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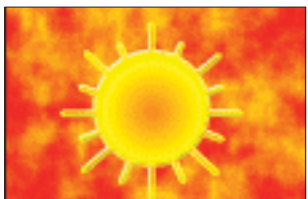
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Local jobless rate remains steady

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Unemployment totals remained steady between January and February, according to local workforce officials, and are down slightly compared to 2006 at this time.

The unemployment rate in Howard County remained at 4.9 percent in February, the same percentage posted in January and down from the 5.5 percent

posted in February 2006.

According to Mary Gregg, area manager for the Big Spring Workforce Network, the steady trend is due to the fact natural resources and mining, construction and manufacturing totals remain steady in the area.

While the unemployment rate didn't change between January and February, there was a slight change in the number of unemployed people in Howard

County, with 669 reported in February and 665 the previous month. According to state statistics, the total was 747 in February 2006.

The number of employed residents dropped slightly, with 12,870 reported in February and 12,963 in January. The number of employed residents reported in February 2006 was 12,908.

The civilian labor force also saw a decrease, with 13,539 in February and 13,628 in

January, compared to 13,655 reported in February 2007.

"Regionally, nonagricultural employment was 63,700 in February, showing an over-the-month increase of 200 jobs," said Gregg. "Local government added 200 jobs in February as area schools increased their staffs after the spring break. Employment in professional and business services grew by 100 jobs and had an annual growth of 400 jobs, or 5.7 per-

cent.

"Mining and construction lost 100 jobs over the month, but has added 1,300 jobs since last February, an annual growth rate of 10.6 percent. Retail trade employment was unchanged this month after January's decrease."

Gregg said there are currently plenty of job opportunities in Howard County.

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Big Spring turns out for IFL

Local fans left hoping for return visit from indoor football league

By MIKE GRIMES
 Sports Editor

Howard College had the festive air of professional indoor football Saturday with children dancing, live music blasting through the air and the smell of fajitas coming from the tailgate parties two hours before the Roughnecks took the field at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tommy Benizio, the Roughnecks' owner, decided to bring a pre-season football game to Big Spring at the encouragement of several local business owners — Sonic Drive-in, Dale Coates Air Conditioning and Heating, The Whitten Inn, Al's and Son Barbecue and Howard College, to name a few.

With a little more than a month to plan the event, the Odessa team officially changed its name to the Big Spring Roughnecks and decided to schedule the game against their conference rival — San Angelo.

Hours before the doors to the coliseum opened, the lines to get into the game were wrapped around the east side of the building and halfway to the parking lot.

"There was plenty of

hard work and sweat to produce this event," Benizio said, standing at midfield after his Big Spring team defeated San Angelo. "We were not sure what to expect and everyone had some great ideas, but the problem was trying to get the whole thing off the ground. The Big Spring community really stepped up and helped make this a success. I want to thank everyone for coming out and I am really pleased with the outcome."

The final score was Roughnecks 39, Stampede Express 23. However, with a crowd that officials estimated at more than 3,000, that was the number that impressed the Odessa owners and players.

"The fans here welcomed us and they did not take long to get loud and get behind us," Benizio added. "This is something we would like to be able to do in the future (come back and play a home game in Big Spring) and there is no doubt that this is a town that loves football. The fans really made this game tonight."

With cheerleaders, mascots and footballs flying



Odessa Roughnecks mascot, Digger the Prarie Dog, made his debut at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday night as the Roughnecks defeated the San Angelo Stampede Express, 39-23, in Intense Football League preseason play.

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Police continue robbery probes

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Big Spring police officials investigations continue into a pair of unrelated aggravated robberies reported in February.

The investigation into an aggravated robbery reported Feb. 5 at the Dollar General store — located at 501 Birdwell Lane — has yielded no arrests, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

"We have a viable suspect at this

time," said Everett. "However, the case is still under investigation."

In a statement released by the BSPD shortly after the robbery, Everett said the suspect threatened the life of a clerk at the store before making away with an undisclosed amount of cash.

"According to witnesses, the woman went up to the cashier with a knife and told her she had a gun in her pocket, demanding money," said Everett. "The clerk feared for their life and gave the suspect the money, after which she fled on foot."

Everett said the suspect is described

as a Caucasian female, approximately 5 feet, 2 inches tall in her late 20s to early 30s, with auburn hair. Witnesses said she was wearing a camouflage cap, maroon and green shirt and blue jeans.

Whether or not the woman had a gun in her pocket at the time of the robbery is of little consequence as far as the law is concerned, according to Everett.

"As far as the charges are concerned, it really doesn't matter if she used a knife or a gun to rob the store," said Everett. "The charges are the same for

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Relay for Life Volleyball Tourney

Saturday there will be a volleyball tournament at the Goliad Gym for Relay for Life.

Registration will start at 10 a.m. and the first game will be played at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$5 per player and each team will consist of three boys and three girls.

The tournament is open to all age groups.

Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring Teens Baseball League is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the league this year.

If anyone is interested, call Randy Phillips at 264-6600 or 517-0399.

Howard Hawks sweep 4 in softball

The Hawks softball team played four games on Sunday against Clarendon College at Foundation Field and won each in convincing fashion.

The scores were 15-0, 13-4, 11-3 and 4-3 in the final game of a quadrupleheader.

The Howard softball team is now 11-9 in conference and 24-11-1 on the season.

Spurs fall to Pacers at buzzer

Jamaal Tinsley's game-winning shot might have saved the Indiana Pacers' season.

His layup over Tim Duncan with 1.1 seconds left gave the Pacers a 100-99 victory over San Antonio on Sunday night, ending the Spurs' six-game winning streak.

The Pacers had lost four straight games and were fading in the Eastern Conference playoff picture. The win moved the Pacers within 1 1/2 games of the eighth spot in the East and gave them a much-needed shot of confidence.

