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College reviews safety protocols

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Officials believe that Howard College offers a safe environment for students and employees, but recent events show that no college campus is totally safe from random acts of violence.

After a gunman killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech University last week, Howard College officials reacted by conducting an impromptu review of security procedures at its three main campuses, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.



Dr. Sparks

"I believe (the shootings) have encouraged every institution in the nation to do that," Sparks said. "We feel a great responsibility for the safety of our students and employees."

Chris Olson, the college's director of safety procedures, spent part of the week reviewing the college's manual on emergency procedures and conferring with other college officials on security matters, Sparks said.

"We do annual reviews of our safety procedures, but when situations such as what happened at Virginia Tech occurs, there is an intense focus on our own procedures," she said. "In reviewing, we learn that this procedure or that procedure might need adjusting."

Security at a college differs from public schools not only in the spread-out nature of college campuses, but in the age and experience level of students, Sparks said.

"Due to the fact that a college campus consists of adult age individuals, many of our students have experience, and in some case training, in relation to emergency situations," Sparks said. "As a

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Paul Holden, a representative with the Knollwood Heights apartment complex's management company, describes the 48-unit addition his company is planning for the facility, located near Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Knollwood plans 48-unit expansion

City council OKs zoning change to accommodate four-acre area

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Knollwood Heights Apartments will be expanding soon, according to officials with its property management company, as the Big Spring City Council gave the go-ahead for a zoning change for an additional four acres north of the facility.

Paul Holden, a representative with the apartment complex's management company, addressed the council regarding the plot of land, which is expected to become home to an additional 48 apartment units.

"We continue to see a need for this type of housing in Big Spring," Holden told the council.

"By the time construction was complete on the existing units, it was fully leased, and is still fully leased. We feel like this is a good expansion for the city."

The council voted unanimously to approve first reading of the zoning change, which will alter the area from single family to light commercial on final reading in approximately two weeks.

Holden said the new units will be managed under the same plan as the existing apartments.

"The planned units will be part of the affordable housing

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Stewarts are named SWCD Conservation Rancher of Year

Special to the Herald

Danny and Reed Stewart were named Howard Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Rancher of the Year during annual ceremonies held this week.

The conservation district also named poster winners, and heard from a local veteran about his time in Iraq.

Danny Stewart and son Reed are partners in a ranching operation in Howard, Glasscock, Mitchell and Sterling counties and are descendants of pioneer ranchers. The family ranch consists of a commercial cow/calf operation and hunting enterprise. They are also involved in a quarter horse operation.

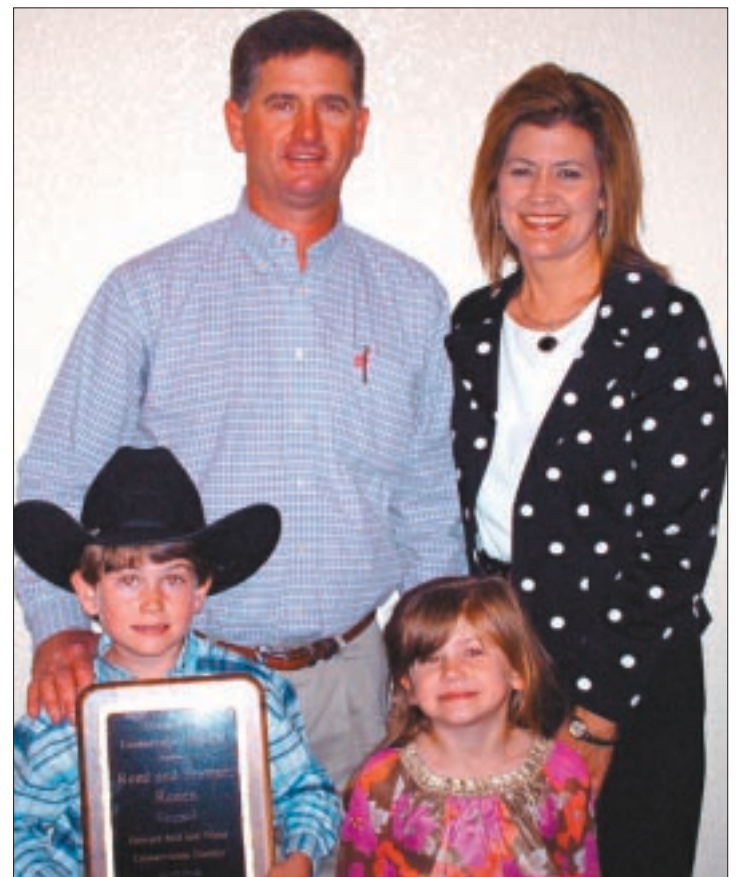
Danny is married to Leruth Stewart and their son Reed is married to Ronda Stewart. Reed and Ronda have two children, a son, Rope, and a daughter, Rigglin.

