

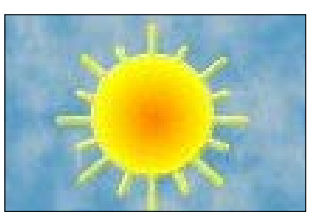
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Three busted

Police officers confiscate cocaine, cash and 3 vehicles

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring pair and a Lubbock woman remain in jail following a Wednesday night drug bust in the 1200 block of Austin that netted nearly two pounds of crack cocaine and a sizable amount of cash.



Duvall

Willis James Duvall, 26, was arrested Wednesday in the 500 block of Sgt. Paredez Street on a charge of delivery of crack cocaine, according to police officials. The arrest eventually led police to Duvall's residence.



Hardeman

"At approximately 8:30 p.m. Wednesday officers with the Big Spring Police Department narcotics unit executed a search warrant at 1202 Austin," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD. "The warrant was the result of an ongoing investigation of crack cocaine sales from the residence.



Love

"Following his (Duvall's) arrest the search warrant was executed at his home. Two female subjects were found in the residence, as



Courtesy photo/Misty Hoelscher

The Forsan High School Band earned Sweepstakes honors at Wednesday's University Interscholastic League Concert Contest at Crane High School. This marks the 10th straight year FHS has carried home a Sweepstakes trophy.

Sweepstakes... again

For the 10th straight time, Forsan High School wows the judges

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The Forsan High School Band wrapped up an amazing 12 months with yet another superlative accomplishment. The band, under the direction of Jim Rhodes, earned top honors Wednesday at the University Interscholastic League Class 1A Concert Competition at Crane High School. Forsan earned Division I ratings (the highest possible) in both concert and

sight-reading to earn Sweepstakes honors from the UIL. This marks the 10th year in a row FHS has won Sweepstakes. "It's fun to say we've had a decade of sweepstakes," Rhodes said. This is very, very rewarding, not just for me, but for the program, as well." Rhodes said credit must be placed squarely where it is due. "The kids did a tremendous job," he said. "They

"The kids did a tremendous job. They wanted to finish the year on a strong note and they did. They really took care of business."

Jim Rhodes, FHS band director



wanted to finish the year on a strong note and they did. They really took care of business." The band has redefined what it means to "take care of business" during the past 12 months. In that time, it has firmly

established itself as the best Class 1A band in Texas, winning both the state UIL marching contest and the Texas Music Educators Association State Honor Band competition. Rhodes admitted it has

been one amazing ride for him and the band. "It's absolutely a dream. It's been an awesome year," he said. "It's one of the years that you dream of having at some stage of your career but almost always don't have ... Words can't describe how happy I am."

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

Pre-registration under way for wellness run

Special to the Herald

Sign up early, go home with a prize. Pre-registration for the May 3

Healthy Bodies-Healthy Minds 5K Run and 1/2- and 1-mile walk in Big Spring will guarantee runners and walkers a race T-shirt in his or her requested

size, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith said.

"Registering before the event has a two-fold purpose," Smith said. "It helps us gauge how many people to prepare for on race day. And, it is the only way we can guarantee a race T-shirt for participants."



Moughon

Smith, who has participated in numerous races, is extremely familiar with the last-minute crush of racers who tend to wait until the last minute. But procrastinating can hinder your mind-set for the morning race, she said.

"I always felt as if I was better prepared to run when all my paperwork was in beforehand and I always received the T-

shirt size that I requested. I have had friends who wear a size extra small who walk away with an extra large T-shirt because they didn't pre-register. We had so many register at the last minute last year, that we are really encouraging people to do it beforehand. It just helps with the overall flow of the morning."

Pre-registration is accepted until Monday. Registration will be accepted on race day beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Alice Haynes Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. The 5K run starts promptly at 8:30 a.m. and the walk follows at 9:30 a.m. Medals will be presented to the top three runners and walkers.

The cost to enter is \$15. The See **RUN**, Page 3A

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TODAY

Big Spring boys and girls track at Region I qualifiers in San Angelo through Friday.

FRIDAY

Big Spring softball at Lubbock Estacado, 4 p.m.

Big Spring baseball at Frenship, 7 p.m.

Coahoma softball at Merkel, 4 p.m.

Coahoma baseball at Merkel, 4:30 p.m.

Forsan baseball vs. Menard, 4:30 p.m.

Forsan softball at Miles, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

Coahoma softball vs. Anson, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY

Big Spring baseball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 4:30 p.m.

Forsan baseball at Miles, 4:30 p.m.

Coahoma baseball vs. Anson, 7 p.m.

Crossroads Friends of NRA Annual Banquet scheduled

The Crossroads Friends of NRA will be holding its annual banquet and auction Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at Golden Pawn Shop on 700 E. 3rd St. or just call Darryl at 267-402, Brad at 393-5615, James at 580-8080 or Elmo at 393-5925.

Table sponsorships are available and the banquet is open to the general public.

Big Spring Teenage League holding sign-ups and tryouts

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding sign-ups and tryouts Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex for interested players ages 13-15.

This is the final chance to sign up. Registration fee is \$90 and a copy of the child's birth certificate is required. Sign ups start at 1 p.m.

Tryouts begin at 3 p.m. and players that registered early do not have to be present until then.

Call Carey Burchett at 213-2706 for additional information.

Dodgeball tourney benefiting Relay for Life scheduled

The Yellow Dogs will be hosting a dodgeball tournament in the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium Saturday with all proceeds benefiting Relay for Life.

Registration is at 10 a.m. on the day of the tourney and costs \$5 a person. Teams should be comprised of four boys and four girls.

First game will be played at 11 a.m. A concession stand will be available.

Country club hosting 2008 Cancer Scramble April 26-27

The Big Spring Country Club along with several local spon-

See **BRIEFS**, Page 2B

BSHS says farewell to Tom A. Reese

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

Over the past decade, KBST's Thomas Ruiz's voice has become synonymous with Big Spring High School and Howard College athletics.

Now, after being in Big Spring for 13 years, Reese — whose on-air personality is Tom A. Reese — will move on, taking with him several fond memories of the Crossroads area and its sports community.

"Being the representative of Big Spring High School and Howard College at the radio station was a big responsibility I took a lot of pride in," Ruiz said. "The dedication that these coaches and athletes give on their field of competition deserves all I've got as a professional."

Ruiz broadcasts his final game Friday in Lubbock when the Big Spring Lady Steers softball team wraps up its regular season against the Estacado Lady Matadors. The game will be broadcasted on KBTS 94.3 The Fuse at 4 p.m.

After that broadcast, Ruiz will



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
KBST's Tom A. Reese (sitting) is recognized in a brief ceremony at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center Thursday morning. Reese is leaving KBST after 13 years to take on a new role in Roswell, N.M. Reese is surrounded by Big Spring coaches (from left) Randal Petty, Nick Roberson, Don Kelson, Mike Ritchey, Phillip Ritchey, Reggie McConnell, Chris Joslin and John Sparks.

make a move to Roswell, N.M., becoming the voice of the New Mexico Military Institute's and Goddard High School's athletic programs. He'll also have his own sports talk show on KBIM 94.9 FM as well as normal DJ

responsibilities.