The Spurs have the third-best record in the Western Conference, but the reeling Pacers beat them without top scorer Jermaine O'Neal.

"It just shows that they're fighting, and some people are openly questioning that," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said.

Rockets lose to Jazz, 86-83

The Jazz rallied in the final minutes to defeat Houston 86-83, Sunday night.

Mehmet Okur scored 20 points in the Utah win.

With the victory, the Jazz developed some confidence against the team they appear to be facing in the first round of the playoffs.

"If we play defense, we can beat anybody," said Utah's Deron Williams. "If we match up with Houston in the playoffs, it will be great series."

Roughnecks stomp Stampede Express



On the first play from scrimmage Ahmad Childress (99) sacked San Angelo quarterback Dixie Wooten (7) for a seven-yard loss. The Big Spring Roughnecks won over fans in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with a 39-23 victory Saturday night.

Big Spring Roughnecks 39, San Angelo Stampede 23

JORDAN HERROD

Special to the Herald

From the first snap of Saturday's Intense Football League game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, the Big Spring Roughnecks had the San Angelo Stampede Express right where they wanted them — scrambling, fumbling and in general losing to a better football team.

The Roughnecks took the IFL preseason win, 39-23.

As mascots Digger, Jumping Jack, and Speedy bounced around, local football enthusiasts braced themselves for the first ever arena game held in Big Spring.

"It was difficult at first because I didn't know what to expect," Roughnecks owner Tommy Benizio said, "but I felt very welcomed here. I hope to be able to do this more often."

Odessa kicked off, and the first four plays consisted of a sack, botched snap, fumble and a blocked field goal. After the block, the Roughnecks were whistled for an encroachment penalty and San Angelo had another chance. This one resulted in an unsuccessful fake field goal.

"This game lets us know where we're at," defensive end Ahmad Childress said. "Even though it's a tuneup game, we carry a lot of momentum going into the regular season."

Members of the San Angelo Stampede Express said they didn't show all of their game during the preseason exhibition, and that things could be different when they travel to Odessa on April 21.

"Tonight's game will have a major impact on the players who will be on the team," San Angelo wideout Demont Burdine said. "We look for a different outcome in the regular season."

When the Roughnecks scored first off a 10-yard run by DeWayne Hogan, the coliseum exploded with applause and no one in blue looked back.

"The fans were knowledgeable and really into the game," Roughnecks Coach Chris Williams said. "They were truly impressive."

Hogan finished the game with two rushing touchdowns, while his backfield companion, quarterback Chad Frieauf, created success for himself by going to the air and calling continuous short routes. Frieauf had a pair of touchdowns of his own, smiling on each 6-yard completion.

"I come from conservative offenses," Frieauf said. "I'd like to throw downfield a little more."

Frieauf, who finished the game 24-of-36 with one interception and 183 passing yards, took home the player of the game award.

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Scott outduels Appleby to win Houston Open

By **CHRIS DUNCAN**

AP Sports Writer

HUMBLE — Adam Scott came to the Houston Open starving for the stress of competition to prepare him for the Masters.

He got what he needed from fellow Australian Stuart Appleby.

Scott held off Appleby with a 6-under 66 on Sunday, saving par with a 50-foot putt on the 72nd hole after hitting his tee shot into the water.

Scott finished at 17 under, three strokes ahead of Appleby, the defending champion, and third-round leader Bubba Watson.

Scott said before the tournament that he was rusty after taking a month off earlier this year. He tied for 61st at Doral and was pleasantly surprised how well his game held up under pressure this week heading into the Masters.

"It was good for me to play in the heat of the battle again," Scott said. "Just to know how to control your nerves will be good for me."

Playing together, Scott led Appleby by one stroke as they

stood on the 18th tee, but Scott pulled his tee shot into the pond that lines the left side of the 488-yard hole, the course's most difficult.

Scott immediately had a flashback to the 2004 Players Championship, when he had a two-shot lead on the final day and pulled a 6-iron into the water on the 72nd hole.

"I don't know. Water on the left," Scott said. "It's not ideal for me, obviously."

He salvaged a winning bogey at Sawgrass and got away with it again Sunday.

Appleby drove into the fairway bunker, then immediately gave Scott a reprieve by hitting his approach into the water near the green.

"I knew what I had to do," Appleby said. "It's just a matter of you've got to do it. And I didn't get to do it."

Scott took his drop, hit his approach safely away from the water, then holed the par-saving putt. He pumped his fist, Tiger Woods-style, after the ball disappeared and the crowd roared.

"It was relief, along with ela-



MCT photo/Rich Addicks/KRT
Adam Scott, who finished at 17-under-par to win the Houston Open, raises his arms after making a birdie putt.

tion," said Scott, who earned his first win since last year's Tour Championship. "I was pretty happy for it to be all over with,

because it was looking a bit messy."

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MCT photo/Johnny Crawford/KRT
Jimmy Johnson climbs on top of his car with the checkered flag. Johnson beat his idol to the finish line at Martinsville Sunday.

Johnson nips Gordon at Martinsville

By **HANK KURZ Jr.**

AP Sports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Once the prodigy brought into the Hendrick Motorsports fold by Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson gave his mentor no quarter with victory at stake.

Johnson withstood his teammate's 53-lap challenge that included plenty of banging Sunday and held him off by a bumper for his third NASCAR Nextel Cup win in six races.

"I'm speechless. I've looked up to him my whole career, before I even was back here racing. I've looked up to him

and knew how good he was at Martinsville," Johnson said of Gordon, whose seven career wins at the track are the most among active racers.

"That was probably the hardest driving I've ever done."

The teammates provided a stirring duel at the end of the second Car of Tomorrow race, one that had been mostly devoid of the destructive physical driving that normally leaves several cars broken long before the checkered flag at Martinsville Speedway.