"Both Danny and Reed possess a deep appreciation for the conservation of soil, water, and wildlife resources on their ranch," said Eddie Spurgin, district conservationist with the

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Reed and Ronda Stewart are pictured with their children, son Rope and daughter Rigglin. Reed and his father, Danny, not pictured, were named Howard SWCD Conservation Rancher of the Year this week.

Courtesy photo



Informal candidate forum slated Monday evening

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring voters will have the opportunity to meet candidates for local municipal and school board positions when

the Chamber of Commerce hosts a voter forum at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the junior high school cafeteria.

Candidates for the Big Spring mayoral and District 5 city council races are expected to

attend, as well as persons running for two different seats on the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees.

Michael Downes, chairman of the Chamber's governmental

affairs committee, said the forum will provide voters an ideal opportunity to learn how the candidates stand on respective issues.

"This will give the public the opportunity to learn informa-

tion about the candidates," Downes said. "In addition to the five minutes allotted for each candidate to speak, the public will have the opportunity

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WEEVIL ERADICATION OK'D

The Texas Department of Agriculture announced this week that cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted to continue program operations.

Final results were 1,337 voting "for" and 196 voting "against" continuation. Some 2,869 ballots were issued; 1,533 were returned. In addition, voters elected Eddy Herm to serve as the board member on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc. The Permian Basin Zone includes all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin counties and a portion of Borden and Midland counties.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

The Spring City Senior Citizens Center will hold its Mother's Day Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at the center, located at 1901 Simler.

The meal will include roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole wheat rolls, strawberry shortcake and a choice of tea, coffee, juice or low fat milk.

Prizes and gift certificates will be given away for the oldest mother, youngest mother, as well as those with the most children, most grandchildren, most great-grandchildren and the best hat.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 267-1628.

'THE AUDITION' SET AT HC

The Howard College Fine Arts Department will present "The Audition," a play developed by HC instructors Eulaine McIntosh and Clay Grizzle, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Studio Theater in the Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

Admission is free to the event.

The show will feature dance, drama, music by the Nighthawk Jazz Band and artwork from the college's visual arts department.

About 50 students will participate in the event.

The production was inspired by the popular Broadway musical "A Chorus Line." For more information, call 264-5000.

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IN BRIEF

Bulldogs suffer loss to Midland High JV

The junior varsity team from Midland High School, one of West Texas' top Class 5A baseball programs, was too much for Coahoma's Bulldogs to handle Tuesday, as the young Midlanders dealt the Bulldogs a 15-2 defeat.

The Bulldogs will close out the regular season Friday when they travel to Anson for a 7 p.m. game.

Forsan schedules date for banquet

Forsan High School's All-Sports Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 7, at the high school.

Tickets, priced at \$10 each, are available at the high school office and must be purchased by Thursday, May 3.

For more information, contact Debbie Burton at 457-2223.

Relay for Life ragball tournament slated

The Relay for Life Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for May 12-13 at Big Spring High School's Lady Steers Softball Field.

Teams will consist of five male and five female players. Entry fees are \$10 per player.

Registration is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, with the first game of the tournament set to start at 11 that morning.

Howard to host Region V tourney

Howard College's Foundation Field will be site for the NJCAA Region V Softball Tournament to be held May 5-6.

The top four teams from the WJCAC will qualify for double elimination tournament play, with the winner advancing to the NJCAA National Tournament in Plant City, Fla., May 17-19.

Cancer scramble set for April 28-29

The 2007 Cancer Scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Players can form their own teams for the 4-person scramble or be assigned to a team. The field will be flighted by first round scores.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third-place teams in each flight. Prizes will also be given for the longest drive and closest to the pin.

Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus a \$20 cart fee. Private carts are welcome.

For more information, call the country club at 267-5354.

Guys & Gals Tourney scheduled at BSCC

A Guys & Gals Couples Tournament has been scheduled for May 4-6 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees for the two-person scramble are \$130 per couple, plus \$40 cart fee per team.

To enter, call the country club at 267-5354.

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Bearkats headed to state tournament

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**

Managing Editor

ABILENE — Garden City's Bearkats turned in an impressive final round of 318, matching that turned in by front-running Archer City to take second place at the Region II, Class 1A golf tournament.

The Bearkats, who opened the second round seven strokes off the 317 pace set by Archer City, finished the rain-delayed second round Tuesday with a 642 team total.

Robert Lee finished third, 13 strokes behind Garden City.

The Bearkats will now advance to the Class 1A State Tournament in Austin which will be played at the Lions Municipal Golf Course, May 7-8.

Archer City claimed the regional title with its 317-318, 635 score

on the 6,129-yard, par 71 Maxwell Municipal Golf Course.

Eric Hirt and Marcus Cook led the way for the Bearkats, posting identical two-day totals of 162, while Chase O'Brien finished the tournament with a 163 total.

Sam Long carded Garden City's best round of the day Tuesday, his 76 giving him a 36-hole total of 164. Taylor Niehues finished the tournament with a 79-80, 169 score.

Forsan's lone entrant in the regional field, Jake Moore, posted a 79-76, 155 score to finish seventh in the individual medalist standings.

In the girls' regional tourney, Garden City's Kate Halfmann finished in a tie for ninth place in the medalist standings with an 87-97, 184 total on the 5,877-yard, par 71 women's layout.

Garden City's other girls'

regional qualifier, Brooke Halfmann, finished with a 92-98, 190 score.

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Region I, Class 4A Tennis

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Roshan Shroff saw his bid at the Region I, Class 4A Tennis Tournament come to an end in the second round Tuesday when he ran into the region's No. 1 seed, Armando Morales of El Paso Andres.

Morales jumped on top early, taking a 6-1 win in the first set, but then had to fight off a determined comeback by Shroff before surviving with a 7-6 win.

Morales went on to claim the regional championship, defeating Brian Humpert of Wichita Falls Rider, 5-7, 6-1, 7-6.

Shroff had opened the tournament with a 6-2, 6-0 domination of Dumas' Aaron Vincent.

In boys' doubles play, the tandem of Brian Juan and Jeremy Langford dropped it's first match to Aledo's Grant Farrell and Marc Rambo, 6-3, 6-3.

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Region I, Class 4A Golf

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Cassie Guinn and Amber Miller found the competition tough at the Region I, Class 4A girls' golf tournament played at the Quicksand Golf Course.

Guinn finished the two-day tournament Tuesday with a 93-91, 184 total, while Miller finished the 36-hole tournament with an 89-104, 193 score.

Aledo took both the boys' and girls' team championships, while Frenship's Lady Tigers advanced to the state tournament with a runner-up finish. Fort Worth Arlington Heights was the second-place team in the boys' field.

Lady Steers take No. 2 spot



By **NICHOLAS HORVATICH**

Special to the Herald

Big Spring's Lady Steers dominated the San Angelo Lake View Maidens, 11-6, in a District 4-4A playoff game Tuesday at Howard College's Foundation Field.

The Lady Steers improved their season record to 18-17, and secured the district's runners-up seed in the Class 4A playoffs. Lake View will enter the playoffs as the loop's third-place seed.

That opening playoff game for the Lady Steers will come at 4 p.m. Friday when they take on Hereford at Lubbock Monterey High School's softball facility. The best-of-three series will continue at 1 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if needed, set to start immediately following the end of Game 2.

The Lady Steers and Lady Whitefaces are no strangers, having played earlier this season when Big Spring posted a 4-0 shutout victory.

In Tuesday's game, the Lady Steers dominated with a strong defensive effort by its all-senior infield, a showing that drew praise from head coach Jennifer Reyes.

"Having veterans in the infield is one of the strong

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A San Angelo Lake View batter waits on a pitch from Big Spring's Kelly Sage during Tuesday afternoon's District 4-4A playoff game at Howard College's Foundation Field. The Lady Steers took an 11-6 win and will now face Hereford in a best-of-three playoff series beginning Friday in Lubbock.

