyce Choate, Shelly Smith, Murray Diane Murphy and Ann Duncan. You can hear them each weekday morning just after the 8 a.m. news on KBST 1490.

Come join us at First Methodist. Our church buildings are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry streets. We have Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. We'll be looking for you.

Cornerstone **Covenant Church**

Pastor Michael Willard and the Cornerstone Covenant Church family would like to invite you to our "Friends and Family" day worship service. The Rev. Dennis Teeters, senior pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship Church, will be the speaker, Sunday April 27, at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served. Doors for this service will open at 3:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Covenant Church is a ministry that has "One Heart: One Vision: Connecting the Cross to the Community." We are located at 706 East 12 St. ednesdays at 6 p.m. we offer adult Bible studies, as well as college, youth, children and nursery ministries. Dinner is also served.

Sunday's worship service is at 10:30 a.m. A On Sunday, April 6, fol- nursery and children's

The great e-mail myth

nother miracle letter came today. When I sat down to check my e-mail, there it was — the opportunity to prove my love for Jesus by saying a quick prayer for the person who sent the e-mail to me and forwarding the letter to 10 more people in 60 seconds.

In addition to proving my love for Jesus, I was promised that I would receive a miracle within three days if I followed the instructions on the screen. After reading the warm, fuzzy message, I contemplated what might happen if it took a minute and a half to do the forwarding instead of



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As I hit the delete button, my chances of receiving the promised miracle faded from the screen, and I wondered what curse might have been intended for me and others who chose the same

Just to be sure I hadn't really messed up, I checked Galatians 5:22 to

be sure e-mail forwarding wasn't one of the Fruits of the Spirit listed by the apostle Paul. It wasn't. I also checked to see if Jesus included email forwarders with those he said were blessed in the Beatitudes. He didn't.

However, Jesus did say, "If you love Me, you will keep My command-ments." (*John 14:15* NASB) Somehow I always assumed that obedience to God was the test of our love for Him. Did I miss the page in the Bible that promotes e-mail forwarding as the test of our devotion to Christ, or could it be that proving our love by sending e-mail is just

church are provided. For This is a must for those more information, call who plan to work in Michelle, church secre-Vacation Bible School, June 8-12. tary, at 432 264-0015.

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College **Baptist Church**

CBC members have a number of important dates on their calendars. On Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall, they will Harriet join with McGinnis' family in celebrating her 100th birth-

On the following day, after morning worship, members will be invited to a churchwide barbecue luncheon. All money donated from this mission fund-raiser will be used to help pay for Marissa Nieto's mission trip to Japan July 19-31.

The study, Making the Most of Marriage, will begin Sunday, March 30, at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a unique opportunity for a life changing study.

The Associational VBS Clinic will be held April 5 at 503 E. 16th. from noon until 4 p.m.

North Birdwell

United Methodist Church

Angel Food orders for March can be picked up Saturday between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Please bring a large box. Orders for April delivery will also be taken.

The North Birdwell congregation was truly blessed Easter Sunday when Allen and Shelia Welch joined our membership.

Worship services are held each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and Sunday school immediately following worship. Evening service is at 5 p.m.

Bible study is held each first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and the United Methodist Women meet each second and fourth Wednesday in the home of Madeline Boadle

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welcome to join us in any or all services as we strive to do what Jesus said we should do - love each other and our neighbors as ourselves.

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North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 Birdwell. For more information, call 263-2536 or 267-2203. If no answer, leave a message.

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

An all Parish Pot-Luck Supper will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Bring your favorite supper dish and join us for a special time of fellowship.

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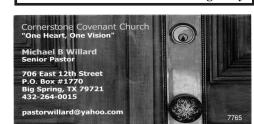
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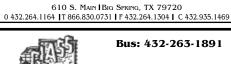
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Anti-Quran film sparks protests ► Club News

By TOBY STERLING **Associated Press Writer**

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Hundreds staged angry protests across Pakistan on Friday in response to a Dutch lawmaker's anti-Quran film, but Dutch Muslims appealed for calm and said it was less inflammatory than they had feared.