But the show at the finish was all Johnson and

Gordon, who tried everything he could short of wrecking his teammate and friend, but couldn't make the pass.

"The only way I could get by him was to wreck him, but he's my teammate and I tell you what, there's going to be some interesting racing going forward because he blocked me really bad," Gordon said. "I thought I had a chance at him a couple times, but he shut the door on me pretty good. ... He did exactly what he should have done."

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Which doesn't mean the four-time series champion liked it at all.

"I'm happy for Jimmie, I am happy for Hendrick to win the race, but I am really disappointed that we didn't win because I thought we should have," Gordon said.

Johnson won for the 26th time in his career and extended Gordon's winless streak to 24, keeping him one victory short of tying the late Dale Earnhardt for sixth on NASCAR's career list with 76. It was Hendricks' seventh victory in the last nine races at 0.526-mile Martinsville, the smallest, oldest and trickiest track on the circuit.

At the end, Johnson put on a classic display of defense to hold on.

"I gave him the inside lane a few times," Johnson said. "I didn't want to squeeze him and run him up on the curb, so I left him the inside lane, but coming down to the checkered flag, he gave me a shot in 3 and 4 and at that point, I just turned left and crowded him and tried beating him back to the start-finish line."

The margin of victory was 0.065 seconds.

The Car of Tomorrow appeared to have a lot to do with the finish. Designed with bumpers that don't allow the trailing car to lift and move the car in front as readily as the other race cars have, Gordon said he would have had to hit Johnson really hard — and on the right spot on the track — to get him to slide up the track enough to pass.

Johnson, though, didn't feel like Gordon had held back at

all. "I would have been wrecked with last year's car with hits that hard," he said, adding that he thought the last one would have made a car's airbag deploy.

But, he said, he doesn't expect any problems with Gordon because of the respect they have for each other and the relationship they have forged as teammates.

"It's certainly something that we'll work out," he said.

Denny Hamlin finished third, followed by Kyle Busch, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jeff Burton and Tony Stewart, giving Chevrolet the top seven spots. Scott Riggs was eighth in a Dodge, followed by the COT Fords of Jamie McMurray and Matt Kenseth.

Hamlin and Earnhardt, along with the Hendrick teammates, dominated the race. Hamlin started on the pole and led 125

laps, and Earnhardt led 137, the last with 123 to go.

"We're tired of running so good here and not winning," Earnhardt said.

Gordon led three times for 92 laps, but none of the last 113. The first 10 of those were led by teammate Kyle Busch, but Johnson passed him on lap 388 and kept going, giving the Hendrick teams both Car of Tomorrow victories. Busch won last week.

"It's kind of one of those starts you dream about," owner Rick Hendrick said. His teams have now won four races in a row. In another, they finished second and third.

The race was slowed for 93 laps by 13 cautions, but most of those were one-car spins or accidents, not the kind of multi-car accidents typical of Martinsville.

The race almost appeared

ready to end before any of the late drama.

With Earnhardt leading, the race was red-flagged by rain with 357 laps to go. Black clouds surrounded the track, but the delay lasted less than 32 minutes.

When it resumed under a yellow flag, Johnson and Hamlin headed for pit road, a move that paid off when another caution sent the leaders to the pits with about 125 left.

Busch had the lead when it went back to green with 118 laps to go, and Johnson passed him five laps later. When Gordon passed Hamlin for second with 53 laps to go, it quickly became a two-car battle, and the pupil held off his one-time mentor.

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Appleby took a double bogey to finish with a 69. But it was easily his best finish of the year and filled him with confidence heading to Augusta.

"I like the way I hit the ball," he said. "I want to get there (to Augusta) and get set for that. I'm ready to go."

Watson, searching for his first win, birdied the

last hole for a 72.

Scott became the sixth Australian to win the Houston Open, joining Appleby, Bruce Devlin, Bruce Crampton, David Graham and Robert Allenby. Appleby and Crampton have won it twice and the eight victories by Australians are the most in any U.S. tour event. Only the British Open (9) has had more champions from Down Under.

Appleby joked that it

eased the sting of losing to know that another Aussie won.

"Marginally," Appleby said.

The 26-year-old Scott spent four weeks in Europe before returning at Doral. He shot a final-round 80 — including a 10 on one hole — and wasn't optimistic before the Houston Open started.

But his swing held up

all week and his putting improved with each round, even when his nerves started to fray.

"I really needed to be in contention this week and take something out of it," Scott said. "I can feed off that for next week now."

Appleby and Scott started the day three shots behind Watson, but caught him with birdies on three of their first five

holes. The Aussies matched each other shot for shot from there until Appleby bogeyed the par-3 14th and lost the lead for good.

Scott hit two mammoth 3-woods to reach the 608-yard 15th hole and he two-putted to move to 17 under. Appleby bogeyed the 16th, then birdied the 17th to set up the tense finish.

"It's funny what happens coming down the stretch," Scott said. "We were solid all day and all of a sudden, you know, a couple of funny shots happened."

Players were allowed to lift, clean and place their balls in the fairway for the second straight day after a morning thunderstorm dumped a half-inch of rain.

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He had only five days of practice before the game, but Williams said he came away with a different opinion of his young star.

Odessa was perfect in the red zone, scoring six times with six opportunities.

"Because Chad ran this new offense the way he did, I'm pleased with his performance," Williams said. "He really impressed me."

From practicing on the field at Big Spring High School, to receiving medical needs from local trainers, to using hometown locker rooms,

Friehauf says he departs from Big Spring with a great taste in his mouth.

"This community has been really supportive of us," Friehauf said. "I hope we won some fans."

The former Denver Broncos player said the volume of those in attendance took him by surprise, and that he wouldn't mind if he had those fans at all his home games.

"I could definitely hear the crowd," quarterback Chad Friehauf said. "I'd love to see them in Odessa."

The Roughnecks play Monday, April 9, at home against the Cen-Tex Barracudas, closing out preseason play.