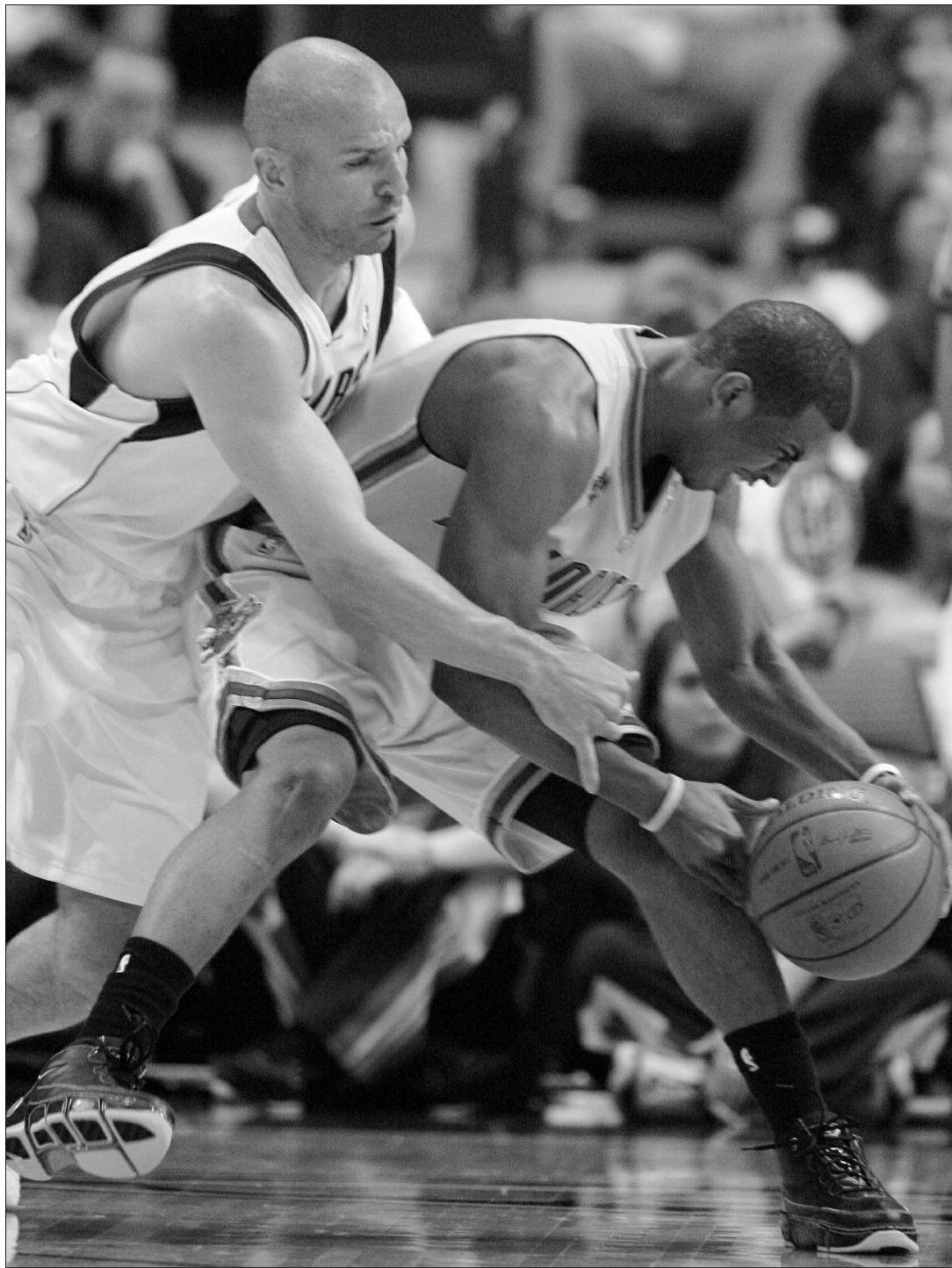
The Big Spring High School athletic department held a short ceremony for Ruiz Thursday morning with several coaches in attendance, showing their gratitude for the 13 years of service

he's given to Steers' and Lady Steers' sports.

"Honestly, we might benefit from Tom leaving," Big Spring Athletic Director Mike Ritchey

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Mavs top Hornets in playoff preview



AP photo/Matt Slocum
Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Kidd, left, tries to steal the ball from New Orleans Hornets guard Chris Paul during the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday in Dallas. Dallas won 111-98, clinching the Western Conference's seventh seed.

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki came right out and said it: The Dallas Mavericks did not want to open the playoffs against the Los Angeles Lakers.

They'd much rather take their chances against the New Orleans Hornets — especially after the way things went Wednesday night.

Jason Kidd and Jason Terry outplayed Hornets star Chris Paul, with Kidd racking up the 100th triple-double of his career and Terry scoring 13 of his 30 points during a 32-8 stretch that took Dallas from down by 11 to leading by 13. The Mavericks wound up winning 111-98 to set up a first-round series between these teams.

"This was definitely a win we wanted to get," Nowitzki said. "The Lakers are probably the hottest team in the West. We definitely didn't want to face them in the first round. ... (New Orleans) had a great year, but I think we match up pretty well."

The Hornets came in locked into the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference. To avoid the Mavericks, New Orleans had to win and have Denver win later Wednesday.

Coach Byron Scott decided to go for it, sticking with his starters after taking a 50-48 lead at half-

time and even after they'd stretched it to 70-59. He could've pulled them at that point, comfortable in knowing his best handled Dallas' best, and hoped his backups could finish it off.

But he didn't. And it backfired.

Kidd and Terry began either scoring or setting up easy shots every time on offense. A few minutes into the fourth quarter, the Mavericks were ahead 91-78.

Although New Orleans got to 100-96, Dallas pulled away again — just like the playoff-experienced Mavericks hope to do to the young, playoff-novice Hornets over the next two weeks.

"They played harder and we got a little rattled," Scott said. "They played with a little more purpose. We were a little lackadaisical. In the playoffs, you can't do that."

Paul agreed, even if he can't speak from experience. The closest he's gotten to the postseason is attending the last two NBA finals as a spectator.

"The playoffs are a whole different game," he said. "Tonight they came out with a lot to prove, whether they played us or the Lakers. We definitely wanted to win but we also knew we also had the second seed."

The teams tied 2-2 in the season series; it was 1-1 after Kidd joined the Mavericks.

See **MAVS**, Page 2B

Spurs pound Jazz for home court advantage

By **ELIZABETH WHITE**

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs made it clear they're ready to embark on their quest for back-to-back NBA titles.

The Spurs dominated the Utah Jazz 109-80 on Wednesday night to lock up the No. 3 seed in the Western Conference — the same as they had last season — and set up a first-round series against the rival Phoenix Suns, who have the sixth seed.

"We knew that we wanted to go into the playoffs on a positive note. It didn't matter who we were playing," guard Michael Finley said. "I knew we were going to come out with the aggression that we needed and that's what happened."

The No. 4 seed Jazz will take on

the fifth-seeded Houston Rockets in a repeat of last year's first round, which Utah won in seven games.

The Spurs' win, coupled with Houston's victory earlier Wednesday evening, firmed up seeds 3-6 in the West, which were still up in the air on the last day of the regular season.

Despite the lower seed, Houston will have home-court advantage against the Jazz, who secured that spot because they won the Northwest Division.

While the Jazz were guaranteed either the third or fourth seed no matter what happened Wednesday, the Spurs had the potential to drop as low as sixth.

Tony Parker had 24 points and 12 assists for San Antonio in the easy win. Tim Duncan added 14 points and 11 rebounds, and four

other Spurs scored in double digits.

C.J. Miles led the Jazz with 12 points. Mehmet Okur scored 11 and Carlos Boozer had 10 rebounds.

"We're just going to move forward, not dwell on it too much," Boozer said. "We've had a hell of a season, and we'll get ready for Houston."

The San Antonio-Phoenix matchup could be the best of the first round. The two met in the second round last season and the Spurs eliminated the Suns in six games on their way to their fourth title in nine seasons. But with the Eastern Conference weaker last year, many considered the Spurs-Suns series as on par with a finals matchup.

It certainly lived up to expectations by featuring plenty of

bumps and bruises, suspensions, controversial fouls and harsh words between the teams.

But the usually fast-moving, high-scoring Suns are a different team this postseason. They acquired Shaquille O'Neal in a blockbuster trade and have been melding him into their system to give the team a defensive boost.

"Shaq slows them down a little bit," Manu Ginobili said. "So they gain a lot in one part, but they lose a little bit in another part. Still, Shaq is Shaq and you have to respect that."

Phoenix won the season series against the Spurs 3-1, including a 96-79 rout April 9 in San Antonio.