The 15-minute film by Geert Wilders, posted on a Web site late Thursday, sets verses of the Quran against a montage of images from terrorist attacks and rhetoric from Muslim clergymen urging "jihad," or holy war. Shortly afterward Dutch television channels rebroadcast segments of it.

The leader of a group representing members of the Netherlands' large Moroccan immigrant community said the film was "less bad" than expected, and another prominent Muslim dismissed it as an attempt by Wilders to gain votes by trying to make people fearful of Islam.

The film recycles clips from terrorist attacks in the U.S., Spain and the Netherlands, and begins and ends with one of the cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad published by the defamatory film, which deeply European newspapers that provoked violent protests in Islamic countries two years ago.

The Danish Union of Journalists said it will sue Wilders for copyright infringement for using the cartoon. It said the cartoonist, Kurt Westergaard, did not give Wilders permission to use the image in his film, which it called "political propaganda."

In Pakistan, dozens staged an angry protest outside a mosque in the port city of Karachi, organized by the largest Muslim party, Jamaat-e-Islami.

In the southwestern city of Quetta, about 100 protesters rallied in the main mosque, then paraded through the streets calling on Pakistan's government to expel the Dutch ambassador.

Banners at another demonstration in Lahore read, "We hate the uncivilized West."

the capital Islamabad, In Pakistan's government summoned the Dutch ambassador to lodge a protest, according to a statement from Pakistan's Foreign Office.

"The government of Pakistan strongly condemned the release of offended the sentiments of Muslims all over the world," the statement

Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country, condemned film. Foreign Ministry spokesman Kristiarto Legowo called it "misleading and full of racism.'

Foreign Iranian Ministry spokesman Mohammad Hosseini slammed the anti-Quran movie and described it as "anti-Islamic and insulting," the staterun IRNA news agency said.

"Such a dirty act ... reveals continued enmity and deep hostility of such Western nationals against Islam and Muslims," he said, according to IRNA.

After the release, Wilders told reporters he made the film because "Islam and the Quran are dangers to the preservation of freedom in the Netherlands in the long term, and I have to warn people of that."

In a televised reaction, Prime Minister Jan Peter said: "We ... regret that Mr. Wilders has released this film. We believe it serves no other purpose than to cause offense."

The Tops Tx No. 21

The Tops Tx No. 21 Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, by Laura Sickles. The prayer was offered by Onlee Menges. The TOPs pledge was led by Carol Smith and the KOPs pledge was led by Laura Sickles. The welcome song was sung by all.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Linda Staples approved by all. Roll Call was then read and it proved Duffy Yancey to be the best loser of the week with a loss of 2.5 pounds.

The business portion of the meeting gave conversation to the Bowling Contest that is ongoing. Denise Staples is ahead in this contest. Then a second contest was presented. a stationery contest and members quickly voted approval to begin

this new contest to run 10 weeks.

Each member will contribute a stationery item and the one with the most weight lost at the end of the 10 weeks will win it

Then the annual review of our bylaws were passed out to each member to take home, study and come prepared to discuss any changes that need to be made. A final vote on the bylaws will be made April 1. A program entitled, "Ways to keep striving towards weight loss." was given by Carol Smith with discussion from the group.

Closing remarks were by Laura Sickels. The group sang the closing song and dismissed. Weigh in is 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Meeting is at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. First Church Christian Fellowship Hall is located at 10th and Goliad.

CHURCH

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Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

If you are looking for a church to attend consider us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's Church is during the morning services for ages four through nine. Midweek services are 7 p.m. Wednesday. On Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the youth will have visitation, games and Coke floats in the fellowship hall. Our Spring Revival and Preachers Fellowship will be held April 6-7. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214. For a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7151.