Contract Bridge

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♥ A 9 6 5
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♣ A 10 3

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♥ J 3
♦ Q 9 8 7 6 4 2
♣ —

EAST
♠ 7
♥ 10
♦ J 5
♣ K Q J 9 8 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 6
♥ K Q 8 7 4 2
♦ K 10
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The bidding:
South West North East
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5♥ Pass 6♥ 7♣
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Opening lead — two of diamonds.
It is often difficult to reach the best contract when your opponents cramp the bidding space with nuisance bids. However, such tactics occasionally boomerang, which is what happened in this deal from the 1966 World Pair Championship when a Spanish pair crossed swords with a French pair.

The Spanish South opened the bidding with one heart, and the French West overcalled with one notrump! This type of overcall — indicating a long suit and a weak hand — is known in France as the comic notrump (*le sans atout comique*). North doubled to show a good hand, and East added spice to the goings-on by leaping to five clubs.

South bid five hearts, thus indicating much more than a minimum opening bid, and North raised him to six. Perhaps East should have passed — the bidding surely would have died then and there — but he bid seven clubs as a sacrifice against the small slam he felt sure the opponents could make.

This tactic backfired when it gave South a chance to make a forcing pass and in that way invite partner to go on to seven hearts with a suitable hand. Had South held a weaker hand, he would have doubled to stop his partner from bidding a grand slam.

North had no real problem, under the circumstances. He realized that his three aces were exactly the kind of medicine South needed for a grand slam. So he bid seven hearts, which was easily made for a score of 2,210 points, and the comic notrump did not prove to be so comical after all.

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HERALD photo/Mike Grimes
State National Bank President Jim Purcell serves some food at the tailgate party to members of the Roughnecks' dance team before Saturday night's football game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



HERALD photo/Mike Grimes
The Big Spring Police Color Guard stands at attention while the national anthem is sung before the Big Spring Roughnecks preseason game against the San Angelo Stampede Express at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday night.

GAME

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into the seats, everyone seemed to be having a good time.

"I had a lot of fun at the game," said 8-year-old Tiffany Quernheim, a second grader at Bauer Elementary School. "It was exciting ... fun ... and very loud. I really liked Digger, Jumping Jack and the Giant Hot Dog (mascots). Those players were really big and when they crashed into the walls it looked like it hurt. I hope they will come back and play again."

Quernheim was not the only Bauer student in attendance Saturday night.

"I had a good time — it was better than ice cream or even getting money and I really like money," Ellie Murphy said, a 5-year-old kindergarten student.

"The mascots were super funny and I wanted to stay for the whole game," 11-year-old Shawna Quernheim added, "but my Daddy was hungry. And I wanted to get a football. At the next game, I want to sit where they kick the footballs into the stands. The Roughnecks should definitely come back and play again because everyone had fun. I think they should come back in February and play for my birthday party. That would really be fun."

With tickets only \$15 and \$10 for children under 12, the game was affordable family entertainment. "That was pretty cool to have a football game like that here," said Jason

Murphy, a father with three children at his side. "As a parent and sports fan, I appreciate the college having the game here and I hope they will do more of the same. I would really like to see an ice hockey game or see some more football games like this one. The whole family had a great time and I hope that the Roughnecks started something that will be continued around here. This was a special night and we would love to see them return."

Billed as the "Brawl in Big Spring," the San Angelo team brought quite a few fans to town as well.

According to fans, the game was filled with action and the halftime show was very entertaining. Giant beach balls bounced around the coliseum, fans were brought down to the field to compete for prizes and there was dancing during timeouts. Season tickets were sold and the concession stands had long lines.

"Hey, we like these fans here," Roughnecks defensive end Ahmad Childress said after the game. "They helped our defense out by being loud and forcing some penalties. We want to come back and play here, but we sure want to see them in Odessa when we play."

The Roughnecks' next home game will be April 9 against the Centex Barracudas at Ector County Coliseum. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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both."

Everett also noted that no arrests have been made in the aggravated robbery that occurred in the 900 block of Willia during the early morning hours of Feb. 20.

"The case is still open, but we don't have any-

thing new at this time," said Everett.

The robbery was reported at approximately 2:44 a.m. at the 7-Eleven convenience store located at 902 Willia.

"The officers made contact with the clerk at 2:46 a.m.," said Everett. "The clerk informed officers the suspect had pulled a knife and demanded cigarettes.

"He got out of there

with approximately \$300 in cigarettes. With prices what they are today, that's really only a few cartons."

No injuries were reported as a result of the robbery.

"The suspect is described as a male appearing to be in his 30s," said Everett. "He is approximately 5 feet, 7 inches tall and between 130 and 135 pounds, wear-

ing a dark colored pullover, dark colored jeans and a white handkerchief on his face."

Anyone with information regarding these crimes is urged to contact the police department at 264-2550.

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

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"As of this date, the local Workforce Network has 115 open jobs," said Gregg.

"All job seekers are encouraged to utilize the www.workintexas.com system, whether employed or unemployed. New job listings are received daily and opportunities arise for those who have been discouraged with the type of jobs available in the past, or for those exploring new career opportunities."

Gregg said the Texas unemployment rate is 4.7 percent, while the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area is listed at 3.8 percent.

Within the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area, there are 195,619 employed individuals, compared to last year's figure of 190,683.

Similar trends have been seen in surrounding

counties, with unemployment rates reported at 3.2 percent in Midland County; 3.7 percent in Ector County; 4.6 percent in Martin County; 6.4 percent in Dawson County; 5 percent in Borden County; 4.3 percent in Glasscock County; 3.4 percent in Andrews County; and 3.8 percent in Upton County.