The Rockets are playing without Yao Ming, but had one of the season's headlines as they went

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Obituaries

Mary E. Rodgers

Mary E. Rodgers, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday. Serving will be from noon to 3 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$8 each. Carryouts will be available. Delivery can be arranged by calling 263-2084 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Home Hospice is preparing for its first Butterfly Release and Family Celebration, set from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Raised by students at Bauer Elementary, individuals or families may purchase a butterfly for release for \$25. The donations will go toward building the Grace House in Midland, an eight-bed home for hospice patients who can no longer be cared for in their own home.

- 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.

- Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

- 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.

- 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.

- Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Sopring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

- 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.

- 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.O. 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.

- 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.

Police blotter

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

- BRANDY L. FULBRIGHT**, 19, of 900 Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on four local capias warrants.
- JIMMY R. GIDDINGS**, 20, of 1410 Overton, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- ANDRE THOMPSON**, 29, of 1904 Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- WILLIS J. DUVAL**, 26, of 2630 Bates, was arrested Wednesday on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- PRISCILLA G. LOVE**, 25, of 1202 Austin, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- SAMANTHA HARDEMAN**, 22, of 1607 Iola, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- ARNOLDO SALINAS V**, 28, of the Advantage Inn, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of Settles.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 800 block of Fifth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 44 inmates at the time of this report.
- KASEY CHARLES HUCKABEE**, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- PAMELA KAY HADORN**, 46, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.
- ANNA MAE DAVES WHITE**, 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of driving the wrong way on a one-way street and violation of a promise to appear.
- JERRY THOMAS STANHOPE**, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for duty on striking fixture/highway landscape.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 17th Street and Scurry. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL** was reported in the 3000 block of Oasis. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of W. Seventh Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL** was reported in the 5000 block of Dawson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GAS LEAK** was reported in the 1100 block of Melan.

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



Yvette Rodriguez came to Big Spring State Hospital because she wanted to be around people who needed her. Every day, she takes care of "her ladies" on the female unit. Her ownership of the "the ladies" helps the women under her charge and gives Yvette immeasurable pleasure. Yvette's place at BSSH has grown, as has the number of women she's assisted. "There's always a chance to step up, and that's important." Big Spring State Hospital is looking for more members to join our team. Check out our job opportunities at www.dshs.state.tx.us

Bulletin Board

TODAY

- Moss Elementary kindergartners and first-graders will present a program of cowboy and camp-ground songs at 6 p.m. at the school pavilion. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 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.

SATURDAY

- St. Thomas youth will hold a bake sale and pizza sale, with proceeds going to Special Olympics, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wal-Mart Supercenter parking lot. Calle Danielle Ramirez at (432) 213-7370 for more information.

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- 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.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Windy...Colder. Lows in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph decreasing to 15 to 20 mph after midnight.

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds around 15 mph.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Sunny...Warmer. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s. Sunday..Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s. Monday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Tuesday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

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

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-9-14-18-27-28 Number matching six of six: None.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-10-20-25-34. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$25,481. Winning tickets sold in: Houston.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-1-1-9. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-7. Sum It Up: 8.

Support Groups

widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

- 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 Ministries, 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.

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Rangers win in 14th inning on wild pitch

The Associated Press

TORONTO — A.J. Burnett's wild pitch led to a wild win for the Texas Rangers.

Frank Catalanotto scored the go-ahead run on Burnett's wild pitch in the 14th inning and the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-5 Wednesday night, snapping a five-game losing streak.

"We certainly showed some fight and a lot of character tonight," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We got the monkey off our backs."

With the bullpen depleted, Burnett (1-1) relieved in the 14th, his first relief appearance since Oct. 13, 2004, with Florida at Philadelphia. Burnett, who started in Texas on Sunday, became Toronto's ninth pitcher of the game, tying a team record.

Gerald Laird greeted Burnett with a single and went to third on Catalanotto's one-out double just inside the first-base line.

With the infield in, Laird tried to score on Michael Young's grounder and was thrown out at the plate. Catalanotto moved to third on

the play and scored one pitch later when Burnett threw a pitch through catcher Gregg Zaun's legs.

Catalanotto said third base coach Matt Walbeck warned him to look out for a ball in the dirt.

"Two seconds before it happened he said, 'Cat, be ready for a wild pitch,'" Catalanotto said. "I got an extra five feet and I was ready for it. Once it got by I knew I had a chance to score."

"(Burnett) throws a pretty nasty curveball so you've got to be ready at all times when he's on the mound," he added.

Zaun shouldered the blame for letting Burnett's pitch reach the backstop.

"It's frustrating," Zaun said. "It's one thing when the other team takes it to you and beats you. But when something as simple as a ball getting between my legs is possibly the difference in the ballgame, that's hard to swallow."

Josh Hamilton followed with an RBI double. Hamilton finished 4-for-7 and drove in two runs — for the first time in seven games, he did not score.

Burnett said he'll be ready

again in time for his scheduled start Friday against Detroit.

"I'm ready to go, no problem," he said.

Catalanotto also homered and Jason Botts hit a solo homer and two-run double for the Rangers. Milton Bradley drew five walks, two of them intentional, and extended his hitting streak to 11 games while going 2-for-3.

Dustin Nippert (1-1) worked one inning for the win and C.J. Wilson closed it out for his fourth save.

Few fans from the announced crowd of 15,686 remained when the final pitch was thrown at midnight, four hours and 53 minutes after the game began.

Laird, who caught all 14 innings, was icing down his legs in the clubhouse but still smiling.

"I was feeling good through nine and then, all of a sudden, I started getting a little tired in the 12th," Laird said. "It was fun, I enjoyed every minute of it out there."

Toronto rookie Jesse Carlson struck out three straight to escape a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the 11th.

The Blue Jays put runners at first and third with one out in the 10th, but Joe Inglett fouled off a suicide squeeze attempt before grounding into an inning-ending double play.

Trailing 5-2, Toronto tied it with three runs in the eighth against reliever Joaquin Benoit.

Frank Thomas walked, pinch-hitter Matt Stairs singled and Lyle Overbay walked before Benoit issued a bases-loaded walk to Marco Scutaro.

Wes Littleton came on to face pinch-hitter Inglett, who grounded to first baseman Ben Broussard, who had replaced Botts for defensive purposes in the seventh. Broussard tried to get a force at second, but threw wildly into left field, allowing two runs to score and tying it at 5.

Texas has made eight errors in its past six games and leads the AL with 17.

Rangers third baseman Hank Blalock left in the 10th with a sore lower back and was replaced by Adam Melhuse. Washington said Blalock tweaked his back making a throw to first in the eighth.

"He just hit wrong and felt a little tightness in his back," Washington said. "Rather than send him back out there on that turf, we just decided to shut him down. We'll re-evaluate him tomorrow."

Texas second baseman Ian Kinsler was held out of the starting lineup for the first time this season, but pinch-hit for Ramon Vazquez in the sixth.

Rangers left-hander Kason Gabbard gave up two runs and seven hits in six innings. Toronto righty Jesse Litsch gave up four runs and nine hits in five-plus innings. He walked none and struck out five.

Notes: Rangers RHP Kevin Millwood, hit on the left shin by Torii Hunter's line drive Tuesday, is expected to be fine in time for his next scheduled start Sunday at Boston. ... OF Shannon Stewart (sore groin) got the day off for Toronto, but could be ready to play Thursday, manager John Gibbons said. ... A hard liner by Thomas ripped the glove off Littleton's hand in the ninth, but the reliever recovered to get the out, sending the game into extra innings.

SPURS

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on a 22-game winning streak.

But now the Rockets will also be without Rafer Alston, who strained his right hamstring against Denver on Sunday. Alston said he would likely miss Houston's first two play-off games.

Utah won the season series against Houston 2-1.

The Spurs put away the game early with their first-half play on Wednesday. They shot 72 percent from the field in the opening two quarters

and scored one more point than they did in the entire game against Utah less than two weeks ago, when the Jazz routed them 90-64 in Salt Lake City.

