

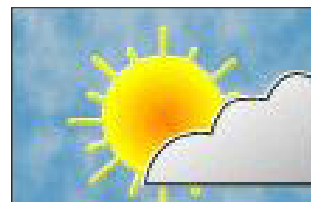
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Guilty plea nets 20-year sentence

Big Spring man convicted of cocaine delivery charges

"While we were focusing on Rios (Wednesday)... through the task force, we've been able to convict literally dozens of individuals for narcotics activity."



Wilkerson

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to drug delivery charges in 118th District Court this week.

Theodore "Teddy" Rios, 38, of Big Spring, pleaded guilty Wednesday to two first-degree felony indictments charging him with delivery of cocaine, District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said, and received

identical 20-year sentences.

The charges, which carried a maximum possible punishment of life in prison, will be served concurrently. Rios must serve at least a third of the sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

Rios was indicted by a Howard County grand jury in May for delivering cocaine to a Big Spring Police Department Drug Task Force officer earlier this year.

The two instances, both of

which occurred in March, took place on the west end of Big Spring. The total amount of cocaine exceeded 17 grams, the indictments alleged.

"The undercover officer had become acquainted with Rios and, over the course of the investigation, the defendant sold a significant amount of cocaine to the officer," Wilkerson said, adding that the transactions were all recorded.

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Talent wanted

RTD officials looking for a few good bands

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

It's all about the talent. Coordinators with the ninth annual Rock the Desert music festival expect this year's talent search to be one of the best ever, as the organization prepares to present this year's show — entitled "Ignite" — Aug. 8 and 9 in Midland.

"We're expecting this to be Rock the Desert's best talent search ever," said Mike Goeke, the festival's former executive director. According to officials with the RTD organization, Goeke recently stepped down as director. "This year RTD is teaming up with other major festivals in the

nationwide Christian Festival Association to present a national search competition.

"Regional competitions will be taking place at festivals around the U.S., including Rock the Desert. RTD's competition will be conducted entirely online and costs only \$50 to enter. The first place winner of the RTD Talent Search 2008 will have the opportunity to perform on the festival's main stage Saturday, Aug. 9. In addition, the first place winner will also be invited to perform at the national finals in Nashville, Tenn."

Goeke said the winner of the national finals will receive a recording contract with Provident



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Lauren Barlow of the band Barlowgirl performs at the 2007 Rock the Desert festival held in Midland August 10, 2007. The 2008 version of the annual Christian music event is set for Aug. 8-9 at the RTD encampment off of North FM 1788 between Midland and Odessa.

Label Group, home of Reunion Records and Essential Records.

"This could be someone's big break," said Goeke, "and we're excited to see

the talent offered through this competition."

As if the grand prize

weren't incentive enough See **BANDS**, page 3A

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Report urges overhauling how passports are issued

By **DEVLIN BARRETT**
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The State Department must develop a "comprehensive, long-term strategy" to meet the public's rising demand for passports and avoid a repeat of the frustrating backlog fiasco of last summer, congressional investigators have concluded.

The Associated Press obtained a draft copy Thursday of the report by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, ahead of its expected release Friday.

Lawmakers asked for an investigation into the backlog that

swamped passport offices last spring and summer, the result of a record 18 million applications.

"The 2007 surge in passport demand exposed serious deficiencies in State's passport issuance process," the report found. "Passport wait times reached record highs, leading to inconvenience and frustration for many thousands of Americans."

The department "needs to rethink its entire end-to-end passport issuance process, including each of the entities involved in issuing a passport, and develop a formal strategy for prioritizing and implementing improvements to this process,"

according to the investigators.

The need for such a strategy is urgent, they said, because the demand for passports is expected to keep soaring in the coming years.

Department officials have acknowledged underestimating the high demand for passports last year, but said it was a historic change in behavior by Americans that was not predicted.

The report found a number of crucial missteps or misjudgments that led to the passport backup:

- A department study used to estimate future passport demand

failed to account for a large group of likely travelers.

- When the backup began in early 2007, officials did not realize how large it was. They were unaware that many applications were piling up at the offices of a private contractor handling the initial paperwork.

- As the typical four-week wait for a passport turned into 12 weeks or more, officials could not quickly locate specific applications.

The delays led to long lines at government buildings. Lawmakers held hearings after

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AP photo/Greg Baker

A woman is helped by police after almost fainting as she waited in a crowd to buy tickets to next month's Olympic Games, outside a ticket office in Beijing earlier today. Thousands waited overnight for a chance to buy tickets from the last batch of Olympic tickets which went on sale this morning.

Olympic stampede

Eager fans rush ticket booths in Beijing, several injured

By HENRY SANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING — Thousands of eager fans who had waited for up to two days swarmed sales windows Friday for the final batch of tickets to next month's Olympic Games, knocking people to the ground and bending metal barricades in the chaotic crush.

Witnesses said scuffles

broke out at one ticket site as officials opened additional sales windows at the last minute, causing some fans to stampede ahead of others in a bid to buy some of the 250,000 tickets that went on sale in different parts of the host city.

"It was so unfair," said Ji Liqiang, who waited for 28 hours with Wang Zhenqiang, a fellow businessman from eastern

Shandong province, for a chance to buy tickets to the diving competition.

"Those who came late but were able to push forward got the tickets," he said.

The two lost their place in line in the scramble and ended up with tickets to the synchronized swimming instead of diving —

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Gossage elected to Hall

The Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — As a kid, Rich Gossage's dreams never matched those of his father.

"My dad always said, 'You're going to play in the big leagues some day,'" Gossage recalled. "I pooh-poohed that. I would be like, 'Aw, dad, please don't say that.' And sure enough, here I am."

Gossage did more than just play in the major leagues.

He became a dominant relief pitcher in a 22-year career that will receive its finishing touch on Sunday when he is inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

For Gossage, a shy, humble guy from the Rocky Mountains, what has transpired since those talks with his dad, Jake, is simply mind-boggling.

"I can't even really comprehend my career," said Gossage, who was elected into the Hall after ninth try. "It's totally overwhelming being elected to the Hall."

What's even more difficult to believe is that it took so long. The "Goose" was as significant a pioneer for relief pitching.

Gossage finished his career as a Seattle Mariner in 1994 with a 124-107 record, 1,502 strikeouts and 3.01 ERA in 1,002 games.

He ranks third in both wins in relief (115) and innings pitched in relief (1,556).

Of his 310 career saves, Gossage worked more than two innings 52 times and recorded at least six outs in 125 saves.



AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Dallas Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones, left, and team owner Jerry Jones, right, smile following a news conference after the team arrived for training camp Thursday in Oxnard, Calif.

Cowboys in camp

Dallas in Oxnard for training camp

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Jerry Jones was already sounding excited, smiling and exclaiming as he spoke. Only then did it become clear that he wasn't talking about what everybody else was thinking.

With an NFL-record 13 Pro Bowl players returning from a team that won a franchise-record 13 games before an unexpected ending last season, there are some super expectations for the Dallas Cowboys.

From the fans, from the media, and yes, even the team's owner — even as he tried to be careful with how he expressed his feelings about the upcoming season and never uttered the term Super Bowl.

"You guys know I'm prone to hyperbole, but I don't think it's a stretch to say that the next 12 months will be the most exciting and intriguing time in the history, really, of this franchise," Jones started his comments Thursday after the Cowboys reported to training camp.

Then, instead of the expected championship declaration, Jones talked about the team's upcoming final season at Texas Stadium and the transition to their new \$1 billion stadium.

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Sports in brief

Correction from Tuesday's story about new coaches in Big Spring

In Tuesday's edition of the Herald, it was reported that former Lady Steers Head Volleyball Coach Amanda Whitaker had been reassigned to the junior high.

To clarify, it was a personal choice of hers to be reassigned to the junior high in agreement with former Athletic Director Mike Ritchey. Whitaker and Ritchey each felt she could benefit the volleyball program more by working with younger girls on their volleyball skills, preparing them for the level of play found in high school.

Steer football season ticket sales to begin

Big Spring High School 2008 football season tickets go on sale July 28 at the Athletic Training Center.

Only people who have previously owned season tickets are able to buy from Monday through Aug. 7.

Sales for the general public begin Aug. 11 and end Aug. 22.

Tickets can be bought Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the ATC.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

City of Big Spring Tennis Camp starts July 28

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen and Big Spring Junior High coach Jason Fisher are hosting a second City of Big Spring Tennis Camp Monday through Thursday, July 31, at Comanche Trail Park's Figure 7

Tennis Center.

Cost is \$100 and includes a lunch each day.

The camp is for all ages and ability levels and is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

For more information, visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

Big Spring Boxing Club taking sign-ups, donations and volunteers

The Big Spring Boxing Club has opened its doors and continues to take sign-ups for any male or female from ages 9-26.

Those interested can register for the club's training services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Morgan Park, which is on Father Delaney St. on the north side of town. There is no cost for the training.

Also needed is anyone willing to volunteer time as a trainer, conditioner or as a sparring partner.