"Job seekers interested in any job listings found at www.workintexas.com can contact Tim Larson or Carla Gross for more information and referrals," said Gregg. "We continue to have a critical demand in our area for pipefitter craftsman, RNs, PRNs and LVNs, entry level telecommunications installer, computer spe-

cialist / networking, police officers, correctional officers and CDL drivers."

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OUR VIEWS

Old Sorehead Trade Days is again on tap

The weekend of April 14-15 — especially Saturday — is going to be a busy one in Crossroads country. That's because in addition to the Health Fair and Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk here in Big Spring, the citizens of Stanton will be entertaining thousands of visitors during Old Sorehead Trade Days.

More than 500 booths are expected to line the streets of Stanton during Saturday's and Sunday's shop-a-rama which will be staged from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and resume on Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

The array of items available during the two-day event just continues to grow.

As Bud Lindsey, a spokesman for the event's organizers, put it, "If you can dream of it, it's most likely at Old Sorehead Trade Days."

In addition, there will be plenty of entertainment, with various groups providing music throughout the day on the Martin County Courthouse lawn.

With a special area set aside for rides and games for children and all sorts of food dishes provided by numerous vendors set around two food courts — one will be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community Center — Old Sorehead Trade Days is certainly an opportunity for the entire family.

Lindsey suggests those wanting to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, need to plan to come early and stay late.

That's not a bad idea. Those of us who are too busy enjoying the exercise and health screenings here in Big Spring Saturday needn't dismay, though. There'll be plenty of time for us to head west Sunday afternoon.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Well, they finally made it! A reason, all be it a lame one, to get older drivers off the road. From what I hear on TV, it was because of one old man. So all older drivers must pay.

As I am one of the "older drivers," I would like to make a point. Most older drivers are very safe. My own driving record at 76 years of age is excellent. So is my 80-year-old husband's.

Older drivers stop at stop signs and red lights; they don't speed; they slow to 20 mph in school zones. Also, due to traits of responsibility, they are courteous to other drivers — something that needs to be adopted by younger drivers.

I might add that older drivers are well aware that as small as Big

Spring is, there is absolutely no need whatsoever to speed. You simply don't save that much time to warrant it.

In addition, older drivers, with practiced common sense don't drive at night if they have problems with eyesight for night driving. If they do go somewhere at night, it is with another driver. I know several people in this situation.

If they really want to make the roads safer, why don't they take repeat offenders off the road? Many are still driving with revoked licenses; drunk drivers are still driving; those with no insurance are driving. Why do perpetual speeders stay on the road? Please explain all this to me.

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Iraq's future in Dems' hands

As House Speaker Nancy Pelosi supports measures to set a timetable to withdraw U.S. troops in Iraq, she likes to repeat this quote by Iraq commander Gen. David Petraeus: "There is no military solution to a problem like that in Iraq."

Pelosi ignores the rest — indeed, the thrust — of Petraeus' message. While the general is the first to acknowledge that Iraqis must come together to craft a long-term political solution to their country's divisions, he understands that there will be no political solution as long as Iraqi civilians live in fear for their very lives and do not believe their government will protect them.

Or, as the December 2006 military counterinsurgency manual, which Petraeus co-wrote, so deftly put it, "In the eyes of some, a government that cannot protect its people forfeits the right to rule." That means: A precipitous withdrawal of U.S. troops will lead Iraq's government to collapse.

What is the Bush administration's plan? Petraeus has a political and tactical plan to undermine Iraq's insurgents. He understands how their need for secrecy, internal divisions, inconsistencies in their message and their need to carry momentum can be used against them. On a new political front, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has supported U.S. incursions in Shiite strongholds, and is working on de-Baathification and oil-revenue sharing. As the COIN manual says: "A COIN (counterinsurgency) effort cannot achieve

lasting success without the HN (host nation) government achieving legitimacy."

But first, there has to be a military plan that gives the country the breathing room to repair.

Now, to the political counterinsurgency growing in the Congress. Two weeks ago, the Senate rejected a measure by a 48-to-50 vote to draft a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq. But on Friday, the House passed a pork-laden supplemental spending bill that calls for an end to combat operations in Iraq by September 2008. Then this week, the Senate voted 50 to 48 for a measure that sets a goal for President Bush to withdraw most U.S. troops by March 2008.

Perhaps momentum is growing because there is little discussion about what will happen in Iraq if Democrats pressure Bush to withdraw U.S. troops on their schedule. Will Iraq collapse? Will Iraq become a Shiite-led nation? Will Iran move in? Will Iraq become a haven for terrorist groups?

At press conferences, reporters ask procedural questions about how the Democrats will respond to a likely Bush veto, but they do not ask about what the consequences will be — for Iraq or for America — should the Democrats get their way.

What will happen to Iraq? I asked Pelosi's office. Spokesman Drew Hammill answered that Pelosi wants to see Iraq change its constitution and its ways. "What we hope is, that with these series of things, we don't have to worry about that. We hope that Iraq will become a peaceful democratic country."

When I asked the office of Sen. Dianne Feinstein what she believed would happen in Iraq, should the Senate measure pre-

vail, her office e-mailed this quote: "Iraq is in chaos today. By setting a goal for redeployment, the Democratic plan says to the Iraqi government that you've got to make the political accommodations necessary. This, in my view, is the best chance for stability in Iraq." Call the Democratic plan "cross your fingers."

Because these Democrats didn't have much of an answer about what will happen if they get their way, I asked Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., what do they tell him they think will happen under their deadlines? "Nothing, nothing, nothing," McCain answered. The Dems won't or can't cut off the funding, but "this way they can say they want to withdraw, but they don't have the responsibility."

At least McCain will predict what these timetables will do. The Senate March 2008 withdrawal plan, he said this week, "does not incentivize the government of Iraq to make tough decisions on reconciliation — it sets the stage for the government collapse. The arbitrary deadline informs our enemies when they need no longer fear American military power. It signals to the population that their best bet for security really does rest in the hands of militias, rather than the government. It demonstrates to the government that they cannot rely on us — after all, we are pulling out regardless of the situation or consequences. And it tells the terrorists that they — not we — will prevail."