"I thought it was a very important game, and we came out and didn't have anything," said Utah coach Jerry Sloan. "I think that most of the credit goes to them because of the way they came out and got after it. That's what they've always done, and we haven't responded to it the right way."

San Antonio outscored the Jazz 35-18 in the second quarter and went up by 28 points on Ginobili's

reverse layup with 41 seconds left in the period. They were up 65-39 at the break.

In a sign of how important the game was, Ginobili played after sitting out three games with a strained left groin. The super-sub leads the team in scoring. Ginobili finished with 12 points.

"I feel very good," Ginobili said. "I felt good a couple of days ago, but (Spurs coach Gregg Popovich) didn't want to risk (it), and I understand."

Utah guard Deron Williams, who shot 2-of-6 from the field in the first half, didn't play in the second half. He bruised

his tailbone Saturday against Denver.

"I'm a little sore," Williams said. "We're down 25 to San Antonio on the road. I'm not giving up on the team, but that's tough to come back from. It's more important for me to get better now and get ready for Houston."

As the Spurs built their lead to as many as 29 in the third, Popovich started taking out his starters. First Finley, then Duncan, then Parker. Sloan did the same.

The Spurs were up 85-60 with one quarter to play.

Both Popovich and Sloan rested their stars during the fourth quarter.

MAVS

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New Orleans beat Dallas in Kidd's first game, but this one showed how much better the Mavs have gotten since getting accustomed to him running the show. They go into the playoffs on a 6-3 roll that includes victories over Golden State, Phoenix, Utah and, now, the team they'll open against.

"I've always thought of the last regular-season game as a good stepping-stone going into the playoffs," Kidd said. "We want to keep our momentum going."

Kidd had 27 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds

for his first triple-double since rejoining the Mavericks, the team he was with when he broke into the NBA and began piling up the stats. He already was No. 3 on the career list, behind Oscar Robertson and Magic Johnson, but now he has joined them in triple-figure, triple-doubles.

Terry said the guys were hoping Kidd would get it during the previous two games, which turned out to be a pair of losses to lottery-bound teams. Kidd said he never thought he'd get it in this game because he was more concerned with staying in front of Paul.

The points came easily as Kidd shot 9-of-14, including 5-of-8 on 3-pointers. Then a team-

mate told him he needed only two rebounds and an assist. He went for it at that point, grabbing his 10th rebound with 1:37 left, drawing a nice ovation from stat-conscious fans.

"The good thing is that Dirk is at one, so I'm ahead of him. But he told me he's on his way," Kidd said, laughing. "Oscar and Magic are great company. They changed the game, so I'm happy to be in their company."

Nowitzki shot just 4-of-16 and had 12 points, a stat the Mavericks think actually bodes well. After all, they won on a night when he struggled, with New Orleans' defense aimed at shutting him down.

Howard scored 19 and

Bass had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Jerry Stackhouse returned after missing nine games with a groin injury and had four points in 16 minutes.

West scored 26 points and Paul had 20 points and 10 assists. Peja Stojakovic scored 17 points and Bonzi Wells had 16 for New Orleans, which ends the season having lost three of four and four of five.

Notes: It was Kidd's career-high 13th triple-double of the season. ... Robertson had 181 career triple-doubles. Johnson had 138. ... Kidd had 13 triple-doubles his first time around in Dallas. ... The Mavs went 16-13 after Kidd arrived. They were 35-18 before.

RUIZ

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joked. "We'll probably have more fans at our games now. It's kind of like the Super Bowl. Why attend the game when you have the best seat in the house in front of your own television? That's how it is with Tom here. Why go to a Steers' game when you can just listen to Tom watch the game on the radio? The best seat in the house was right there in front of the radio. KBST has some big shoes to fill."

Ruiz joined KBST in 1995 and took over as the head of the sports department in 2000. Although he's originally from Midland, he has considered Big Spring his home town for several years and calls himself an honorary Steer.

"Oscar Leroy from the Midland Reporter-Telegram always tells me that I'm the biggest homer he's ever known,"

Ruiz said with a laugh. "I tell him that I'm proud of that. I'm proud of my Steers whether we're losing or winning."

"I'm from Midland and that's a great community, but the Big Spring community is so tight knit," he continued. "You come here and people greet you

with a smile and always embrace you. I'm going to miss that. I just want to thank the Rhattigans for giving me the opportunity to cover the sports here. I want to thank all the coaches and athletes for working with me as well as the other DJs at KBST. Sometimes you just feel

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Opening lead — ten of hearts.

It is said that luck is often the residue of design, and today's deal illustrates the theme. The deal occurred in a team-of-four match, and at both tables South arrived at six diamonds with West leading the heart ten.

The play went very quickly at the first table. Declarer won the ten with the ace and led a low trump to his ace, East contributing the four and West the nine. South then continued with a diamond to the J-Q-K, and eventually ruffed the eight of clubs in dummy to make the slam and score 1,370 points.

At the second table, though, there was a minor variation in the play that resulted in the defeat of the contract. Here also South won the heart with dummy's ace and led a low trump to the ace. But at this table, West played the jack on the ace!

Declarer was now afraid to continue with a trump, because if West's jack was really a singleton, East could take dummy's queen and return the nine, forcing South to rely on a 3-3 club division.

Declarer therefore tried to protect himself against this threat by playing the A-K-Q of clubs next. This would prove harmless if the clubs were actually divided 3-3, but would enable him to make the contract if East had started with four clubs.

Unfortunately, West unexpectedly ruffed the third club with the nine, and South had to pay off to West's brilliant falsecard at trick two.

As a matter of fact, West's play had much to recommend it. He realized that dropping the jack under the ace could not conceivably cost him a trick, and that it might have the incidental effect of causing declarer to alter his normal line of play. He certainly scored a major bull's-eye in the actual case.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

stimulating intelligence surrounding earthly resources. Economic viability has become a consciousness-shaping force with Jupiter and Pluto's current transits through Capricorn. Balance your checkbook and cultivate your prosperity consciousness? Absolutely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). World peace starts at home. You're more tolerant than ever. And as far as love goes, you have lots to give. When you give it, you deepen your connection to those you love and also those you hardly know.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As much as you've lately tried to ignore it,

Tomorrow's Horoscope

the fact remains: you have emotional and physical needs that are not being met. Declare exactly what those needs are and you'll start to get a handle on the issue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As the sign of communication, you know that mouths moving doesn't necessarily equal an understanding. Be a listener. Listeners make good. Great listeners wind up with everything they want.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's cleaning up to do, borrowed things to be returned and apologies to be made and/or accepted. Start by making a list. Once you organize your priorities, your schedule goes like clockwork.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're feeling scrappy because you know you can bring the goods. In this daring mood, you'll risk more than you usually would dare to. If it doesn't go your way, you have cat-like abilities to land on your feet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The eruption of ideas that comes to you may not be socially or politically correct, but

that won't stop you. Heated exchanges might actually be positive. What simmers under the surface needs release.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's not an insect spray out there that could stave away your travel bug. Lately it keeps biting to remind you that there's a big, wide world out there for you to see and you'd better get moving!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An attraction could culminate nicely in a business arrangement. In this case, commerce allows you to learn more about someone than you would by embarking on a purely personal friendship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the social setting you're faced with now, it seems you're being forced to act like you're having fun. Don't be surprised when the act turns into actual fun, and lots of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Do you have a stash of mad cash? A secret holding place for the money that's just for you to spend on whatever you want, no guilt? If you have one, you add to it today. If you don't have

one, this is a lucky time to start.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not asking for enough help. Maybe you're worried about making requests to people who will wrack up the points and feel you owe them later. If so, call on your angels. They are waiting, no strings attached.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mind is easily pulled from what's going on and sprung into future plans and speculation. Nothing brings you back faster than getting lost. Navigating unknown territory helps you get back into the now.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am in my mid-50s and have known since childhood that I am gay, but have always lived as a straight man. I met my wife in graduate school. I liked her as a friend and, after many years, gave in and married her. I was lonely and couldn't see myself living openly as my real self. We have two children.