Chapel of Faith

The Chapel of Faith at 14th and Goliad meets for worship service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Joel Miller presents a message of hope and inspiration each week to encourage all to share our love and knowledge of God. If you are looking for a church home, you are invited to attend the services. As we grow, more opportunities for study and fellowship will be added.

Currently, the building that houses Chapel of Faith is being rented. A fund has been established to purchase the building. Anyone interested in contributing to this fund, please call the Rev. Miller at 267-4082 for more details. We know that all things are possible through prayer. We have seen how God works through the people of our community to make this building an inviting and

comfortable place to worship and because of the prayers, work and dedication that have already gone into the project, we want to make this a permanent home. Keep our endeavors in your prayers.

Attend church this Sunday. If you are unable to 'go' to a church to worship, take time to offer a prayer of thanks to God for your blessing.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

If you have not yet had vour picture made for the Church Directory, you can do so Sunday or April 6 from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Sign up sheets are in the church foyer.

Explore the Biblical requirements for spiritual awakening and revival by attending the fresh encounter Bible study Sunday and Wednesday evenings starting at 7 p.m. This study is being led by pastor Keith Weaver.

This Sunday evening is our 5th Sunday Singing starting at 6 p.m. Come share in the evening of music presented by men and ladies ensembles, trios, duets, solos, children and youth choirs and musicians. You're sure to receive a blessing. This is being assembled by our music interim, Joe Whitten.

Our Sunday services start with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. At 5 p.m. Mission classes meet, followed by evening worship service at 6. Activities on Wednesday are held at 7 p.m. with adult prayer/Bible study, youth and children Bible study/music. Men's Bible study meets at 7 a.m.

Remember, Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. is Church Clean Up Day. We need several workers. If you want to help, check with Bro. Keith as to where you'll be most needed or just show up and you'll be put to work.

East Side Baptist Church

April 5 we will host a concert featuring three great groups, "Friends by Praise," Grace" and "Heavens Harbor." The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. We hope each of you will come and enjoy some great gospel music.

We invite all to come and worship with us each week. Sundays we meet at 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. On Wednesdays we meet at 7 p.m. We praise and worship God

together each service using the great songs of faith and God's Holy Word. We would love to have you join us. A nursery is provided for four years and younger.

First Christian Church

This Sunday, the young people at First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, invite any and all to attend Youth Sunday. Youth Sunday at First Christian is when young people lead the congregation in worship. The young people at First Christian are full of energy and excitement. Join us at 10:50 a.m. this Sunday to experience a worship different than the usual at First Christian.

St. Paul **Lutheran Church**

Worship services are at 9 a.m., Sunday school and adult Bible classes at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday evening worship is from 6:45 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The Lutheran Hour on 1070 AM is at 7:30 a.m. Small group Bible class-

es are as follows: Sunday, 5:30 p.m., Sermon on the Mount at Brumleys, 2712 Ann;

Monday, 6:30 p.m., Law & Gospel the Lutheran Difference at Edgemere;

Wednesday, noon, Old Testament Faith Lessons in the church parish hall; Friday, 6 a.m., Forty Days of Just words at

Greg's Grill in the mall. Operation Ongoing Support March care package items are black or white tube socks, Gold Bond foot powder, Sweet Tarts, Star-Bursts, Life Savers and the AT&T phone card fund.

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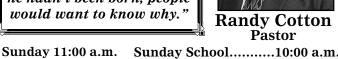
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Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey set to assume command of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the Army's most Iraqsavvy generals is taking charge, at least temporarily, of arguably the most important command in the U.S. military, with responsibility for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In a ceremony Friday at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey is to assume command of U.S. Central Command from Navy Adm. William J. Fallon, who announced unexpectedly on March 11 that he was quitting. Fallon cited press reports that he was at odds with President Bush over Iran policy.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who has denied that Fallon was out of step on Iran, and Navy Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are scheduled to attend the ceremony.