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Now, who's politicizing justice?

One reason I have been urging Republicans to man their battle stations against Democrats is that Democrats are in perpetual, full-blown war mode against Republicans. The Democrats' militant approach to the manufactured Justice Department scandal illustrates the point.

If Democrats, as they profess, are inclined toward bipartisanship and conciliation, why are they always alleging GOP scandal even before they have any idea what the facts are?

The answer is that it's all about discrediting the president and augmenting their own power, which is why they always try to tie Cheney or Rove personally to every event they mischaracterize as a scandal.

So it is with this latest installment concerning the firing of eight U.S. attorneys. Despite the unfortunate responses from Alberto Gonzales, probably born of wholly justified defensiveness toward the Democrat scandal-mongers, all available facts point to the conclusion that no impropriety was involved on the part of either the Justice Department or the White House.

Democrats know that presidents have broad discretion to terminate U.S. attorneys so long as they aren't trying to interfere with investigations or the like. But where were Democrats when Janet Reno, almost immediately after becoming attorney general, took the unprecedented action of firing all 93 U.S. attorneys even before they had successors lined up to take their places? Yet Democrats insist on jumping to the worst possible conclusions concerning the Gonzales Justice Department's much less extreme action of firing only eight.

Scandal-monger in chief, Sen. Chuck Schumer, exploited reports of these firings with his customary even-handedness. He didn't suggest that we need to examine the facts to determine whether any wrongdoing occurred. He immediately accused Gonzales of gross improprieties and demanded he resign because he is putting politics above the law. What? Talk about calling the kettle black!

It is Schumer and his fellow Bush-haters who are putting politics above the law, like they put partisan politics above almost everything else, including America's national security interests. How better to describe Schumer's demands that Gonzales resign for engaging in the completely lawful and ethical act of firing attorneys serving at the president's discretion, likely because of policy differences or performance?

Even the reliably liberal *Washington Post* has conceded that so far, "little evidence" has emerged that the firings were calculated to interfere with the administration of justice. What, then, do Schumer and his colleagues know that we don't? Nothing, of course, except the important lesson that allegations of wrongdoing repeated over and over damage their target, even when they are baseless.

Schumer's Democrats are demanding that the evil Rove and others shackle themselves in leg braces and shuffle over to Congress to volunteer themselves as witch-trial, perjury trap martyrs in the spirit of the fallen Scooter Libby. When at first you don't succeed at taking down Cheney and Rove, try, try again.

President Bush, though admirably standing his ground so far and properly upholding the integrity of the executive branch against this Democratic legislative power grab, has been very accommodating and forthcoming with the evidence. If Democrats were

interested in the facts, instead of rushing to injustice, they would be jumping at this opportunity to examine the evidence before jumping to conclusions of criminality.

Bush has offered that Rove and others meet informally with the witchhunters, and is providing mountains of e-mails and other documentary evidence for them to peruse in their quest for just a sliver of a morsel to suggest the faintest hint of a shred of barely discernible ambiguity that could be stretched, contorted and distorted enough to fool some into believing wrongdoing occurred.

We must encourage the president to hold his ground here and, the next time Sen. Schumer expectorates false charges against him, to reverse the charges. He should say to Mr. Schumer, "Senator, you are the one subordinating the law to politics. You are the one acting unethically and abusing your power, by wrongfully accusing public officials of wrongdoing and demanding their resignation without any evidence wrongdoing occurred. If you have a scintilla of evidence of wrongdoing, produce it, or hold your slanderous tongue. Before lecturing us again on politics and justice, explain to us why you routinely savage my highly qualified and ethical judicial nominees for crass political purposes."

By the way, where was Sen. Schumer when President Clinton and Attorney General Reno were giving a nearly eight-year seminar on how to politicize and corrupt the Justice Department? I devoted an entire book to that subject and would be glad to send an unscrubbed copy to the senator, reminding him that he was conspicuously silent during that period.

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For many, fun in the sun is an important part of summertime enjoyment. Beach vacations, barbecues and outdoor activities can all include warm sunshine. Aside from being enjoyable, the sun's rays are a necessary ingredient to good health. If overexposure occurs, the short-term result is often little more than red, painful skin. However, the long-term result can be wrinkles, loose skin and even cancer.



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Harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage individual skin cells, causing them to grow abnormally and become cancerous. Blistering sunburns have been proven to result in this

sort of damage, and long-term exposure has a collective negative effect. While skin type and family history are factors, exposure to the sun is believed to be a leading cause of skin cancer.

Melanoma is one of the most dangerous forms of skin cancer. It is caused by a malignant tumor forming in the cells that give the skin pigment or color. If caught early, melanoma is an often treatable, but in many circumstances it can be life-threatening. Melanoma caused nearly 8,000 deaths last year, and it is becoming increasingly widespread in the United States. The American Cancer Society estimates 62,190 cases of melanoma were diagnosed in 2006, up from 47,700 in 2000.

The skin of children and young adults is especially at risk of cancer-causing damage as it is not as well developed as the skin of adults. Fortunately, following a

few simple steps to protect a child's skin can greatly reduce the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Specific precautions depend on the age of the child.

Babies under six months should never be exposed to direct sunlight. When taking a baby outside, make sure to have the proper covering, such as a wide-brimmed hat and a stroller with a canopy. Their skin has not yet developed the ability to protect itself from UV rays, and they are too young for sunscreen. For babies older than six months, choose a sunscreen with SPF 15 or greater and begin by applying a small amount on the inside of the child's wrist to test for allergies. If no reaction occurs, apply liberally and evenly an hour prior to sun exposure so the skin has time to absorb it.