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Four months ago, I met a younger guy who is very much in the closet except with me. Our friendship electrifies me. There is nothing sexual between us and I don't intend to initiate anything, but if he wanted more, I don't know what I'd do. I couldn't stand to lose him. I have been faithful to my wife, even though our sex life has been marginal at best. She accepts my friend and has even had him over for dinner, but my children do not. It's as if they know.

I want so much to tell my wife. I know it would clear up many questions I'm sure she has. But I fear what she might do to me — a nasty divorce and a financial wipeout. Do I have anything to gain by telling her, or should I just refuse to state what might already be obvious? — Still In the Closet

Dear Closet: Here's

what you have to gain: a loving relationship and satisfying sex life with someone who appreciates the real you, and the self-respect that comes from being honest and doing the right thing. Your wife also deserves to know the truth and, if she wants it, a relationship with someone who is sexually attracted to her.

She and your children can learn to forgive you for the deception if you handle this decently and lovingly. If you decide to come clean, you can get support through PFLAG (pflag.org), 1726 M St. N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Dear Annie: I recently received an invitation to a bridal shower for my cousin's fiancée. The invitation states, "Please wrap all gifts in clear wrap."

Is this something new? I

have asked everyone I know, and no one has heard of this practice. I find it insulting. I am supposed to take the time to go shopping, pick something from her registry (ALL her choices are expensive), travel three hours each way for the event and — what? She can't be bothered to take the time to open it?

I thought opening the gifts at the shower was half the fun. I don't see the point of clear wrap. Do you? — Insulted in Pennsylvania

Dear Insulted: We actually have heard of this and completely agree with you. Guests are supposed to ooh and aah over the gifts, create silly hats out of the ribbons and generally make a fuss. Clear wrap makes everything rather clinical. It allows the bride to see the presents without opening them and, if necessary, return them without disturbing the packaging. For the sake of family peace, try to assume it was the shower hostesses, and not the bride, who made this gauche suggestion.

Dear Annie: As the mother of a young gay man, I want to respond to that poor teenage boy in California whose father won't let him hang out with "Alex" because he might be gay. Your advice was right on. Being gay is not contagious.

My son is now 27, a graduate of a prestigious university, responsible, respectable and gainfully employed. My only response to his "outing" was concern over his safety, due to the mentality of people like that teenage boy's father.

I couldn't help but wonder, though, about the school thinking they needed to call home and report that "Alex" was caught kissing another guy at school. Unless the school also does this when boys are caught kissing girls, they are wide open for a discrimination lawsuit. — "Lavender's" Mom and Proud of Him

Dear Mom: We don't know the policy of this particular school, but we certainly hope it is the same for all students regardless of gender.

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Frank Acosta, BSISD special education director Valerie Dykstra, Rebecca Cervantes, and Anna Sotello surround Frank's son — also named Frank — as he was named the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Youth of the Month for January in a March presentation.

Rotary youth wants to help others

Big Spring High School senior Frank Acosta was named the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Youth of the Month for January during ceremonies held in March.

Acosta, who carries a 3.97 grade point average, will graduate from high school in May and plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall. He will work toward a bachelor's degree in psychology.

"My ultimate goal is to work toward a doctorate degree in clinical psychology," Acosta wrote in a resume. "As a psychologist, I will help those who seek my assistance and are willing to accept my expertise regardless of my physical disability."

Acosta has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years and has been on the Academic Honor Roll since 2004. He is in the

Spanish Club and Art Club and participates in University Interscholastic League academic competition.

He is proficient in Spanish and literate in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint and the Internet. He has taken concurrent classes through Howard College for the past two years.

He is the son of Frank Acosta of Big Spring.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Police and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 17th and Scurry streets Wednesday afternoon. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

BUST

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was a quantity of cocaine and approximately \$5,000 in cash. The two females were also arrested and charges filed."

Priscilla Grace Love, 25, of 1202 Austin, and Samantha Hardeman, 22,

of Lubbock, were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

"Officers seized approximately 1-1/2 pounds of crack cocaine during the bust," Everett said today. "The cash was also seized, as were two cars and a motorcycle. All three suspects were in the city

jail awaiting arraignment this morning."

Duvall's address of record, according to arrest reports, is 2630 Bates.

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World Briefs

After meeting with president, pope turns attention to public address in Washington stadium

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI spent the first full day of his U.S. journey sharing a platform with President Bush and laying out his analysis of the American church to the nation's bishops, including strong words about the pain caused by the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

On Thursday morning, the soft-spoken theologian not especially known for iconic gestures or stage presence will meet the people.

Benedict will preside over an open-air Mass at the new Washington Nationals stadium, a gold curtain and crucifix providing the backdrop for the largest stage yet on his six-day U.S. visit.

A crowd of 46,000 is expected, and the demand for tickets doubled the supply, organizers said. It is a setting his charismatic predecessor, John Paul II, would have adored. Benedict's substance is similar; it's his style and personality that sets him apart, observers say.

"He's not the great actor and performer that John

Paul II was," said the Rev. James Martin, editor of America, a Jesuit magazine. "But he's a brilliant theologian and a sterling preacher."

Prosecutors nationwide scramble to determine execution policies following Supreme Court ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — Many states wasted little time trying to get executions back on track following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding the use of a three-drug lethal cocktail.

Almost immediately, Virginia lifted its death penalty moratorium. Mississippi and Oklahoma said they would seek execution dates for convicted murderers, and other states were ready to follow.

The ruling Wednesday "should put an end to the de facto moratorium on the death penalty caused by legal challenges to this method of execution," said Kent Scheidegger of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, a nonprofit group that supports the death penalty.

The chief prosecutor in Houston, Kenneth Magidson, whose surrounding Harris County sends more inmates

to death row than any other, said he would seek execution dates for the six inmates awaiting execution "in due course."

The nation's high court voted 7-2 Wednesday to reject inmates' challenges to the procedure in Kentucky that use three drugs to sedate, paralyze and kill inmates. Similar methods are used by roughly three dozen states.

RUN

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challenging course attracted more than 175 runners and walkers last year, who stayed for the following awards ceremony.

"It was just a great deal of fun," Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said. "We had great participation by the community, our staff and the population we serve at the hospital and at the center."

"Many of the runners complimented us on the course and how well the

entire race was run last year," he said. "Everything was just top-notch."

The run kicks off Mental Health Awareness Month and calls attention to the emphasis West Texas Centers puts on

improving the body physically to assist with improved mental health, Smith said. "Research has proven that physical activity improves every facet of your life."

The pre-registration form can be found at

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

You need to confess Jesus as Lord. Indeed, "...with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:10) In the words of Jesus, "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32).

However, you need to be careful that you do not separate your talk from your walk. Confessing Jesus as Lord is not enough. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21) Confessing Jesus as Lord must be accompanied by obedience. As recorded in Luke 6:46, "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

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OUR VIEWS

Friends of NRA banquet, auction for a good cause

While we have in the past often disagreed with the National Rifle Association on political issues, we've found that an NRA-related event scheduled for Saturday — the Crossroads Friends of NRA Annual Banquet and Auction — that we can whole heartedly endorse.

The banquet and auction, scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center, is designed to raise funds for the NRA Foundation, according to Randy McKinney, one of the events organizers. Tickets are \$25 per person.

The NRA Foundation spends 100 percent of its funds on shooting sports and shooting education programs, with more than 65 percent of that money going to youth shooting sports programs.

What's more, half of the money raised during this weekend's banquet will stay here in West Texas to be delivered as grants to youth shooting programs, law enforcement agencies and a number of other worthy causes, McKinney added.

"This event is all about fun, family and food," McKinney explained. "It's a chance for shooting enthusiasts to come together in a family setting to enjoy a great meal, play games, win prizes and enjoy both silent and live auctions."

Several Red Rider BB guns will be given to youngsters in attendance and custom NRA merchandise — from firearms to artwork — will be given away in drawings and be featured in the auctions.