Some equipment donations are also needed. Anyone with questions or wanting to volunteer or donate can call Lee at 816-7995 or Willie at 935-0273.

UIL-required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed to participate in any sport.

This includes practices and games. All local athletic departments are encouraging athletes and their parents headed into the grades listed above to make an appoint-

ment with their doctor and get this physical before the start of the school year.

Football and volleyball players would want to get this taken care of before the start of two-a-days.

Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp scheduled

Big Spring native and former Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will hold a volleyball camp from Monday through July 30 at Big Spring Junior High.

The camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon all three days.

Cost is \$125 per camper.

For more information, visit www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Crossroads Youth Football Association sign-ups start Aug. 2

Crossroads Youth Football Association begins sign-ups for both football and cheerleading for the 2008 season Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

Subsequent sign-up dates will be held Aug. 9, 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the mall. Late sign-ups for football only is Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are no late sign-ups for cheerleading.

For more information, visit www.freewebs.com/cyfa. For questions regarding football, call John Sotelo at 816-3060, and for cheerleading, contact Trish Hobby at 393-5647.

Obituaries

Josefina Gutierrez



Josefina Gutierrez, 72, of Coahoma died Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at her residence. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 26, 2008, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring with Father Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery, Coahoma.

She was born Feb. 14, 1936, in Martindale and married Silberio Gutierrez March 25, 1957, in Lovington, N.M..

Mrs. Gutierrez enjoyed hunting and camping and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She assisted in her community's needs and activities. Josefina was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a member of the Secretariat Board of the San Angelo Diocese for three years and a member of the Crucillista since 1972.

She has hosted and celebrated the Epiphany all her life. Her mother originally did it and then she continued the tradition. As the celebration grew, she could no longer have it in her home, so she continued the celebration at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Silberio Gutierrez of Coahoma; six daughters, Patricia Bryant, Dominga Elder, Amelia Herrin and Mary Gutierrez, all of Coahoma, Martina Gereats of Kerrville and Delia Gutierrez of Red Oak; three sons, Silberio Gutierrez Jr. of Sand Springs, Willie Gutierrez of Forsan and Billy Gutierrez of San Angelo; two brothers, Beltazar Moreno of Lovington, N.M., and Eliaz S. Moreno of Odessa; one sister, Kuca Burrinates of Plains; and forty-three grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, David Mark Gutierrez; one grandson, Anthony Louis Franco; her parents; seven brothers and ten sisters.

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

Paid obituary

Denise 'Dee' Spaeth



Denise "Dee" Spaeth, 46, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 24, 2008, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She will be in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 13, 1961, in Greenville, Pa., to Bonny and David Meadors. She married Mark Spaeth June 22, 1990, in Wichita Falls. They

came to Big Spring in 1992. She had worked as a hostess at the Holiday Inn Restaurant. She and her husband owned and operated M&D Vending. Her hobby was collecting dolphins.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Spaeth of Big Spring; two sons, Michael Moore of Big Spring and Jason Spaeth of Minnesota; one daughter, Tashia Cerda of Big Spring; her father, David Meadors of Greenville, Pa.; a sister, Collette Meadors of Tampa, Fla.; a brother, Mike Meadors of Greenville, Pa.; eleven grandchildren, Emma, Eva, Ian, Aidan, Alexa, Marilyn, Shawn, Lana, Emily, Carrie and Jeremy; and a host of aunts and uncles.

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

Paid obituary

Janie Williamson

Janie Williamson, 94, of Big Spring formerly of Tom Ball, died Thursday, July 24, 2008, at Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Class of 2009 will hold a fundraiser at Supreme Car Wash, 1513 E. FM 700, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The students will be drying off vehicles and cleaning the interiors for a donation.

• The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees would like to invite the public to a reception honoring Steven Saldivar, assistant superintendent, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. July 31 in the Big Spring High School Library.

• BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or kent_rice@murphyoilcorp.com

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a community health survey. The information will be used to study barriers to health care and other public health issues. Your personal information will not be used, other than the comments portion of the survey. You will not be asked for your name. The survey is available online and takes about 15 minutes to complete. For the English survey, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625. For the survey in Spanish, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626.

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Police blotter

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

- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, 423 Westover, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- WILLIAMS SHERWOOD, age unknown, Corpus Christi, was arrested Thursday on two warrants.
- JOHN FLORES JR., 43, 1517 Sycamore, was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication and evading arrest.
- JOE HAYS, 52, 1200 E. 15th Street, was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication.
- ASHLEY ELLISON, 21, of 1904 E. 25th Street, was arrested Friday on warrant for an animal at large.

Note: An activity report for the weekend was not available at press time due to computer problems, according to BSPD officials.

Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

- GERALD RAY KING, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- MIGUEL ENRIQUE JUAREZ, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of fleeing a police officer and evading arrest/detention with a motor vehicle.
- JAVIER IBARRA DELGADO, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of fleeing a police officer.
- ANDRES LEE JUAREZ, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- JOHNNY JORGE RODRIGUEZ, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of fleeing a police officer and evading arrest/detention with a motor vehicle.
- DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, 24, was arrested by the HCSO on charges of fleeing a police officer and evading arrest/detention with a motor vehicle.
- TERESA LYNNE CHRISTON, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ALBERTO MATA RIVAS, 49, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of violating a protective order.
- JASON NATHANIEL DUTCH, 26, was arrested by the HCSO on a motion to revoke parole for forgery of a financial instrument.
- JAMES LEE HENDERSON, 68, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Crow. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Lindbergh. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 9-14-19-27-35.
Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 13-15-27-28. Bonus Ball: 4
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery: 0-2-4-9. Sum It Up: 15.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery: 1-2-8. Sum It Up: 11.

Compass Hospice Hospice Volunteers Needed

Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love & God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, please contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999.

Volunteers are needed in many categories in addition to patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated.

Training is offered, free of charge, beginning July 29th. Hospice training is invaluable for those who have a desire to make a difference to someone in need of a blessing.

Training location and schedule:

Compass Hospice - Team Room 1003 E. FM 700 Big Spring, Texas 79720. Tues., Wed., & Thurs., July 29, 30 & 31. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Must attend all three days to become a Hospice Certified Volunteer.

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

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

SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

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.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

- 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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COWBOYS

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OK, so when the new stadium opens in 2009, will it be the home of a defending Super Bowl champion?

"I'm not going to make any predictions," Jones said. "I think that's not for me to say; maybe I've lost my credibility in that area about saying we're going to go to the Super Bowl."

After their divisional playoff loss to the New York Giants in January, following two regular season victories over their NFC East rival, the Cowboys have now gone through 11 seasons since they've even won a post-season game.

And it has been 12 sea-

sons since the Cowboys last won the Super Bowl, when it was their third championship in a four-year period under Jones.

Jones may avoid saying Super Bowl, but he's certainly acting like an owner who believes his team should be able to get there.

Terrell Owens and four other Pro Bowlers got multi-year contracts this off-season, which translated into a commitment of \$70 million on those players from Jones.

"The real world is that we wouldn't have committed the money had we not had the expectations that we have a chance to be the very best," Jones said.

The Cowboys have their first practice Friday, the

first of 15 straight days on the field before they go to San Diego for their pre-season opener Aug. 9.

On the night before their first practice, the only players unsigned were veteran receiver Terry Glenn and the team's two first-round picks, running back Felix Jones from Arkansas and cornerback Mike Jenkins from South Florida.

Glenn has refused to sign an injury waiver that would reduce his salary from \$1.74 million to \$500,000 if he hurt his right

knee again and was unable to play.

Glenn had two operations on his knee last year and didn't play until the regular-season finale.

Jones, who said he has spoken directly with Glenn and his agent, said the injury waiver and the money "probably is not the biggest issue." But Jones refused to elaborate, and indicated several times that he would have something more to say about Glenn on Friday, when the team practices for the first time.

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where China is a gold-medal favorite.

"It was very dangerous. I was afraid," Wang said. "People got hurt around me. They fell and injured their knees and elbows. A barricade was bent out of shape by the crowd."

Zhang Xiaojing, 17, who came from Hebei province with her cousin and three friends, said the line was fairly orderly when she arrived Thursday afternoon. But during Friday's rush, only three of her friends were able to elbow their way close enough to be in a position to buy tickets.

"If I'm going to be disappointed, I'm going to be disappointed. But I'm so tired. I didn't sleep last night," she said.

The official Xinhua News Agency said 30,000 people lined up for tickets, but muggy weather with temperatures above 93 degrees Fahrenheit coupled with the long wait made people impatient. Police immediately took actions to maintain order, including lim-

iting access to some areas, it said.

Some journalists were escorted away after going into the off-limit areas, Xinhua said. Hong Kong television showed several journalists pushing back and forth with police.

Footage from Hong Kong Cable TV showed a policeman putting his arm around the neck of a Hong Kong Cable TV reporter and pulling him to the ground. The reporter said he was assaulted after his crew refused to leave a media zone, Cable TV reported. They were seen surrounded by dozens of police.