Children's exposure to the sun should be moni-

tored closely, and they should always wear sunscreen. It is important to explain how and why to apply sunscreen so they may enjoy a lifetime of healthy skin. Also, if the child is playing in the water or sweating a lot, be sure to reapply sunscreen often. The sun rays are the most harmful between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so use extra caution during these times.

Teenagers are generally familiar with the basics of sun safety. However, the desire to have tanned skin can outweigh the seemingly distant effects of overexposure. It is important to know that tanned skin is not necessarily healthy skin. It also may be helpful to explain that, along with skin cancer, too much sun can result in loose, wrinkled skin.

Outdoor activities can be enjoyable and relaxing for the whole family. Don't let overexposure to the sun dampen the fun and ultimately increase

your family's risk of developing skin cancer. Protect and inform your children so they can enjoy a lifetime of healthy skin. Contact your physician to learn more about sun safety and the dangers of overexposure.

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Exercise: A healthy habit to start and keep

How much exercise do I need?

Talk to your doctor about how much exercise is right for you. A good goal for many people is to work up to exercising four to six times a week for 30 to 60 minutes at a time. Remember, though, that exercise has so many benefits that any amount is better than none.

How do I get started?

Sneak exercise into your day.

- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Go for a walk during your coffee break or lunch.
- Walk all or part of the way to work.
- Do housework at a fast pace.
- Rake leaves or do other yard work.

Start by talking with your doctor. This is especially important if you haven't been active, if you have any health problems, or if you're pregnant or elderly.

Start out slowly. If you've been inactive for years, you can't run the Boston Marathon after two weeks of training. Begin with a 10-minute period of light exercise or a brisk walk every day and gradually increase how hard you exercise and for how long.

How do I stick with it?

Here are some tips that will help you start and stick with an exercise program:

- Choose something you like to do. Make sure it suits you physically, too. For instance, swimming is easier on arthritic joints.
- Get a partner. Exercising with someone else can make it more

fun.

- Vary your routine. You may be less likely to get bored or injured if you change your routine. Walk one day. Bicycle the next. Consider activities like dancing and racquet sports, and even chores like chopping wood.
- Choose a comfortable time of day. Don't work out too soon after eating or when it's too hot or cold outside. Wait until later in the day if you're too stiff in the morning.
- Don't get discouraged. It can take weeks or months before you notice some of the changes from exercise.
- Forget "no pain, no gain." While a little soreness is normal after you first start exercising, pain isn't. Stop if you hurt.
- Make exercise fun. Read, listen to music or watch TV while riding a stationary bicycle, for example. Find fun things to do, like taking a walk through the zoo. Go dancing. Learn how to play tennis.

Making exercise a habit

- Stick to a regular time every day.
- Sign a contract committing yourself to exercise.
- Put "exercise appointments" on your calendar.
- Keep a daily log or diary of your activities.
- Check your progress. Can you walk a certain distance faster now than when you began? Or is your heart rate slower now?
- Ask your doctor to write a prescription for your exercise program, such as what type of exercise to do, how often to exercise and for how long.
- Think about joining a

health club. The cost gives some people an incentive to exercise regularly.

How can I prevent injuries?

Start every workout with a warm-up. That will make your muscles and joints more flexible. Spend 5 to 10 minutes doing some light calisthenics and stretching exercises, and perhaps brisk walking. Do the same thing when you're done working out—until your heart rate returns to normal.

Pay attention to your body. Stop exercising if you feel very out of breath, dizzy, faint or nauseated, or have pain.

Benefits of regular exercise

- Reduces your risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, diabetes and obesity
- Keeps joints, tendons and ligaments flexible so it's easier to move around
- Reduces some of the effects of aging
- Contributes to your mental well-being and helps treat depression
- Helps relieve stress and anxiety
- Increases your energy and endurance
- Helps you sleep better
- Helps you maintain a normal weight by increasing your metabolism (the rate you burn calories)

What is aerobic exercise?

Aerobic exercise is the type that moves large muscle groups and causes you to breathe more deeply and your heart to work harder to pump blood. It's also called cardiovascular exercise. It improves the health of

your heart and lungs.

Examples include walking, jogging, running, aerobic dance, bicycling, rowing, swimming and cross-country skiing.

What is weight-bearing exercise?

The term weight-bearing is used to describe exercises that work against the force of gravity. Weight-bearing exercise is important for building strong bones. Having strong bones helps prevent osteoporosis and bone fractures later in life.

Examples of weight-bearing exercises include walking, jogging, hiking, climbing stairs, dancing and weight training.

What about weight training?

Weight training, or strength training, builds strength and muscles. Calisthenics like push-ups are weight-training exercises too. Lifting weights is a weight-training exercise. If you have high blood pressure or other health problems, talk to your family doctor before beginning weight training.