Dempsey, whose field experience in the early stages of his 34-year Army career was largely in Europe, has been deputy commander at Central Command since August 2007. He will serve as the acting commander until Bush chooses a permanent replacement and gets that person confirmed by the Senate.

In response to Seoul's tougher stance, NKorea test-launches short-range missiles

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea underscored its anger over South Korea's tough new stance toward the communist country with the test-firing of short-range missiles.

The launches Thursday night also came as the North issued a stern rebuke to Washington over an impasse at nuclear disarmament talks, warning the Americans' attitude could "seriously" affect the continuing disablement of Pyongyang's atomic facilities.

The missile tests were part of routine training, South Korean presidential spokesman Lee Dong-kwan said, declining to give further details on the type of rockets fired. He told reporters Seoul was "closely monitoring the situation."

It was unclear where the tests took place. The North showed signs earlier this week it was preparing short-range missile tests as part of routine training, South Korea's Yonhap news agency. The country declared a no-sailing zone off the coastal city of Nampo and placed a military boat equipped with anti-ship missiles on standby, according to the news agency.

Different perspective on Clinton's role in Good Friday peace accord in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton cites her role in bringing peace to Northern Ireland as one of the top foreign policy credentials of her presidential bid.

Her critics point to an empty, wind-swept Belfast

park — which Clinton a decade ago proclaimed would become Northern Ireland's first Catholic-Protestant playground — as evidence that her contribution as peacemaker was more symbolic than substantive.

"She was in charge of christening this wee corner (of the park) as some kind of peace playground. It never made any sense then, and there's nothing there today," said Brian Feeney, a Belfast political analyst, author and teacher. "Everything she did was for the optics."

Critics say the playground-that-never-was illustrates the wider lack of accomplishment from Clinton's half-dozen visits to Northern Ireland — that they emphasized speechmaking, chiefly to women's groups, leaving no lasting mark.

Clinton twice addressed audiences of schoolchildren at Belfast's Musgrave Park, in September 1998 and May 1999. She declared that Protestant and Catholic youths must learn to play together but needed a safe place to do it — and helped plant a tree on the spot where a special cross-community playground would be created. Belfast did have other parks.

2 weeks after Tibetan riots, Chinese police close Muslim quarter in Lhasa

LHASA, China (AP) — Police closed off Lhasa's Muslim quarter on Friday, two weeks after Tibetan rioters burned down the city's mosque amid the largest anti-Chinese protests in nearly two decades.

Officers blockaded streets into the area, allowing in only residents and worshippers observing the Muslim day of prayer. A heavy security presence lingered in other parts of Lhasa's old city as clean-up crews waded through the destruction inflicted when days of initially peaceful protests turned deadly on March 14.

It was not clear why the area was cordoned off, although rioters had prominently targeted businesses belonging to Chinese Muslim migrants known as Hui, who control much of Lhasa's commerce.

The protests were the longest and most-sustained challenge to China's rule in the Himalayan region since 1989. The ensuing crackdown by Chinese authorities has focused international attention on China's human rights record in the runup to the Olympic Games.

Australian premier, Bush eager to strike balance on response to Chinese crackdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and President Bush are trying to strike a delicate balance on China, voicing displeasure with Beijing's crackdown on protests in Tibet without alienating a crucial economic and political partner.

Rudd, a China expert who wants stronger economic ties with Beijing, was making his first official visit to the White House on Friday as China faces continuing criticism over its handling of violent unrest by Tibetans protesting Chinese rule. Bush appealed this week directly to Chinese President Hu Jintao over Beijing's actions in Tibet and western China.

Both Rudd and Bush, however, recognize that they need China, a growing military and economic power-house in Asia and a veto-holding member of the U.N. Security Council. Rudd is eager to conclude a free trade agreement with Australia's most important trading power, while Bush is counting on China for help in dealing with North Korean and Iranian nuclear programs.