A spokeswoman for Hong Kong Cable TV said it was "unacceptable" for Chinese authorities to treat the media that way.

"We hope the authorities will live up to their earlier promise to allow full freedom of the press during the Olympic Games," said Shum Siu-wah.

Despite the problems, an Olympic official said the start of the sale went well.

"There were so many people who wanted tickets so we decided to open more ticket windows. ... In general, so far the ticket sale

The 34-year-old receiver didn't take part in off-season workouts. The Cowboys wouldn't let Glenn participate without signing the waiver.

Stephen Jones, the team's vice president, said negotiations with Felix Jones and Jenkins were progressing. Both players have the same agent, and Stephen Jones felt that something could be done Friday.

While it wasn't clear if Glenn or the two first-round picks would be on the field, cornerback-kick

returner Adam Jones will be at practice Friday.

The still-suspended player who wants to be formerly known as "Pacman" and was acquired by the Cowboys from Tennessee in April, was cleared in June to participate in the final three weeks of off-season workouts and can play in preseason games.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, however, has said he may not decide until the week of the team's Sept. 7 season opener to determine if Jones will be fully reinstated.

the computer system crashed, forcing organizers to sack the Olympic ticketing chief and revert to a lottery system to sell tickets.

Organizers have said they are taking precautions against fake tickets and black market scalping, both of which are common in China.

Buyers on Friday were limited to two tickets per person to discourage scalpers.

Xinhua said Thursday that Beijing police have detained 60 suspects for scalping Olympic tickets in the past two months, citing a police spokesman. Those found selling tickets on the black market can face 10 to 15 days in detention, Xinhua said.

Still, Olympic tickets can easily be found online, though few sellers openly advertise the resale price. In sports that are unpopular in China, like baseball, 50 yuan (\$7.30) tickets were offered at 1000 yuan (\$150). Other tickets were being resold for 100 times the face value, Xinhua said.

Associated Press Writer Dikky Sinn in Hong Kong contributed to this report.

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News in brief

Industry eases rules for tracking foodborne illness

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the worst outbreaks of foodborne illness in the U.S. is teaching the food industry the truth of the adage, "Be careful what you wish for because you might get it."

The industry pressured the Bush administration years ago to limit the paperwork companies would have to keep to help U.S. health investigators quickly trace produce that sickens consumers, according to interviews and government reports reviewed by The Associated Press.

The White House also killed a plan to require the industry to maintain electronic tracking records that could be reviewed easily during a crisis to search for an outbreak's source. Companies complained the proposals were too burdensome and costly, and warned they could disrupt the availability of consumers' favorite foods.

South Texas residents assess damage after Hurricane Dolly; losses estimated at \$750 million

HARLINGEN (AP) — Business at reopened restaurants was humming, grocery store parking lots were packed and residents of south Texas were venturing out on the newly dry roads again as the remnants of Hurricane Dolly moved well away from the Rio Grande Valley.

But thousands were still without power Thursday and cleanup was ongoing following the Category 2 storm. Officials also warned that Dolly's after-effects were not necessarily gone for good.

Downed power lines remained the greatest danger. One person in Matamoros, Mexico, died from electrocution after walking past a power line on the ground.

Fallen billboards and business signs still littered the streets, but residents were out and about after hunkering down for most of Wednesday. As the sun peeked through dark clouds, people began cleaning up and expressed relief that the storm didn't take many lives.

"We're all OK," said Hilario Cruz as he chopped up a felled tree that just missed his pickup truck in Harlingen. "We covered the windows. The water was up to our knees yesterday."

Barack Obama has a 10 to 1 advantage over John McCain in expatriate donations from Europe

LONDON (AP) — Barack Obama's campaign has received roughly 10 times more money from declared U.S. donors living in Germany, France and Britain than his Republican rival, reflecting his popularity in Europe as he makes his first tour of the continent as the presumed Democratic nominee.

Federal Election

Commission reports show Obama has raised at least \$1 million from donors who identify themselves as Americans living in Britain, Germany and France, while John McCain has taken in at least \$150,000.

Some donors say the huge disparity, which also exists in overall funding raising in which Obama has raked in \$338 million to \$126.3 million for McCain, is more about disliking Bush and the prospect of another Republican succeeding him than it is an affection for Obama.

"I contributed because of the absolutely appalling performance of the Bush administration during the last eight years," said Eileen Taylor, a chief operating officer for Deutsche Bank in London.

She made two \$2,300 donations, the maximum allowed, and is also working on a voter registration drive to make it easier for Americans abroad to cast ballots in the November election.

In Washington, China and critics spread separate versions of upcoming Beijing Olympics

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an air-conditioned room in the Chinese Embassy, a vice minister from Beijing chastises Americans for their "very limited" understanding of violent anti-government protests in Tibet.

Hours later, hundreds of supporters of the banned-in-China Falun Gong spir-

itual movement kneel in the hot sun near the U.S. Capitol as lawmakers and activists rail against what they say are Chinese atrocities.

The Olympic Games begin in Beijing on Aug. 8, but already the competition to sway public opinion in the United States is heating up between anti-China activists and Chinese authorities.

It is transforming the run-up to the global sports gathering into a public relations marathon in which China's national pride is pitted against claims that Beijing abuses its citizens and unquestioningly supports nefarious governments.

Once slow to address criticism, China has responded aggressively to what it sees as unjust condemnation by Western media, rights groups and officials that could tarnish the Olympics.

An increasingly media-savvy Chinese Embassy has held briefings meant to provide China's point of view on contentious issues in the news. Ministers and academics have been flown in from China for news conferences and to meet with U.S. officials and lawmakers.

Meanwhile, China's opponents have been relentless. Uighurs, Tibetans, Falun Gong practitioners, activists for Darfur and Myanmar, and groups championing religious freedom and human rights are all delighted that the Olympics might shine a spotlight on a country they say has failed to follow through on pledges

to improve human rights that were included with its bid to host the games.

Analysis: Voting against Bush on housing easy for Republicans wanting to stroke GOP base

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pulled the rug out from under Republicans this week when he abruptly dropped his opposition to a massive housing rescue. Their reaction? Good riddance.

Three-quarters of House Republicans defied Bush and voted against the package, designed to help 400,000 homeowners stave off foreclosure and inject a dose of stability into jittery housing and financial markets.

The split reflected an every-man-for-himself mentality that has taken hold in GOP circles in a challenging political environment in which Bush, with record-low approval ratings, is seen as an albatross around the necks of vulnerable Republicans.

"For these members — particularly those on the bubble — there's no percentage in being seen as a Bush lackey," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va.

The president's decision to drop this threat to veto the bill "probably made it easier to vote against it, because then you don't get beat up for siding with Bush."

Only 45 House Republicans — most from areas ravaged by foreclosures and some facing tough re-election fights —

backed the bill. Many of them did so holding their noses.

Allies of Phoenix mayor fight back against border advocates seeking his ouster

PHOENIX (AP) — It's a political oddity: a TV commercial extolling the public safety record of a sitting mayor, except the spot isn't soliciting votes and the politician's name isn't scheduled to appear on the November ballot.

The commercial promoting Mayor Phil Gordon appears to be an attempt to head off a recall effort against him by advocates for tougher immigration enforcement.

Yet Gordon, who has faced criticism for the police department's immigration policies, didn't produce the advertisement, though he's more than happy to have the support of the political committee that did.

"I am just grateful that there are good messages going out, especially at a time when you have some extremists trying to stop the city progress, trying to stop myself from continuing to go forward as a mayor," said Gordon, who last year won a second term with 77 percent of the vote to lead the nation's fifth-largest city.

BANDS

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for local bands, Goeke said the winners will share the stage with some of the hottest names in Christian music.

"We've confirmed Switchfoot, The Newsboys, Disciple, Red, Paul Wright and Group 1 Crew for the concert," said Goeke. "The Newsboys will be headlining the show on Aug. 8, and Switchfoot will be headlining Aug.

9. They've been a very versatile band and have been a best selling band on both the secular and Christian charts. We also have Hawk Nelson, Family Force Five, Disciple, Needtobreathe and several other groups. In addition,

Christian illusionist Brock Gill and the Outcast BMX Bike Expo will be sharing the gospel."

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4548. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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This marks the second time Rios has been convicted of felony drug charges. In 1990, he was convicted of possession of a controlled substance and

was eventually sentenced to two years in prison, court records show.

Wilkerson said Wednesday's conviction served two purposes.

"First and foremost, it serves as ratification of the task force and that particular undercover operation," he said. "While

we were focusing on Rios (Wednesday) ... through the task force, we've been able to convict literally dozens of individuals for narcotics activity.

"In addition, Mr. Rios and his associates have been mentioned prominently in several instances of violence around the

community," Wilkerson added. "We believe this may significantly impact the gang violence we've had the past several months."

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their offices were swamped by requests from constituents desperate to make a long-planned family trip or holiday.