"This is not a political event and we want people to understand that," McKinney said. "You do not have to be an NRA member to attend and no one will be asked to join the NRA or to contribute money to the NRA. This is all about having a good time to support a good cause."

We couldn't put it any better.

Simply put, we support youth shooting programs, firearms education programs and responsible hunting and we encourage local shooting enthusiasts to attend Saturday's banquet and make it a family affair.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When a gesture warms up a distressed friend, Lord, we show Your love.

Amen

Letting business get away with stuff

Remy Welling, an IRS tax auditor, had a problem. In December 2002, her boss asked her to sign off on an audit that hadn't yet begun, essentially giving a company an advance free pass. She refused and began investigating. Pretty soon, she discovered what the company was up to: changing the issue date of options granted to top executives to maximize their value at the expense of unwitting stockholders. The practice was widespread, lucrative and totally illegal. In one instance, it delivered a \$70 million bonus to Apple founder Steve Jobs.



POLLY CLEVELAND

Unable to interest her superiors in the issue, Welling went to the FBI and the Senate Finance Committee, in vain. Finally, she turned to New York Times reporter David Cay Johnston. When the Times broke the scandal, her boss first threatened to prosecute her, then fired her and then banned her from working as a tax advisor.

Liberals like to blame growing U.S. inequality on greed and globalization. The explanation doesn't make much sense, because other modern trading economies, like

our neighbor Canada, haven't experienced our upsurge in wealth at the top coupled with stagnation at the bottom.

Although Johnston sometimes slips into the conventional rhetoric, he tells a very different story — often approvingly quoting Adam Smith: Ronald Reagan called for liberating business from government interference, in order to let the free market work its wonders. But in practice, Reaganite policy has jiggered the system to redirect money, resources and power upward. It is not the free market that creates inequality; it is the thousand little ratchets — taxes, subsidies, regulatory loopholes, failed enforcement, giveaways and outright graft — that direct a free lunch to the top 0.1 percent.

Johnston's new book, *Free Lunch*, catalogs ratchets, old and new, big and small, familiar and unfamiliar: Local and state governments give away land and tax privileges to national chains — at the expense not only of taxpayers, but of local businesses.

Unregulated hedge funds, playing with investments from our pension funds, threaten our financial security. CSX Railroad, under former Bush Treasury Secretary John Snow, deliberately cut back safety inspections and repairs, at the cost of hundreds of deaths and injuries a year in railway acci-

dents. Burglar-alarm companies connect clients to local police stations, forcing police at taxpayer expense to spend hours of police time checking false alarms. Enron rigged the energy markets while regulators looked away. State regulators allowed insiders to privatize non-profit health insurance organizations like Blue Cross of California, buying them from the public at a small fraction of their value, and then raising premiums and cutting service.

Johnston has missed a few ratchets. One is the privatization of the military, which has fattened defense contractors in the Iraq fiasco. Another is the giveaway of natural resources, notably electromagnetic spectrum. Yet another is the war on drugs, enriching the private prison industry at the expense of taxpayers and of the many unfortunate poor non-violent offenders. (The U.S. now locks up 1 in 100 adults, by far the highest rate among developed countries.)

Free Lunch makes a rousing sequel to Johnston's prior book, *Perfectly Legal*, an expose of tax loopholes. And there's plenty of material for the next installment.

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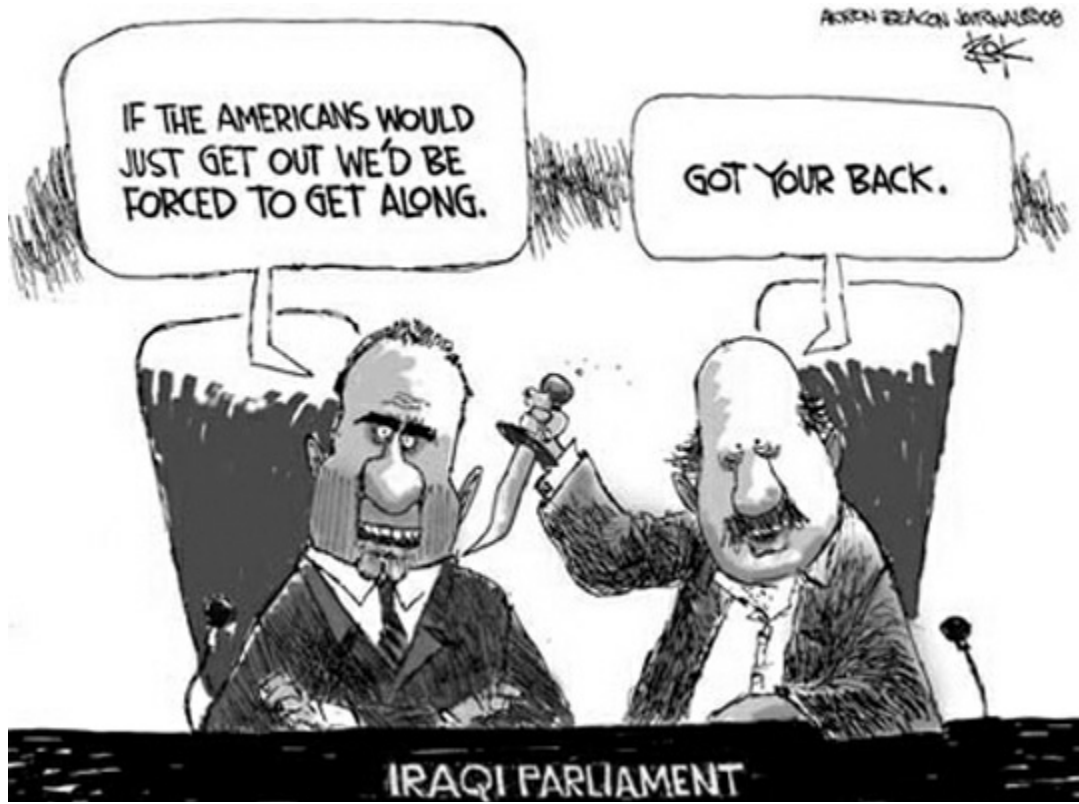
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Obama's projections of bitterness

One of the silver linings of the mostly dismal presidential campaign has been that Democrats have finally come to see — perhaps admit is a better word — that the Clintons are pathological and ruthless power addicts. But that late-coming epiphany looks increasingly irrelevant, as the ascendancy of Barack Obama delivers a whole new set of deeply troubling concerns.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

Democrats — all but committed to this fresh, charismatic figure — are forced to deny or downplay the almost daily revelations about Obama that would have derailed less promising candidates already. But they have to be concerned.

Given Obama's uncompromising liberalism, it was only a matter of time before his pretense toward unity and bipartisanship would be exposed for the mirage that it is. The contentiousness of the Democratic contest has just accelerated the process.

As these damaging items slowly dripped out about Obama, he was able to brush them aside dismissively. You'll recall his refusal to wear a flag pin, his categorical statement that "it would be a profound mistake for us to use nuclear weapons under any circumstances," his assessment that the lives of our fallen soldiers in Iraq have been "wasted," his mindless promise to withdraw troops from Iraq according to an irresponsibly arbitrary timetable and his naive remark that he would attach no preconditions to negotiating with the tyrants of Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Cuba and North Korea.

The cumulative force of Obama's common-themed actions and statements would have compelled even a statistician to doubt they could be attributed to coincidence.

Wasn't an objective pattern emerging to suggest that Obama would hardly be the fiercest guardian of America's national security interests?

Nor have reports of his voluntary alliances and allegiances done anything to remove those doubts. Everyone paying attention knows by now that a number of people intimately associated with Obama have made derogatory statements about this nation he seeks to lead.

His wife, Michelle, stunned people with her admission that Barack's rise to power and the people's hunger for change made her "really proud" of her country "for the first time in (her) adult lifetime." This was his soul mate speaking.