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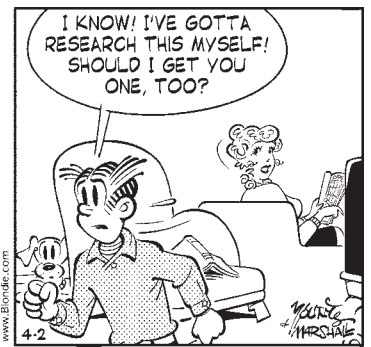
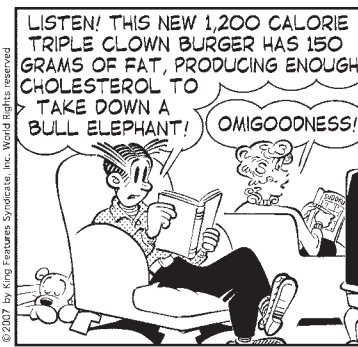
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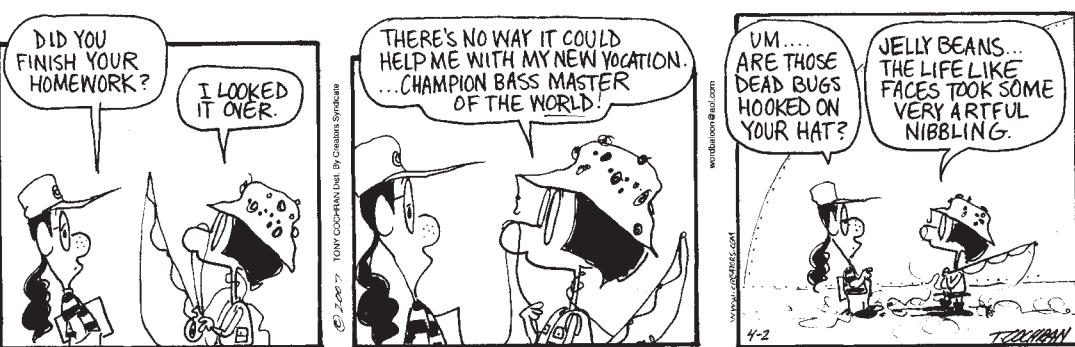
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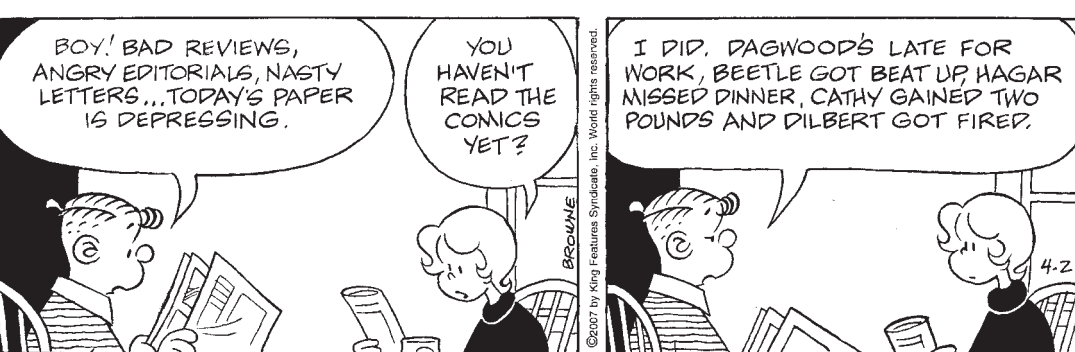
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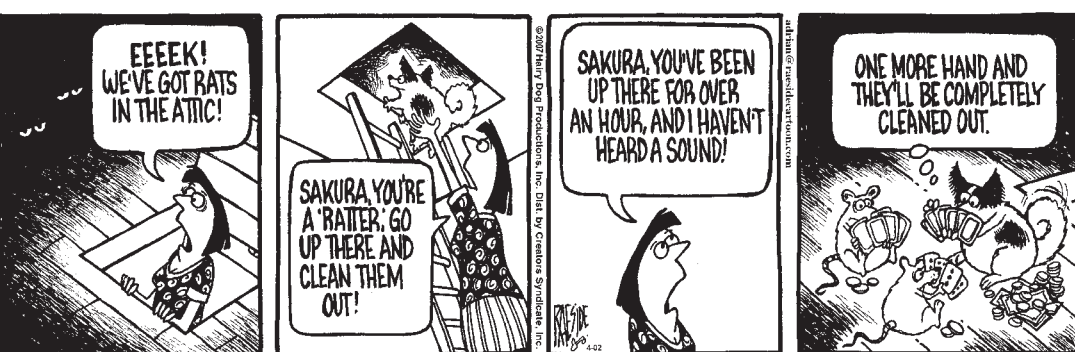
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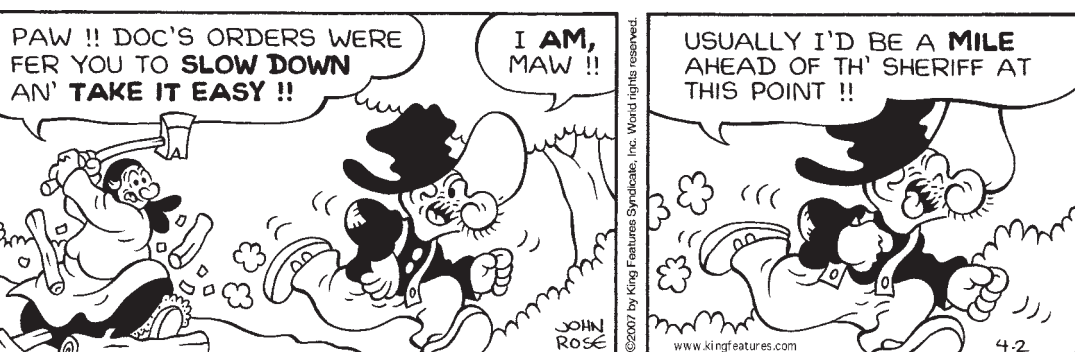
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2007. There are 273 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset. Today's Highlight in History: On April 2, 1917, President Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." On this date: In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida. In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint. In 1805, storyteller Hans Christian Andersen was

born in Odense, Denmark. In 1865, Confederate President Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., because of advancing Union forces. In 1932, aviator Charles A. Lindbergh and John F. Condon went to a cemetery in New York City's Bronx borough, where Condon turned over \$50,000 to an unidentified man in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, however, was not returned, and was found dead the following month.) In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.) In 1986, four American passengers were killed when a bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from

Rome to Athens, Greece. In 2005, Pope John Paul II, who'd led the Roman Catholic Church for 26 years, died in his Vatican apartment at age 84. Today's Birthdays: Actor Dabbs Greer is 90. Actress Rita Gam is 79. Actress Sharon Acker is 72. Singer Leon Russell is 65. Jazz musician Larry Coryell is 64. Actress Linda Hunt is 62. Singer Emmylou Harris is 60.

Answer to previous puzzle

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