Bulls win, take 2-0 series lead over Heat

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — The way Dwyane Wade sees it, this first-round series with the Chicago Bulls is a long way from over. In fact, it hasn't even begun in his mind.

"The series doesn't start until somebody wins on the other's team's home court," Wade said.

Wade's logic may seem as flawed as his performance so far, but he and the Miami Heat know all about climbing out of 2-0 deficits. They did it last year and won the championship.

They'll need more from Wade and their other superstar, Shaquille O'Neal, to do it again.

Ben Gordon scored 27 points and Luol Deng added 26 to lead the Bulls to a 107-89 victory Tuesday night and a 2-0 lead over the defending champions.

"I have been around a long time and I've been in all these situations before," O'Neal said. "Basically, the Bulls did what they're supposed to do and protect their home court. We have to play smarter basketball. We got to come with a lot more energy and play with a lot more effort and a lot more passion."

In other playoff games: Phoenix beat the Los Angeles Lakers 126-

98 to take a 2-0 lead in their series, and the Toronto Raptors evened their series with the New Jersey Nets at a game apiece with an 89-83 victory.

Gordon scored 11 in the third quarter, hitting three 3-pointers, and the Bulls built a 17-point lead. Deng scored 14 in the fourth as Chicago sent Miami halfway to elimination.

O'Neal accused the Bulls of flopping and lashed out at referee Eddie F. Rush after Game 1, but said it was a "perfect game today" for the officials. It was anything but that for the Heat and their superstars.

O'Neal and Wade had subpar performances again after struggling through foul trouble in the opener, finishing with 17 and 21 points, respectively. O'Neal was just 6-for-14 from the floor with eight rebounds. Wade, who led a late charge in Game 1, never really got going, hitting 9-of-19. Both stars had seven turnovers.

"We really can't make any excuses tonight," O'Neal said. "It was a well played game. They just outplayed us. I had way too many turnovers. They shot the ball extremely well."

Trailing 85-71 through three quarters, the Heat were within

seven after Wade's layup early in the fourth, but they had no answer for Deng. Quiet in the first half after scoring 33 in the opener, Deng scored the Bulls' first eight points in the fourth before Thabo Sefolosha hit a jumper that made it 95-82 midway through the quarter.

The best-of-seven series shifts to Miami for two games, with Game 3 Friday night.

"The bottom line is we're the world champions and the first team that wins four games (advances), and that has not happened yet," Miami's Alonzo Mourning said.

Home teams that have taken the first two games in a best-of-seven series have gone on to advance 95 percent of the time, but the Heat and Bulls have bucked that trend in recent seasons.

Miami dropped the first two games at Dallas in last year's finals, then won four straight to capture the championship. Two years ago, the Bulls opened with two wins at home over Washington but lost the next four in their first playoff appearance since the Michael Jordan-Scottie Pippen era.

"We've got to be mature

enough to understand that Miami has been in this situation," said Deng, who was 2-of-7 with six points in the first half. "We can't relax. We have to keep playing aggressive."

And Bulls coach Scott Skiles said overconfidence "is not a problem" after what happened to his team against Washington.

The Bulls fell into this matchup when they lost the season finale to New Jersey and dropped from the second seed to fifth. But what seemed like trouble for them has, so far, looked rather easy.

As they did in Game 1, the Bulls beat the Heat with quick passes that led to open looks. They were 43-for-78 overall and 11-of-17 on 3-pointers after shooting an uncharacteristic 3-for-17 from long range in the opener.

Now, the Heat need another big comeback.

"(We've) always been a team when it's looking bad and we need a win we always get it and fight for it," Wade said.

Suns 126, Lakers 98

At Phoenix, the Suns revved up their frenetic style to near per-

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Obituaries

Gloria S. Ochotorena



Gloria S. Ochotorena, 65, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring and Lubbock, died Monday, April 23, 2007, in a Dallas hospital. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born June 18, 1941, in Big Spring to Estella Fierro and Martin Sosa. She spent most of her life in Big Spring and also lived in Lubbock and Midland. She was married for over 25 years to Gus Ochotorena Jr. She worked for S.W. Bell Telephone for more than 26 years before retiring in 1998. After retirement, she worked for the Texas Workforce Commission, the Better Business Bureau and Attorney Lilly Plummer of Midland. She was a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church in Midland.