Even more people are aware of the incendiary, vulgar, anti-American and racist tirades of Obama's longtime pastor, Jeremiah Wright. Obama's lip-service condemnation of Wright's statements, which Obama unconsciously pretended not to have heard, still might have defied all natural laws of credulity and fooled the majority of the people were it not for further shoes that were destined to drop.

Then there's Obama's mysterious association with former Weather Underground terrorist William Ayers — whose group bombed the Capitol, the Pentagon and the State Department in the 1970s — which would have been enough to end any other presidential candidacy. So far, the mainstream media have shown no curiosity about the nature and extent of Obama's relationship with Ayers, despite Ayers' lack of repentance and defiant statements, "I don't regret setting bombs" and "I feel we didn't do enough."

If all this weren't enough to make us wonder whether Obama has issues with America, he made sure we know when telling us that small-town Americans, because of their bitterness about economic hardship, cling to religion, guns and hostility toward immigrants.

With such distorted perceptions about his fellow citizens, it's no wonder Obama appears bitter and angry at this nation. Given his experience with hostility emanating from his own pastor's pulpit, it's not surprising that he sees Middle America through that jaundiced prism and jumps to the perverse conclusion that small-town Americans turn to God out of bitterness. Obama has some nerve presuming to lecture the rest of us about prejudice and being out of touch with what people think.

Obama couldn't be more wrong about what motivates people to seek a relationship with God. Though this may not compute for the liberation-theology mindset, it seems to me people turn to God in humble repentance, seeking forgiveness for their own sins and shortcomings rather than validation for their bitterness and permission to continue sinning. They go in pursuit of that "hope" Obama waxes so eloquently about, but they tend to place their reliance on God rather than government as the source of their hope.

More and more, when Obama talks about the alleged "antipathy" people have toward "people who aren't like them," one can't help but speculate whether he's projecting his own feelings of antipathy and bitterness toward others and the nation.

Even Obama's slick tongue will have difficulty deflecting the conclusion that his assessment of God-loving Americans as embittered, gun-toting nativists is of a piece with his wife's regrettable remarks and the disturbing fulminations of his beloved pastor.

If Obama wants to hold himself out as a tolerant, colorblind uniter, he should do a far better job of walking that walk.

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ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

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Hundreds arrested in immigration raids at poultry plants

MOUNT PLEASANT (AP) — Federal agents say their case for a series of workplace raids in five states was strengthened by identity theft victims who recounted stories of plummeting credit scores and medical benefits denied.

Federal authorities carried out the sweeps Wednesday, arresting hundreds of workers at Pilgrim's Pride chicken plants on charges of identity theft, document fraud and immigration violations.

Authorities also arrested dozens of workers at a doughnut factory in Houston, and the operators of a chain of Mexican restaurants in upstate New York.

Authorities said agents investigating a scheme to provide documents for illegal immigrant workers had tracked down several of the identity theft victims.

ICE said nearly 300 people were arrested, but officials at Pilgrim's Pride Corp., the nation's largest chicken producer, said about 400 hourly, non-management employees were taken into custody.

A federal grand jury in Tyler handed up the indictments on April 1, but they remained sealed until the raids, which began before dawn.

Pittsburg, Texas-based Pilgrim's Pride worked with

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ICE agents ahead of the operation, company spokesman Ray Atkinson said. It also reported suspicion of identity theft at an Arkansas plant.

Law enforcement chase leads to lockdown

KINGSVILLE (AP) — A truckload of suspected illegal

immigrants fled when pulled over at the Texas A&M University-Kingsville campus, forcing a lockdown of the school for three hours as police chased them, officials said.

The driver of the truck and five others were being held late Wednesday at a Border Patrol station, agency spokesman Daniel Doty said. He did not know about any others who may have also fled the truck.

Doty said the five passengers in Border Patrol custody were illegal immigrants who would likely face unlawful entry charges. He did not know the immi-

gration status of the driver.

The truck driver said he had been forced at gunpoint to take the illegal immigrants to Kingsville, according to Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Eric Hinojosa. Texas A&M University at Kingsville spokeswoman Jill Scoggins said one person with a gun was taken into custody, but Doty said that had not been confirmed.

Scoggins said no one was hurt. A state trooper stopped a vehicle for speeding, and about 12 people got out of the truck and fled, Hinojosa said.