Under intense criticism, the department ordered mandatory overtime, brought some employees

home from foreign posts to help, and sped up hiring.

By last October, the wait times had come back down to normal levels, and this summer's batch of applications has gone smoothly. The department's Web site says people can expect a passport application to be processed in about four weeks.

Some of the demand for new passports resulted

from new travel rules that required U.S. citizens to have a passport when returning from trips within the Western Hemisphere, including Canada and Mexico. Lawmakers fear another round of travel headaches next year, when passports will be required of every American citizen driving back across the northern or southern U.S. border.

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**MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES TREASURER'S REPORT**

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONER'S COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN REGULAR SESSION JULY TERM 2008

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned consulting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 14th day of July, 2008 at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for June, 2008, and finding the same correct entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$17,084,577.07.

Mark Barr, County Judge  
Emma Brown, Commissioner Pct. 1  
Jerry Kilgore, Commissioner Pct. 2  
W.B. "Bill" Crooker, Commissioner Pct. 3  
Gary Simer, Commissioner Pct. 4

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Mark Barr, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 14th day of July 2008.

Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 14TH DAY OF July 2008, and recorded on the 14th day of July, A.D. 2008.

Donna Wright,  
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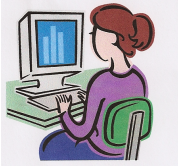
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## OTHER VIEWS

### Karadzic's days of hiding are over

Details of the arrest of Radovan Karadzic are fuzzy and conflicting, but his ability to elude capture for 13 years after indictment for his role in the slaughter of thousands is quite clear.

No one ever tried very hard to find him, including the international community, but especially other Serbs.

One account has the former Bosnian Serb president arrested Monday by Serbian secret police. Another has him snatched off a bus last Friday in Belgrade.

Having him in custody to face war-crime charges is described as historic, but it is grievously delayed justice for the 8,000 men and boys murdered in Srebrenica and the lethal siege of Sarajevo.

Karadzic's ability to remain at large inspires a fresh wave of admiration for Kosovo's gutsy declaration of independence from Serbia in February. Given the thuggish political environment, grotesque legacy of brutality, and the arsons and vandalism that greeted the announcement, it was a brave act indeed.

Was Karadzic's arrest the product of an introspective wave of self-awareness, shame and desire to make amends? Hardly. A new coalition government with an eye toward economic ties to the West finally heeded a consistent message from the European Union and others. There would be no financial linkage until the war criminals were accounted for.

With Karadzic behind bars, that leaves Serbian general Ratko Mladic still at large but, one can surmise, not for long. Former president Slobodan Milosevic died in custody in 2006, awaiting a verdict after a meandering four-year trial.

Serb aggression spilled blood and filled graves for 10 years between 1989 and 1999. Surrounding European nations have a duty to hold Karadzic accountable. The epic tales of brutality that will be recounted ought to inspire a unified support for Kosovo's independence.

Give the 2.2 million people of Kosovo, who are 90-percent Albanian and embrace the Muslim faith, a chance to live freely and securely. A humble, belated triumph of good over evil.

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## A SHORT PRAYER

May we do something each day, Lord, to please someone else.

Amen

# FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE

## Bush version side-stepped Constitution; next president must clean it up or close it

President George W. Bush's "faith-based" initiative has been a disaster. It has permitted taxpayer funding of religious groups that engage in rank forms of hiring discrimination, and it has failed to take seriously the issue of proselytism occurring on the taxpayer's dime.

Religious groups, of course, have the right to discriminate with their own funds. A Catholic church, for example, does not have to hire a Baptist minister to serve as its pastor. But when tax funds are added to the mix, the rules change dramatically.

A program that is funded by the taxpayers should not be permitted to hire and fire on the basis of what people believe about God or how they choose to run their private lives.

The Bush faith-based initiative allows religiously affiliated social services to engage in this kind of job bias, and it's just plain wrong.

Polls repeatedly show that the vast majority of Americans oppose such discrimination in public programs.

The Bush administration has also failed to monitor faith-based grants to ensure that religious groups don't proselytize with public funds. People should be able to get the help they need from their government without being pressured to pray or take part in someone else's religious ritual.

The administration claims it doesn't allow evangelism in these programs, but government grants have repeatedly been funneled to groups that do it, and Bush has lauded them time and again.

Speaking at a New Orleans church in 2004, the president said, "We want to fund programs that save Americans, one soul at a time."

I'm sorry, Mr. President, but saving souls is the job of the religious community, not the American government. Whatever happened to the constitutional separation of church and state?

The faith-based initiative has also been mired in partisan politics. Bush has steered tax money toward religious groups that agree with his policies. One grant even went to a charity run by controversial TV preacher Pat Robertson.

David Kuo, formerly a highly placed staffer in the Bush faith-based office, admitted in his book "Tempting Faith" that the initiative was used in 2002 and 2004 to help Republicans win tight House and Senate elections.

Special faith-based conferences were scheduled in districts where polls showed close races, and the prospect of public funding was held out to clergy who attended.

Such misuse of religion for naked partisan ends is deplorable. The hungry and the homeless need real help from the government, not political shenanigans.

Despite this disappointing Bush record, both presidential candidates have indicated that they plan to continue the faith-based initiative in some form. They think the initiative should be fixed, not shut down.

That won't be easy. The Constitution forbids government support for religion. Any faith-based plan must ensure that no taxpayer dollars subsidize religious indoctrination, proselytism or hiring discrimination.

Given this political reality, I believe Americans must insist that strong, clear safeguards be put in place by the next president. A wide array of religious, civic and civil liberties groups agree. The devil truly is in the details.

In a July letter to the presidential candidates, the Coalition Against Religious Discrimination said the next administration "has the opportunity to restore the constitutionally required safeguards and civil rights protections that were in place for decades" and insisted that the federal government "should not subsidize workplace discrimination."

This coalition's membership ranges from the Baptist Joint Committee on Religious Liberty, the Anti-Defamation League and the United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society to the NAACP, the Human Rights Campaign and the National Education Association.

I've always believed religious groups are better off raising their own money for social programs. It frees them to include religious messages in the programs and avoids entanglement with government red tape. If they take public dollars, they must play by the same rules others do.

The Rev. Barry W. Lynn is executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State ([www.au.org](http://www.au.org)). Readers may write him at AU, 518 C Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20002.

## Framers of the Constitution wouldn't object to program for help by church

No, there is no such thing as a "wall of separation" in the Constitution. That phrase comes from a letter written in 1802 by President Thomas Jefferson and did not become a substitute for the First Amendment until 1947.

In 1985 Chief Justice William Rehnquist said: "Unfortunately the Establishment Clause has been expressly freighted with Jefferson's misleading metaphor for nearly 40 years." Justice Potter Stewart in 1962 said that "the uncritical invocation of metaphors like the 'wall of separation,' a phrase found nowhere in the Constitution" did not aid in understanding our laws.

The First Amendment says "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ..."

James Madison said those words meant "that Congress should not establish a religion, and enforce the legal observation of it by law, nor compel men to worship God in any manner contrary to their conscience."

Federal funding of faith-based initiatives does none of that. The Founders did want the state to support religious belief.

In his 1796 Farewell Address, President Washington said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. ... Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? ... And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. ... Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Washington would have politicians respect and cherish the role of religion in support of good government.

Is there any other evidence that the phrase "wall of separation" did not mean to Jefferson what opponents of federal funding of faith-based initiatives now claim?

Yes. Just two days after signing the "wall of separation" letter, Jefferson attended a church service held in the House of Representatives. Would one who wanted to keep religion and government completely separate attend church in a building funded by the state?

James Madison attended church services held weekly in the chambers of the House of Representatives. Both Jefferson (as founder) and Madison (as trustee) encouraged religious instruction on the campus of the University of Virginia, a public educational institution funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

If they were comfortable allowing citizens to use the chamber of the House of Representatives as a chapel, and providing resources for religious instruction at a state university, Madison and Jefferson would have no difficulty funding a church-sponsored shelter for abused women.

The federal government has permitted churches to use government buildings as houses of worship in every one of the 206 years since Jefferson wrote the "wall of separation" letter.

Church services of several denominations were held in the first Treasury Building until it was burned in 1814. When John Quincy Adams, our sixth president, was serving as a U.S. senator for Massachusetts, he attended church services held in the chambers of the U.S. Supreme Court. If the government supported using the Supreme Court chambers as a church, how can federal funding of faith-based initiatives be an impermissible governmental endorsement of religion?

It is a constitutional use of our tax money for the government to operate state-owned facilities that provide free day care, parenting classes, medical care, drug abuse counseling, and shelters for the homeless or for abused women and children. The goal of these services is to help our fellow-citizens.

A phrase that doesn't exist in the Constitution should not be the excuse used to prevent the funding of important services to our citizens simply because the help is being sponsored by a church.

Jefferson didn't intend that. Madison wouldn't support it and Washington would be appalled at the thought.