She is survived by one daughter, Teri Rubio and Robert Klein of Midland; four sons, Gus Ochotorena III of San Antonio, Vince Ochotorena and his wife Lee Ann of Lubbock, Gary Ochotorena and Greg Ochotorena, both of Dallas; four grandchildren; father, Martin Sosa of Springlake, Mich.; two sisters, Margie Palacios of Big Spring and Jeannie Stuthard of Springlake, Mich.; one brother, Martin Sosa Jr. of Michigan; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Estella Fierro Gonzales; one brother, Joe Gonzales; stepfather, Emilio Gonzales, grandmother, Francisca Rios Fierro; and two uncles.

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

Peggy Charlene Smith

Peggy Charlene Smith, 68, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at her residence in Dublin. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 27, 2007, at Community Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Lower Greens Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Harrell Funeral Home in Dublin.

She was born Aug. 1, 1938 in Dublin to Albert Wise Starnes and Virginia Eula (Reed) Starnes. She married Clarence Wayne Smith on May 28, 1955, in Dublin.

She was retired as manager of Lee Optical and was a member of Community Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Rickey Wayne and Lana Smith of Athens; two daughters, Peggy Darlene Nelson and husband Ricky of Gainesville and Connie Dale Cheatham and husband Kurt of Sulphur Springs; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; her mother; and a sister, Evyonne Day of Abilene.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Police blotter

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

- **LORENZO F. YANEZ**, 32, of 502 State, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CLAYTON WIGINGTON**, 21, of 602 Highland Drive, was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest with a vehicle, resisting arrest and a Howard County warrant.
- **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 44, of 602 E. 16th Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and hindering the official discharge of an officer's duties.
- **MICHAEL HERNANDEZ JR.**, 39, of 604 N.E. Ninth, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICHARD N. RAMIREZ**, 41, of 611 N. San Antonio, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOSHUA G. YBARRA**, 17, of 1600 E. Fifth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **JUAN MANUEL GARCIA**, 41, of 205 Becker Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of evading arrest.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 48 inmates at the time of this report.
- **FRED LAWTON PETTY**, 42, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHELLE DAWN URANGA**, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for fraudulent controlled substance prescription, parent contributing to the non attendance and violation of a promise to appear.
- **TERRY LYNN DARDEN**, 54, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Light and variable winds becoming northeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

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

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

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

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

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-7-13-16-32.
Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-1-8.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

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. Call 267-6479.
- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

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. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- 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.

Take Note

• **MARCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRING FLING LUAU CARNIVAL** will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. There will be all types of carnival booths, a 24-foot slide, jumping castle, food and much more. We'll be celebrating the end of TAKS testing and everyone is invited. Tickets will be sold at the door, four for \$1.

• **THE ACKERLY LUNCH BUNCH** will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at 14th and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Big Spring. Lunch will be served. RSVP to 267-1449 or 213-4452

• **A SPAGHETTI SUPPER**, a Camp Edge fundraiser for Cornerstone Youth will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in the church Fellowship Hall, 12th and Owens streets. For \$5, receive spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, tea and dessert. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Cornerstone Church at 263-3072.

• **A SENIOR ADULT BIRTHDAY PARTY** will be held at 6:30 p.m. May 4 for seniors 55 and older at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Bring a vegetable or salad (no desserts, please). Cake and ice cream will be served. There will be birthday presents and fun with Dimple the Clown and maybe Mischief too. The event is free, sponsored by the Big Spring Baptist Association.

• **A BENEFIT TO DEFRAY EXPENSES** for Clayton Coffman, injured in an accident, will be held at the Ice House, 1612 E. Third St. May 12. Serving of barbecue plates and fish plates at \$7 each will begin at 11 a.m. There will be door prizes, an auction, live music and more.

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Longhorns pound Pan-Am; Bears top Texas State

AUSTIN (AP) — Kyle Russell hit for the cycle and drove in a career-high five runs to help lead Texas past Texas Pan-American 11-1 Tuesday night.

Russell started with a two-run home run in the first inning, extending his Texas season record to 24 homers. He had a run-scoring triple during a four-run fourth that gave the Longhorns (34-12) a 6-1 lead.