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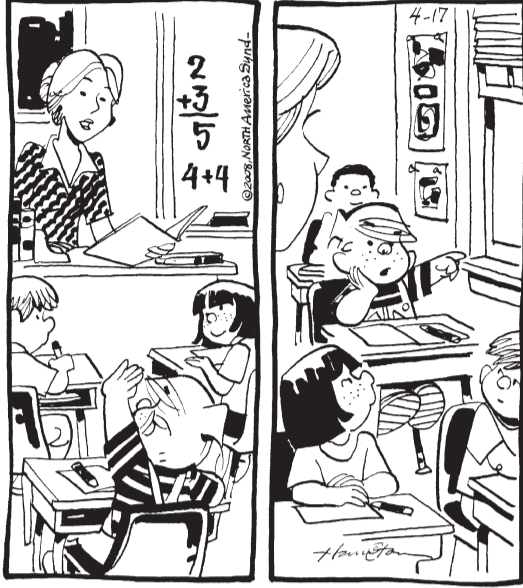
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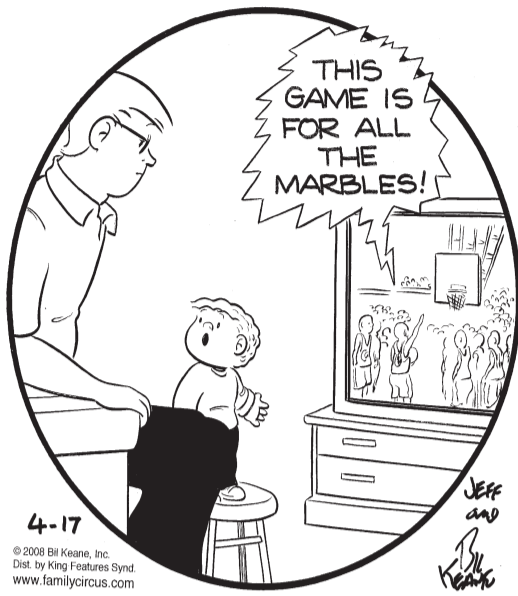
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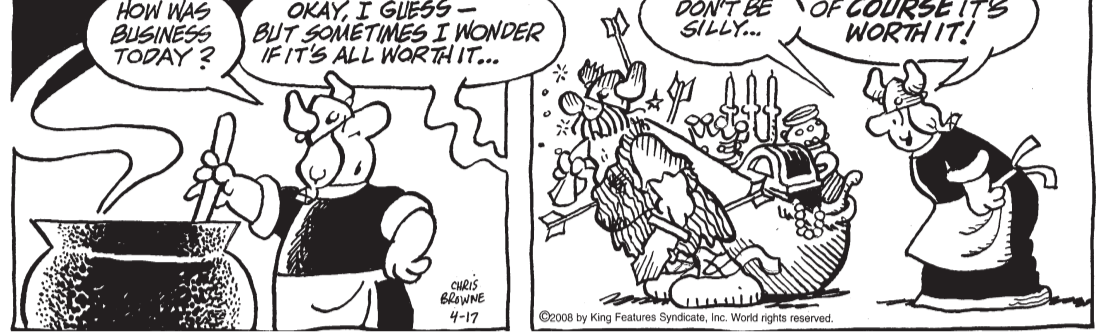
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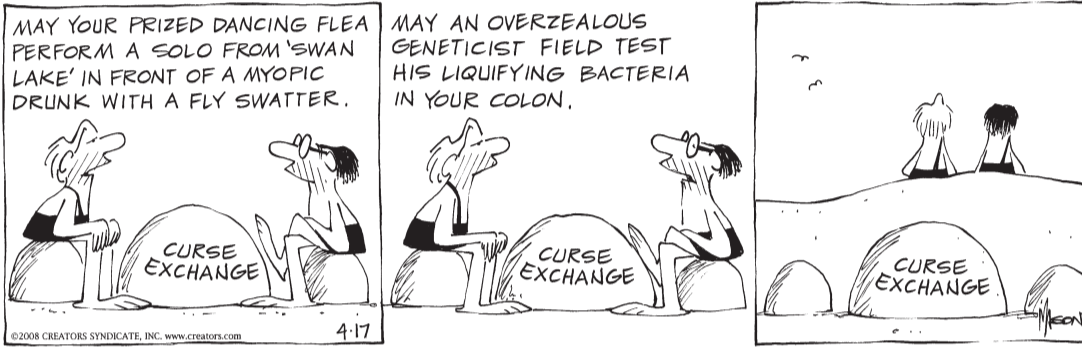
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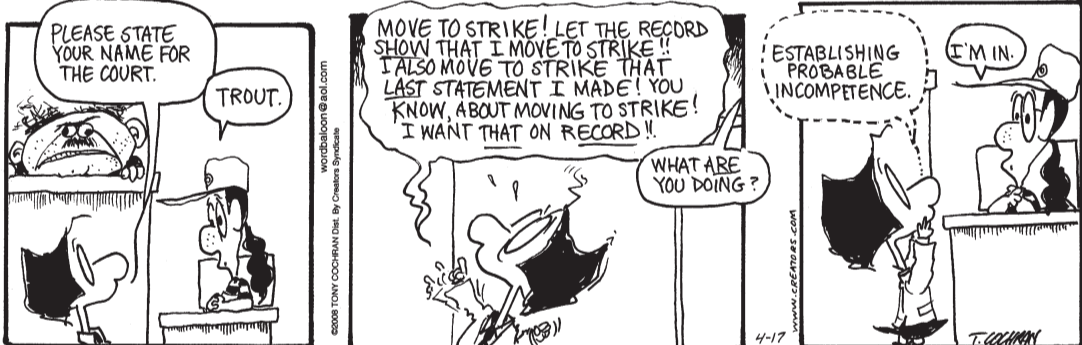
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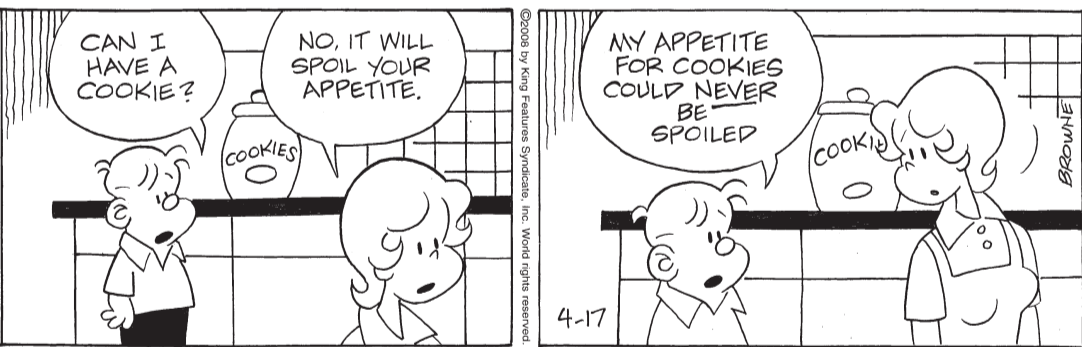
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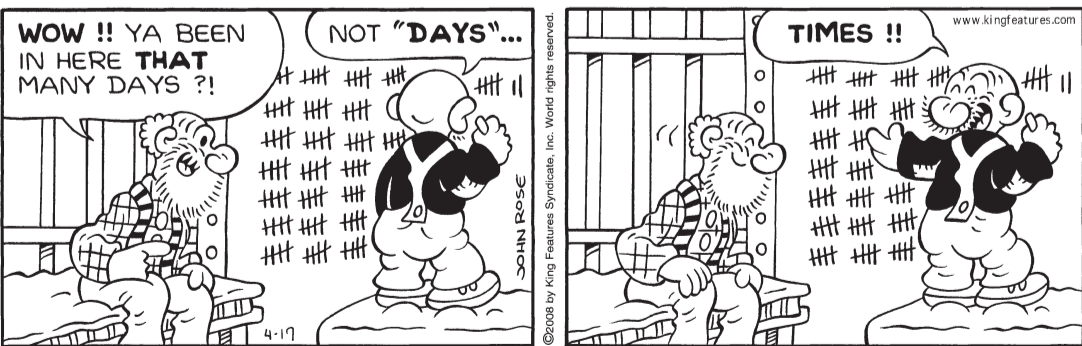
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This Date
In History

Today is Thursday, April 17, the 108th day of 2008. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1961, about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

On this date:
In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (He was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.)

In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano reached present-day New York Harbor.

In 1790, American statesman Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at age 84.

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany in World War II.

In 1964, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its new Mustang model at the New York World's Fair.

In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1969, Czechoslovak Communist Party First Secretary Alexander Dubcek was deposed.

In 1970, the astronauts of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft.

In 1990, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, the civil rights activist and top aide to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died in Atlanta at age 64.

Today's Birthdays: Rock promoter Don Kirshner is 74. Composer-musician Jan Hammer is 60. Actress Olivia Hussey is 57. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 53. Actor Sean Bean is 49. Rock singer Maynard James

Keenan (Tool) is 44. Actress Lela Rochon is 44. Actor William Mapother is 43. Actress Kimberly Elise is 41. Singer Liz Phair is 41. Rapper-actor Redman is 38. Actress Jennifer Garner is 36. Country musician Craig Anderson (Heartland) is 35. Actress-singer Lindsay Korman is 30. Actor Paulie Litt is 13. Actress Dee Dee Davis is 12.

Thought for Today: "A cynic is not merely one who reads bitter lessons from the past; he is one who is prematurely disappointed in the future." - Sydney J. Harris, American journalist (1917-1986).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- 1 Fairy-tale figure
- 5 "The Great Compromiser"
- 9 Resided
- 14 Czech or Croat
- 15 Yoda's student
- 16 Out in front
- 17 Adore
- 18 Army detachment
- 19 Makes smooth
- 20 Inaugural performance
- 23 "That's gross!"
- 24 Estrangements
- 27 Bank-statement charges
- 31 Island off the Spanish coast
- 33 Genteel gathering
- 34 Area for formal entertaining
- 36 Rock singer Rose
- 37 "Awesome!"
- 38 Suffix for script
- 39 Getting angry
- 45 Compose
- 46 Role for a starlet
- 47 Some train cars
- 49 Tress distress
- 50 "Right you ___!"
- 51 Greenbacks
- 58 Ski-lodge quaff
- 61 Sport with masks
- 62 Tropical nut
- 63 Worry
- 64 Evening, to Yes
- 65 Cold War superpower
- 66 Ships out
- 67 Without much thought
- 68 Mongol ruler
- DOWN
- 1 Scandinavian seaport
- 2 Goopy mass
- 3 Talk wildly
- 4 Assuming that
- 5 Jalopy
- 6 Air chamber
- 7 Similar in nature
- 8 Himalayan legend
- 9 Debonair
- 10 "Why should I?"
- 11 Night of yore
- 12 Highlands tyke
- 13 Six-pt. scores
- 21 Sewed up
- 22 Crack a smile
- 25 Company of entertainers
- 26 Basketball star, often
- 27 Video-game pioneer
- 28 Ones from Waco
- 29 Drag through the mud
- 30 Boot-camp nickname
- 31 Mythical king
- 32 Congregational cries
- 35 WWII female
- 40 Fish-market fare
- 41 Encroachments
- 42 Invalid
- 43 Mental representations
- 44 Group standard
- 48 Iowa city
- 52 Big name in '50s TV
- 53 Portable tune player
- 54 Diamond of music
- 55 Light snack
- 56 Actress Lanchester
- 57 Tall tale
- 58 Radios in rigs
- 59 Nickel source
- 60 Swindle