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# Church News

## First United Methodist Church

This Sunday, our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese will preach on God's Purpose and Clarity, based on verses 1 and 2 of the 23rd psalm. Our worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday. Midweek services and lunch are at noon Wednesdays in Garrett Hall.

It has been a delightfully busy week as youngsters at Vacation Bible School explored Outrigger Island and learned of God's love and promise in their young lives. Many thanks to all those who made this such a success.

Nurturing our young people as well as adults continues each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages. And there are plans for new and innovative classes to begin in the fall.

For those of you who were unable to purchase your anniversary gifts, there is still time. We have a limited number of re-prints of our 1924 cook book as well as the beautiful Christmas ornaments; both are \$10 each and are available at the church office.

There are still a few weeks before school begins and the ladies of the church and their guests continue to meet for visiting each Friday at Comanche Trail Park. Bring the kids and sack lunches to the pavilion nearest the Kid's Zone at 11:30 a.m.

Come join us at Fourth and Scurry; we're First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

## Templo Belen Assemblies of God

We would like to remind everyone to keep our pastors Marie S. and Domingo Rios and Manny Negron in their prayers for a safe return from their missions trip to Manta Ecuador. They will be ministering the Word of God and helping with a medical team. Also, Bro. Domingo will be hard at work using his carpentry skills to help build churches and housing.

The women's convention will be Aug. 28-30 in Dallas. For more information, contact JoAnn Palacios at 264-1479.

Our Power Lab VBS was held June 23-27. More than 100 children came each evening to learn about Jesus in a Weird Wacky Science way.

A huge thank you to all who helped and supported us with VBS. A special thank you to Edward and Sally Mendez and Tina Mata for your giving and support.

Templo Belen Assemblies of God is located at 2205 Goliad. Our phone number is 267-2111.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life."

Worship services are at 9 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

Don't forget to get your pictures taken. It's easy, all you have to do is smile. Bruce Schooler will do the rest.

Operation On-Going Support July items are neck coolers, soft packages of baby wipes, instant cold drink mixes and the AT&T



Courtesy photo

Children enjoy learning about Jesus in a "Weird Wacky Science" way during Power Lab VBS at Templo Belen Assemblies of God, at 2205 Goliad. More than 100 children participated in the activities, held June 23-27.

phone card fund. The troops love these items!

St. Paul is located at 810 Scurry. Our phone number is 267-7163.

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Wednesday evening Bible Study at 5:17 p.m. resumed this week. Youth members Caitlin Jones, Lloyd Morgan, Meredith Morgan, and Courtney Schaedel, who attended the Synod Youth Workshop in Tulsa, Okla., returned July 19, after an inspiring week with others from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The Youth will resume their Wednesday evening meetings July 30 at 6 p.m.

Monday, the Rev. Bert Bronaugh hosted Presby-

terian pastors from the Midland/Odessa Cluster of Tres Rios Presbytery at their monthly lunch/study session in the Fellowship Hall. Attending were preachers from Midland, Monahans, Andrews, Coahoma and Big Spring.

Sunday, we will collect our monthly "Noisy Offering" during worship service. Please save your change and add it to the joyful noise that helps us feed the hungry in Big Spring and Howard County. We even accept some quieter, folding monetary offerings for this effort.

The lectionary for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. The subject of the Rev.

Bert Bronaugh's sermon is "Everything Works," based on Matthew 13:32 and Romans 8:28.

## Circle Six Retreat Baptist Camp

What are your spiritual gifts?

How is God calling you to use them?

Come to Discover God's Call Retreat, Oct. 3-5, at Circle Six Retreat Baptist Camp in Stanton and discover your gifts and your calling.

The inspirational speaker will be the Rev. Mark Winter of Fort Worth, a general evangelist of the United Methodist Church. Each participant will have completed a 30-minute daily study for 15 days prior to the retreat. This retreat

is complimentary to the Walk to Emmaus.

Scholarships are available. Register before Aug. 22. For information, call Norma Mounts at (432) 366-7190.

## Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church would like to join us for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service and Children's church at 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Salem is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway and is pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters. For further information, call 394-4655.

## Gateway Baptist Church

(Formerly Crestview Baptist)

The loving and friendly folks at Gateway Baptist church invite you to come worship with us. Sunday service is at 11 a.m. Come at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday for food, fellowship, devotion and prayer time. We're a new church home with a great vision.

If you are looking for a church home, come and visit us. It's God's church and we are His servants.

Hope to see you this Sunday. We are located north of I-20 and east of the Snyder Highway on Gatesville Street. Call 263-4483 or 264-1565 for information or directions. The pastor is Jim Mills.

## First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The lectionary for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 128; Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

## Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. with children's church during the morning worship for ages 4-12. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Midweek service is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The senior youth will be going to the Joyland Amusement Park in Lubbock today, leaving at 4 p.m. and returning at midnight.

Enter to learn, go forth to serve. For further information call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

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#### Leagues Now Forming

| Name                         | #on Team | Weekday | Start Date | Time    |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|------------|---------|
| Ladies Major                 | 4        | Mon     | 25 Aug 08  | 6:00pm  |
| Caprock Men                  | 4        | Mon     | 25 Aug 08  | 8:30pm  |
| Tuesday Couples              | 4        | Tues    | 26 Aug 08  | 6:30pm  |
| Pin Poppers Ladies           | 4        | Wed     | 20 Aug 08  | 9:00am  |
| Wed Night Trio (mixed)       | 4        | Wed     | 20 Aug 08  | 6:30pm  |
| Wed Strikers (men)           | 4        | Wed     | 27 Aug 08  | 8:30pm  |
| VA Couples (mixed)           | 4        | Thu     | 28 Aug 08  | 6:00pm  |
| Thur Night Owls (mixed)      | 2        | Thu     | 28 Aug 08  | 8:30pm  |
| Guys & Dolls (mixed Seniors) | 4        | Fri     | 29 Aug 08  | 7:00pm  |
| Youth Strikers               | 3        | Sat     | 6 Sep 08   | 10:00am |

Monday Madness

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Is there such a thing as a practical rock star? A cheap luxury? A calorie-free dessert? Questions of value, perceived worth and material comfort are pondered by all at this last quarter moon in Taurus and Leo. If your aim is to live large on a dime, you will find a way. Creativity trumps the dollar every time.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The people you admire are leading you. You may not consciously decide to follow, but follow you do. Realize where you're at and make sure you're fine with your choice.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Conversations that would normally be brief and breezy now get long and involved. Learning about others is a kind of escape, and probably more interesting than the work you're supposed to be doing.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The most genius ideas you'll have are the small, practical ones, like how to eliminate a daily cause of stress. One tweak to your routine can set you off in a new and happier direction every single morning.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). What you're bringing to a relationship is uncommon. But amongst

Tomorrow's Horoscope

the common stuff others are bringing, the uniqueness gets lost. That's why this is a good time to separate yourself, be unattainable and out of reach. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're already a generous person, and when that's magnified by the kind of sharing mood that sweeps over you now, it's good news for any charity that happens to be associated with you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Minimize your disappointments and waste no time sulking. Move on to the next situation, with the benefit of experience and knowledge. Your attitude is stellar and you'll eventually get all you want and more.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're being trusted to be discreet, although it hasn't been spelled out exactly. Keep your cards close to the vest and when in doubt, say less. Furthermore, it's best not to answer questions that no one has asked.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Put your sharp intellectual powers to the task of straightening out a financial situation. While you're at it, if there is a way to spend less and make more, you'll find it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Something old and worn can still be salvaged. If anyone can do it, you can. You have the Midas touch and you're turning even the most troublesome situation into a golden opportunity to prosper.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Strangers often

get the best of our good manners while loved ones endure the comfortable bad social habits that familiarity breeds. Make the effort to treat loved ones with extreme courtesy. You can't be too nice.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Higher-ups may give you more responsibility because you seem like you can handle it. This is flattering, but do consider your options. You won't fall in their esteem if you don't take on the extra stuff. Sleep on it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Tap into your spirit of adventure. Explore a new neighborhood or a new interest such as cooking, comedy or art. This brings lucky friendships your way, and for singles, a hot date.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Whether to a crowd of hundreds or one, you locate the moxie to shamelessly flirt. Sweet!

**TAURUS:** You discover a similarity between a past relationship and this one, changing the way you look at things. **GEMINI:** Day by day, a friendship grows more attractive as a potential love interest. **CANCER:** Don't assume that just because your relationship is professional, sparks aren't flying. They are. **LEO:** You roll like a party in a box. Wherever you go, you attract admirers and followers. **VIRGO:** A partner and you converge and click on an issue that matters deeply to you. **LIBRA:** Focus on your similarity

ties with others, and you're guided into a direction you rather like getting pulled into. **SCORPIO:** Your enthusiasm for a subject wins friends and influences people this weekend. **SAGITTARIUS:** Recognize your value. And when you offer what you have to another, don't be afraid to embellish. **CAPRICORN:** Dreams may seem long in coming, yet by teaming up, you're two steps closer to the payoff. **AQUARIUS:** It's not what they say, but how they say it that has you thoroughly captivated. **PISCES:** In a twist, you see the pressure you've been feeling from someone is actually helpful and good.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Aries and Libra approach dating differently, but once aligned, find happily ever after. Aries folk fearlessly chase whom they want and jump into relationships very quickly till the wisdom of experience imparts better judgment. Libra deliberates, frets over and eventually decides on The One. Aries brings the intrigue and excitement to this match; Libra is finally happy to be in the arms of the one they love.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I recently discovered that my stepmother has been using cocaine and meth. She is in her 40s and has two young children. I always thought she was a little nuts, but I never suspected she was using drugs.