The Longhorns added three runs in the sixth, including Russell's RBI double, and trig-

gered the run rule with two runs in the seventh, when Russell drove in another run with a single.

In other Big 12 action, Baylor rolled to a 13-4 win over Texas State.

Nick Spears homered for UT-Pan Am (15-34) in the fourth.

Austin Wood (5-1) got the win for Texas, giving up one run on four hits in six innings.

Losing pitcher Josh Wymer (4-6) gave up six runs on eight hits and four walks in five

innings.

Baylor 13, Texas State 4

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Tim Jackson homered twice and drove in six runs to lead Baylor past Texas State 13-4 in a game shortened to seven innings by severe weather Tuesday night.

Jackson hit three-run homers in consecutive innings as Baylor (23-19) scored eight runs in the sixth and four in the seventh to wipe out a 2-1 deficit.

Texas State (29-14) scored twice in the bottom of the seventh, then the game was called because of lightning before the start of the eighth.

Ben Booker went 4-for-5 with two RBIs and a run for the Bears, and Paul Miles had two hits and scored three times.

Paul Goldschmidt went 3-for-4 with an RBI for the Bobcats.

Tim Matthews (1-2) got the win for Baylor, allowing two runs on seven hits over five innings with three strikeouts

and no walks.

Texas State reliever Josh Walter (0-1) was hammered for six runs on four hits in just a third of an inning. He walked two.

Texas A&M's game against Stephen F. Austin was postponed because of the threat of bad weather Tuesday.

Texas Tech's game at TCU was also postponed when severe weather rolled through the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

NBA

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fection, going up 2-0 and ending a streak of five consecutive losses in Game 2s.

Leandro Barbosa, presented with the NBA Sixth Man Award trophy before tipoff, scored 26 to

match his career playoff high for the second game in a row, leading six Suns in double figures.

Steve Nash had 16 points and 14 assists, then sat out the final 14 1/2 minutes.

Amare Stoudemire, who was watching in street clothes when the Suns lost Game 2 to the Lakers

a year ago, added 20 points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots — two of them spectacular ones against Kobe Bryant and Lamar Odom to set the tone in the first quarter.

Bryant, the NBA's scoring champ who was coming off a 39-point performance in the Lakers' 95-87 loss in Game 1 on

Sunday, scored 15 on 5-of-13 shooting.

Raptors 89, Nets 83

At Toronto, Anthony Parker scored 26 points, Chris Bosh added 25 points and 13 rebounds, and the Raptors won a playoff game for the first time since a 94-84 home

win over Detroit on April 27, 2002.

New Jersey's Bostjan Nachbar missed a 3-pointer from the corner that would have tied the game with 8 seconds to play, sending the teams to New Jersey for Friday's Game 3 tied at one game apiece.

The victory came hours after Sam Mitchell was

honored as the NBA's coach of the year for leading the Raptors to a 20-win improvement and their first division title.

Vince Carter had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Nets, who also got 14 points and 11 boards from Jason Kidd. Nachbar finished with 17 points for the Nets.

BRIEFS

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Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring Teen Baseball league is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the league this season.

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

Baseball umpires needed for season

The Big Spring Umpires Association is looking for individuals interested in umpiring baseball for the 2007 Little League season.

If interested, call Bradley Garrison at 213-1300.

LADY STEERS

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points to this team," Reyes said. "With their leadership, it allows our younger players to learn more and do so in a shorter period of time."

Big spring pitcher Kelly Sage came up big, holding the Maidens to only six runs.

Offensively, Linzee

Yarbar also came up big for the Lady Steers.

However, the key player for Big Spring proved to be Brenna Phernetton, who blasted a three-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Phernetton's blast was the Lady Steers' first home run of the season and, according to Reyes, "couldn't have come at a better time."

Asked what she expect-

ed in the playoffs, Reyes said, "One of our main goals for the season was

to get to the playoffs and win the first round. We are not looking any far-

ther into the future just yet. We are taking it one game at a time."



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Noted author, historian to speak at Hangar 25 Air Museum

Herald Staff Report

Lt. Col. (P) Alan C. Huffines will be the guest speaker Thursday at the Hangar 25 Air Museum Briefing Room.

The public is invited to the event, which will be at 6 p.m.