Rudd, a Chinese-speaking former diplomat in Beijing, is seen in Washington as a "solidly pro-U.S. alliance figure.".

Traveler says TSA forced her to remove nipple piercings at Texas airport

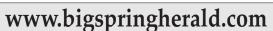
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Texas woman who said she was forced to remove a nipple ring with pliers in order to board an airplane called Thursday for an apology by federal security agents and a civil rights investigation.

"I wouldn't wish this experience upon anyone," Mandi Hamlin said at a news conference. "My experience with TSA was a nightmare I had to endure. No one deserves to be treated this way."

Hamlin, 37, said she was trying to board a flight from Lubbock to Dallas on Feb. 24 when she was scanned by a Transportation Security Administration agent after passing through a larger metal detector without problems.











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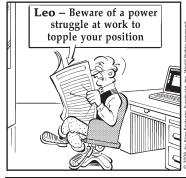
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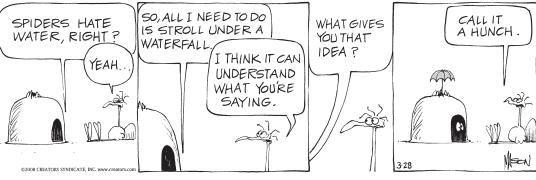
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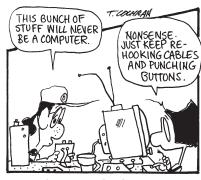


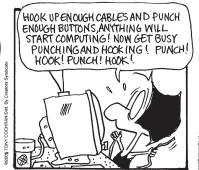
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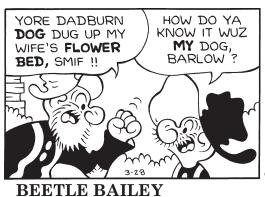


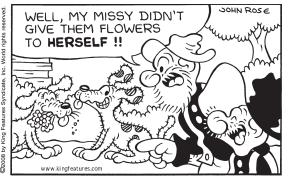


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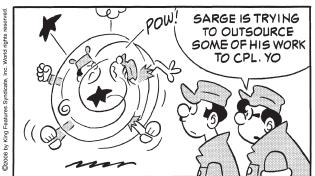


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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 28, the 88th day of 2008. There are 278 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.

On this date:

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.

In 1898, the Supreme Court ruled in United States v. Wong Kim Ark that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara. In 1939, the Spanish Civil

War effectively ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco. In 1942, during World War

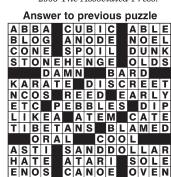
II, British naval forces raided the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire in Operation Chariot. In 1969, Dwight D.

Eisenhower, the 34th president of the United States, died in Washington at age One year ago: Iran aired a

video of 15 captured British sailors and marines; the lone female captive, shown in a white tunic and a black head scarf, said the British boats had "trespassed." (The crew members were released April 4, 2007.) In the Philippines, dozens of children were taken hostage on a bus by a day-care cenowner armed with grenades and guns; the crisis ended peacefully 10 hours later with the hostagetaker's surrender.

Today's Birthdays: Former White House national secuadviser Zbigniew ritv Brzezinski is 80. Country musician Charlie McCoy is 67. Movie director Mike Newell is 66. Actress Conchata Ferrell is 65. Actor Ken Howard is 64. Actress Dianne Wiest is 60. Country singer Olympic gold-medal gymnast Bart Conner is 50. Actress Tracey Needham is 41. Actor Max Perlich is 40. Movie director Brett Ratner is 39. Country singer Rodney Atkins is 39. Actor Vince Vaughn is 38. Rapper Mr. Cheeks (Lost Boyz) is 37. Rock musician Dave Keuning is 32. Actress Julia Stiles is 27.

Thought for Today: "If you do not tell the truth about vourself vou cannot tell it about other people." Virginia Woolf, English author (1882-1941). ® 2008 The Associated Press.



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