KATHY MITCHELL  
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I am just baffled by this. I immediately informed my dad, and he believed me because he had noticed her behavior, but he didn't know how to confront her. When he caught her red-handed, she said she would stop, but I don't think she did. I haven't seen any signs of withdrawal, and the other day a friend asked whether my stepmother was on drugs. This friend's mother is a former user and my friend is aware of the signs.

I don't know much about the drug culture and have no clue how to handle this. My father is sure she quit. I never thought this would come into my family. My stepmother isn't aware that I know. I don't want my father to be upset. What can I do? -- Help Me in California

Dear Help: It's unlikely your stepmother simply stopped. Getting off highly addictive drugs is not as easy as wanting to or promising to. That's only the first part of becoming sober. The rest requires a lot of work. Talk to your father about your concerns and suggest he contact Nar-Anon (nar-anon.org), for family and friends of drug addicts, at 1-800-477-6291.

Dear Annie: Recently, we were invited to our neighbors' for a drink, and on the counter was a laptop computer running a slide show with pictures of their summer home, boat and grandchildren (probably two dozen shots). Of course, we had to watch and give appropriate comments.

Shortly after this, we went to a small party and

the hosts had set up their computer on the buffet with a slide show of their 11 grandchildren. The next week, we attended a dinner where the hosts had conveniently placed their computer near the entrance with a slide show of their new home expansion renovation project.

Am I crazy, or is this totally rude? Not only are you a captive audience, but you have to ooh and aah over all this. I have adorable grandchildren and a beautiful new home, but wouldn't dream of displaying them like this. What do you think? -- Please Release Me

Dear Please: Years ago, hosts would corral unsuspecting guests and make them watch an old-fashioned slide show of their recent vacation. It was equally uncomfortable and resented. The good thing about a computer is that it can run in the background while you do other things. If the hosts expect you to stand at attention in front of the laptop until the slide show runs its course, yes, it's rude. Otherwise, you don't need to give it your complete attention. A brief compliment will do, after which you can declare that you wouldn't dream of monopolizing the screen.

Dear Annie: You told "Mother of the Bride" that it's fine for her daughter

to stage two weddings. Are you completely insane? It is not OK. The couple will already be married. Any second ceremony will be a renewal of vows.

If a big white wedding is important to the daughter, then she needs to do it right the first time. They don't get a free pass because she got pregnant and they decided to elope. What possible justification is there for such a thing?

Really, I'm shocked you would agree that it's OK to do something so incredibly tacky and gauche. -- J.J.

Dear J.J.: Believe it or not, there are very few restrictions on having the whole enchilada under these circumstances. According to Emily Post, if a couple is married in a civil service and later wishes to have a religious ceremony, it's perfectly OK to have a wedding and reception, including a white bridal gown (she suggests skipping the veil). Guests should not be deliberately misled into believing they are witnessing the original vows, but it's OK to invite them to a "celebration of marriage" because that's what it is.

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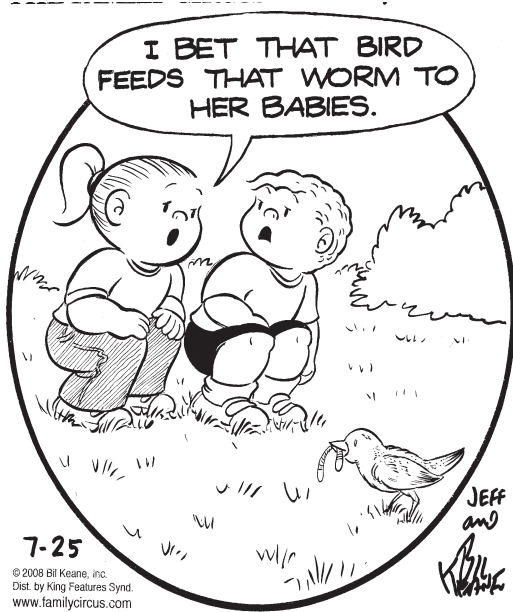
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| 5 :PM  | News ABC                  | News ABC          | Locura           | Simpsons                              | News           | Noticias        | News             | Friends                                      | Light of the Southwest | News Business                       | Cash Cab     | Cousin Vinny, Ralph Macchio                         | CSI: Crime Scn                    | Law & Order                       | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | Suite Life                              | NASCAR Now                              | SportsCenter |
| 6 :PM  | News ABC                  | Jeopardy!         | Querida          | Simpsons                              | News           | 12 Cora-        | News             | Raymond                                      | Raymond                | News-Lehrer                         | Cash Cab     | CSI: Crime Scn                                      | Law & Order                       | Montana                           | Suite Life                    | ATP Tennis: Rogers Cup -- Quarter-final | Shifting Gears                          |              |
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| 8 :PM  | Dance Machine             | Dance Machine     | Diablo-Guapos    | Movie: Anger Management, Marisa Tomei | NUMB3RS        | Victoria        | Dateline NBC     | Movie: Save the Last Dance, Kerry Washington | Light of the Southwest | Bill Moyers Journal                 | Man vs. Wild | Movie: Road House, Sam Elliott                      | UFC: Silva vs. Irvin              | Movie: The Wash, George Wallace   | Baldwin                       | Wizards of Waverly Place                | Boxing: Friday Night Fights.            |              |
| 9 :PM  | 20/20                     | 20/20             | Viva la Familia! | TMZ                                   | Flashpoint     | Sin Senos       | News             | Church                                       | Charlie Rose           | Made                                | Made         | Movie: Christine, Alexandra Paul                    | Factory                           | Movie: A Guy Thing, Selma Blair   | Diff Wild                     | So Raven                                | Baseball Tonight                        |              |
| 10 :PM | News                      | News              | Impacto          | Two Men                               | News           | Noticias        | News             | Cortes                                       | Charlie Rose           | Made                                | Made         | Movie: Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers        | MAN                               | Movie: The Wash, George Wallace   | Diff Wild                     | So Raven                                | Baseball Tonight                        |              |
| 11 :PM | Nightline                 | Nightline         | Noticiero        | Raymond                               | Late Show      | Boxeo Telemundo | Tonight Show     | Sex & Joe                                    | Smiley                 | Smiley                              | Man vs. Wild | Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers               | MAN                               | Movie: The Wash, George Wallace   | Diff Wild                     | So Raven                                | Baseball Tonight                        |              |
| 12 :AM | Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live | Jimmy Kimmel Live | El Pantera       | Law Order: CI                         | Late Late Show | Just            | Late Night       | Update                                       | Update                 | (Off Air)                           | Man vs. Wild | Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers               | MAN                               | Movie: The Wash, George Wallace   | Diff Wild                     | So Raven                                | Baseball Tonight                        |              |
| 1 :AM  | Dance Machine             | Dance Machine     | Niña Amada Mia   | RENO 911 Lopez                        | Insider        | Programa Pagado | News             | Update                                       | Update                 | (Off Air)                           | Man vs. Wild | Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers               | MAN                               | Movie: The Wash, George Wallace   | Diff Wild                     | So Raven                                | Baseball Tonight                        |              |
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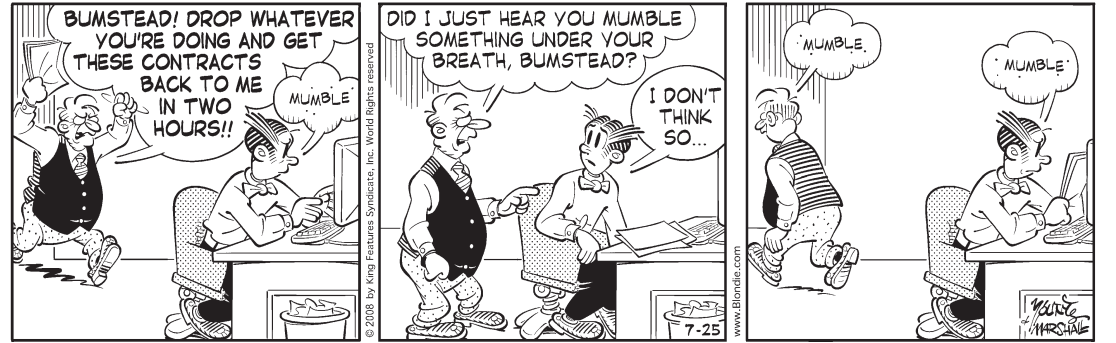


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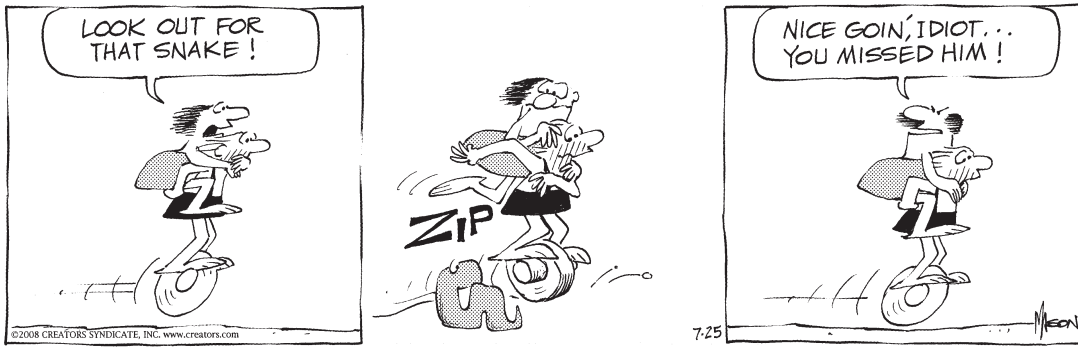
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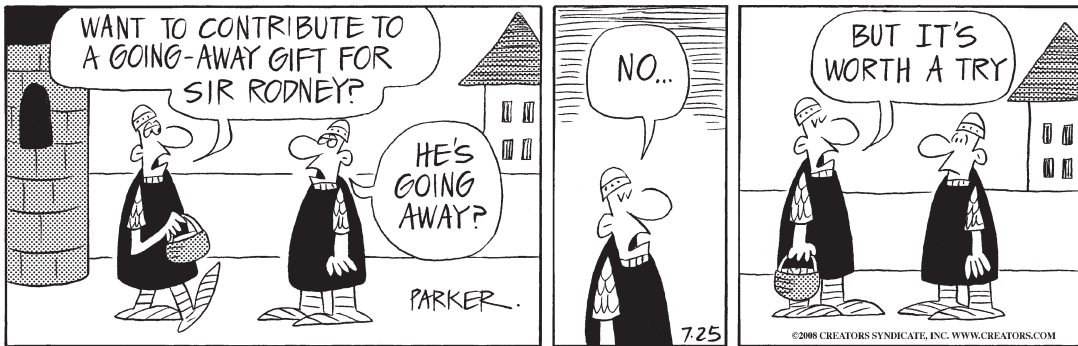
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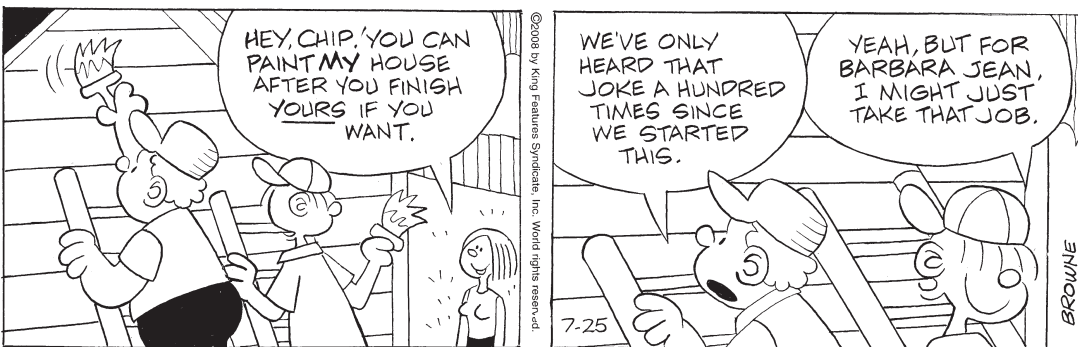
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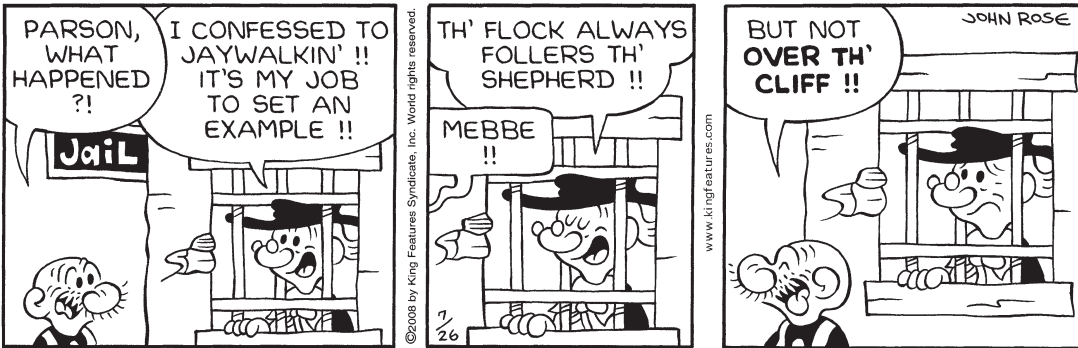
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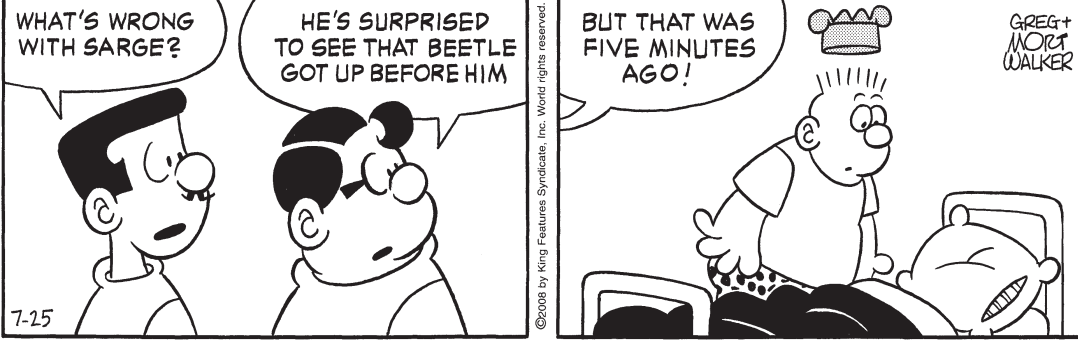
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 25, the 207th day of 2008. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 25, 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; at least 51 people were killed. (The Andrea Doria sank the following day, some 11 hours after the crash.)

On this date: In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1868, Congress passed an act creating the Wyoming Territory. In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and re-asserted his authority.)

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a

self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1957, Tunisia became a republic.

In 1963, the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain initiated a treaty in Moscow prohibiting the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in space or underwater.

In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first "test tube baby," was born in Oldham, England; she'd been conceived through the technique of in-vitro fertilization.

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

One year ago: A presidential commission urged broad changes to veterans' care that would boost benefits for family members helping the wounded, establish an easy-to-use Web site for medical records and overhaul the way disability pay was awarded.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Estelle Getty is 85. Actress Barbara

Harris is 73. Rock musician Verdine White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 57. Singer-musician Jem Finer (The Pogues) is 53. Model-actress Iman is 53. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 51. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 50. Actress-singer Bobbie Eakes is 47. Actress Katherine Kelly Lang (TV: "The Bold and the Beautiful") is 47. Actress Ileana Douglas is 43. Country singer Marty Brown is 43. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 41. Actor D.B. Woodside is 39. Actress Miriam Shor is 37. Actor James Lafferty (TV: "One Tree Hill") is 23.

Thought for Today: "The truth is all things seen under the form of eternity." — George Santayana, Spanish-American philosopher (1863-1952).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

STORY LINE by Merle Baker  
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                     | <b>DOWN</b>                    | <b>25</b> U.S. Grant, for one               | <b>48</b> Type of space probe            |
| <b>1</b> Arizona natives          | <b>1</b> Overwhelms            | <b>27</b> Metamorphoses poet                | <b>50</b> Bring from overseas            |
| <b>8</b> Used to be               | <b>2</b> ___ a time            | <b>29</b> Ben's Federal Reserve predecessor | <b>52</b> Put to the test                |
| <b>15</b> Vigilant                | <b>3</b> Uneven                | <b>30</b> Cinema canine                     | <b>53</b> Still                          |
| <b>16</b> Patronize a drive-thru  | <b>4</b> Will Smith title role | <b>31</b> Paula once of CNN                 | <b>55</b> Places for racks               |
| <b>17</b> Moppet's milestone      | <b>5</b> Bitter feud           | <b>32</b> Pointy tools                      | <b>56</b> Fab Four drummer               |
| <b>19</b> AFTRA cousin            | <b>6</b> Physicist             | <b>33</b> Prepare, as a hook                | <b>57</b> Is in the hole                 |
| <b>20</b> Bean covering           | <b>7</b> Recipe directive      | <b>34</b> Peacock ___                       | <b>58</b> Jumped right in                |
| <b>21</b> Outcropping             | <b>8</b> Med. specialty        | <b>35</b> Put in                            | <b>59</b> "Lake effect snow" city        |
| <b>22</b> Small fry               | <b>9</b> Greek letters         | <b>36</b> Pastoral poem                     | <b>61</b> Exclamations of under-standing |
| <b>24</b> Bile                    | <b>10</b> Helmet wearer        | <b>37</b> Precidament                       | <b>63</b> Blissful spot                  |
| <b>26</b> Comic-strip canine      | <b>11</b> Industrial solvents  | <b>41</b> Photographer's concern            | <b>65</b> Next-to-last letter            |
| <b>28</b> Substitute              | <b>12</b> Lathe stock          | <b>42</b> Pain in the neck                  | <b>66</b> Arm art, for short             |
| <b>32</b> Monastery leader        | <b>13</b> Champing at the bit  | <b>47</b> Coral islands                     |                                          |
| <b>35</b> Futile                  | <b>14</b> Only                 |                                             |                                          |
| <b>38</b> Mauna ___               | <b>18</b> Warriors' org.       |                                             |                                          |
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| <b>43</b> Charlie's Angels star   |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>44</b> Sea swirl               |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>45</b> Arc-lamp gas            |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>46</b> Amazing buys            |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>49</b> Puckered parts          |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>51</b> Scrumptious             |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>54</b> Power source            |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>57</b> Classic theater         |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>60</b> Brings in               |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>62</b> Contend                 |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>64</b> Ken Follett best-seller |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>67</b> Whammy                  |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>68</b> Place in order          |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>69</b> Feels                   |                                |                                             |                                          |
| <b>70</b> Bean covering           |                                |                                             |                                          |

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# State news in brief

## Houston hires firm to probe deadly collapse

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-based company has been hired to investigate the cause of a stairwell collapse that killed two young boys and injured a third, officials said.

Mayor Bill White announced on Thursday that the Walter P. Moore firm, which specializes in forensic engineering, had been hired. The company will review photos and records as part of the investigation of the July 16 collapse.

Killed by suffocating from debris that fell when the enclosed stairwell collapsed at the Westwood Fountains Apartments were David Vasquez, 10, and Miguel Angel Robledo, 4, whose deaths have been ruled accidental. The stairwell apparently was designed solely for maintenance workers to get to the roof.

"We've taken the death of these young people very seriously. Our hearts go out to the families, and I'd ask apartment owners to think carefully about the integrity of their buildings," White said in Friday's online edition of the Houston Chronicle.

Officials said inspectors, in the future, may be asked to pay special attention to stairs during their visits.

"I wouldn't doubt that, if somebody walked by it in the past before this tragedy, that an inspector would make a judgment by rattling the stairwell that all was fine," said Andy Icken, a deputy director in the city's Department of Public Works and Engineering.

## Man dies at hospital after tussle, tasing

DALLAS (AP) — A man who may have been suffering from hallucinations, died at a Dallas hospital after he had a struggle with police who tased him outside his apartment.

Dallas police identified the dead man as Richard Smith, 46, who was initially outside his apartment late Wednesday, screaming, cursing and punching the air when Senior Cpl. Shawn Freeman and Officer Brenton Hughes said they arrived there.

Their efforts to talk to Smith failed. Police said he, instead, went back inside his apartment on the second floor, from which he then jumped out of a window.

Police said they tried to handcuff him, at that point, but he began swinging and hit both officers. One of the

officers used a Taser to shock Smith twice. He was shocked a third time before officers could handcuff him and place plastic cuffs on his ankles, Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick, commander of the unit investigating the case, said Thursday in The Dallas Morning News' online edition.

Kirkpatrick said Smith was transported to Green Oaks Hospital for mental health treatment and was given medicine. He had a seizure and became unconscious and was then taken to Medical City Dallas Hospital where he was pronounced dead early Thursday morning.

Freeman and Hughes were placed on routine paid administrative leave Thursday while the incident is investigated.

## UT officer who shot chimp was warned to stay away

AUSTIN (AP) — A University of Texas police officer who shot and killed a research animal in March was warned to stay in his car before firing 10 rounds and killing Tony the chimp, according to newly released documents.

In reports obtained by the Austin American-Statesman, UT police officer Paul Maslyk drove his personal car to the Keeling Center for Comparative Medicine and Research when a 140-pound, 17½-year-old chimpanzee broke out in March.

Tony escaped from a jungle gym area by jumping more than 15 feet and grabbing the top of a corral wall. Attendants at the center tried to subdue the animal by firing tranquilizers at it, but Tony snatched the gun and broke it, according to a police report. That's when the animal began to flail its arms and approach Maslyk, police said.

Fearing for his safety, the officer twice shouted "I'm gonna shoot" as the animal approached. He fired while backing away, lost his footing and shot some more as the animal passed by him, police said in their report.

In the supplementary report by police, Lt. Ward Norcutt wrote that Maslyk's "police training caused him to be more concerned for the safety of others" than for himself when he got out of his vehicle, the paper reported.

But Laura Kelly, a senior animal technician at the center, said in a witness statement that the officer "didn't know what he was doing — he was gun happy,"

the paper reported.

## U. of Houston student info mistakenly posted

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston officials were notifying 259 students that their personal information was inadvertently posted online for almost three years, but was recently removed.

The error was discovered by a Washington D.C.-based advocacy group, Liberty Coalition, according to a statement from the university, the Houston Chronicle reported in its online edition on Friday.

The newspaper reported the students' names and Social Security numbers were posted October 2005 on the Internet when a math department lecturer placed student grades on a university Web server.

Officials said they learned of the error this past May and removed the information from the servers. At least two more months of work were required to ensure the information had been removed from Internet search engines, the statement said.

Similar breaches have happened at the University of Texas at Austin, Virginia Tech University and Central Florida University, among other schools, according to Aaron Titus, information privacy director for the Liberty Coalition.

Titus suggested anyone concerned about the issue go to [www.ssnbreach.org](http://www.ssnbreach.org) and conduct a search on his or her name to determine if any personal information has been exposed.

## Houston boy accused of killing brother over shirt

HOUSTON (AP) — A 15-year-old Houston boy is in juvenile custody on a murder charge over the stabbing death of his 17-year-old brother.

Houston police initially said they were investigating whether the fight involved a video game, but later determined the brothers apparently were arguing over a T-shirt.

Police say the T-shirt belongs to the 15-year-old, who apparently got mad when the older boy wore it.

A detention hearing is scheduled Monday.

Police identified the stabbing victim as Robert Dewayne Benton. The dispute fight broke out Wednesday afternoon in an apartment.

# Club News

## TOPS TX No. 21

TOPS TX No. 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) met Monday, July 21, 2008, at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad at 5:30 p.m. The weigh-in began at 5 p.m. Leader Laura Sickles conducted and Alnee Menges offered the invocation. The welcome song was led by Ethel Cassaday. Pledges were then repeated, Carol Smith leading for TOPS and Gladys Russell leading the KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly).

Minutes of previous meetings were read by Linda Staple and approved by the membership. The business

portion of the meeting informed the members present of the 2009 I.R.D. to be held in Orlando, Fla. The theme of those activity days will be "Walk the Weight Away." The world wide membership is encouraging people to walk away a million miles by I.R.D. (International Recognition Days).

Milage tracker charts will be ordered for TOPS TX No. 21 to participate in this challenge.

The Aug. 4 meeting will be finalizing plans for Honor Society Fun Day here in Big Spring on Aug. 9. All members are asked to participate.

Roll call was next on the agenda. It proved that we did

have a weekly best loser with a loss of 1-¼ pounds. We had 7 TOPS and 3 KOPS present.

The program was then presented by Ethel Cassady, titled "It's No Joke." Laughter and a positive attitude are good for our health. It was agreed that everyone will bring a "funny" next week to share a laugh at our meeting.

The closing song was then sung by all and the meeting adjourned.

For more information about the TOPS weekly meeting, call Frank Sickles at (432) 213-1342 or Alnee Menges at (432) 263-6819.

# Coahoma ISD announces free and reduced-price meals policy

Coahoma ISD has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for students served under the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program. Each school or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified with this medial release will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price meals. Foster students who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster student is based on the student's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all household with a letter

informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their students. Applications are also available at each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

Households qualified for Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) may receive a letter from the SFA certifying students as free eligible. No further action is required from

the household when the household receives this letter unless some students living in the household are not listed on the letter from the SFA. All households that do not receive a letter from the SFA certifying students as eligible for free or reduced-price benefits will need to complete an application. For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving Food Stamps or TANF case or Eligibility Group number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a Food Stamp/TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the Social Security number of the

adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate that a Social Security number is not available by writing the word "none," "no number," or some indication that he person does not have a Social Security number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the Director of Food Services, will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on

the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Coahoma ISD Superintendent, P.O. Box, Coahoma, TX 79511 or call (432) 394-4290.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may allow students of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income fall at or below the levels shown above.

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