Huffines is the author of "Blood of Noble Men: The Alamo Siege and Battle, an Illustrated Chronology," "A Pilgrim Shadow," "The Texas War of Independence" and is a frequent contributor to True West Magazine.

He has provided historical

work on feature films and documentaries, including "Texas and Tennessee, A Musical Connection" (1982), "Gone to Texas" (CBS 1986), "Alamo: The Price of Freedom" (1987), "Glory" (Tri-Star, 1989), "Son of the Morning Star" (ABC, 1990), "Two for Texas" (TNT, 1997) and "The Real American Cowboy" (Kurtis Productions, 1999).

Most recently he served as the military advisor for Touchstone Pictures' "The Alamo" (2004). He is a member of the Western Writers of America, was a fea-

tured author at the 1999 and 2001 Texas Book Festival and has appeared on CSPAN's "Book TV."

He received a bachelor's degree in history from Midwestern State University and his master's in history from Norwich University in Vermont.

He is a graduate of the Airborne School, Ranger School, Infantry Officer's Basic Course, Armor Officer's Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School and the Command and General

Staff College.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, South West Asia Service medal with two Campaign Stars and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Others include the Army Service Ribbon, Humanitarian

Service Award, Kuwait Liberation Medals from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab and Basic Airborne Wings.

He has served from rifle platoon leader to infantry battalion commander and is currently assigned as the Deputy Commanding Officer, 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

He is married to the former Caroline Cotham. They have four children and reside in Buffalo Gap.

Big Spring High School publications win top UIL honors

Special to the Herald

Big Spring High School's journalism students earned recognition at the recent University Interscholastic League Press Conference in Austin.

The Corral, the BSHS student newspaper, earned a Silver Star from UIL, which places the publication in the top 15 newspapers in the state of Texas, Journalism Instructor Leland Mallett said.

The UIL awards five gold stars, 10 silver and 10 bronze stars each year. In

2004, 2005 and 2006 *The Corral* earned bronze stars.

"More than 40 newspapers were nominated for Stars, and from that, 25 were selected to receive either a Gold, Silver or Bronze Star," aid Jeanne Action, UIL director of Journalism. "The competition this year was tough. The Star papers were outstanding. It was some of the best writing and design I've seen in a while."

The BSHS student yearbook, *El Rodeo*, also brought home its first star award in many years. The 2006 yearbook won a Bronze Star, placing it in the top 25

yearbooks across the state, Mallett said.

"We were expecting to earn a newspaper star," Mallett said, "but the big surprise was when they called out El Rodeo for a Bronze Star."

Newspapers and yearbooks from throughout Texas were sent to UIL for critique and judging. The judges rate the newspaper and then nominate the best of the best for Star Awards, which are bestowed by a panel of six judges.

"I am glad all our time and hard work paid off," *El Rodeo* editor Allison Ward said. "Our newspaper usually wins more awards, but this year it's been nice

to earn our fair share, as well."

These Star Awards are judged on the first three issues of the newspaper and last year's yearbook. This year both publications won Gold Medals from Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York.

"It's been a great year for Big Spring High School journalism students," Mallett said. "I think the students have a lot of pride in the publications they produce and the awards are a extra bonus that shows our students and community how good they really are."

BANQUET

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Natural Resource Conservation Office. "They have done an outstanding job in managing their ranch resources and have successfully planned and applied conservation practices to include brush management, range seeding of native grasses, rotational grazing, deferred grazing, prescribed grazing, and wildlife habitat improvement.

The grand champion poster contest winners from elementary schools in Big Spring,

Coahoma, and Elbow were honored at the banquet, held at the La Posada Restaurant Monday night. The contest, sponsored by the district, was conducted following a natural resources conservation study.

This year's poster theme was "Conservation's Power." The students, parents, teachers and school principals were also recognized at the awards ceremony. The grand champion award winners this year were Shayla Martin of Coahoma Elementary, Covan Davidson of Elbow Elementary, Hayley Dimidjian of Goliad Elementary, Autumn Moore of

Kentwood Elementary, Andrea Garcia of Marcy Elementary and Jimmy Olivares of Moss Elementary.

Guest speaker was 1st. Sgt. Ronnie Wegner, a veteran of Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His military career includes serving in the Texas Army Guard from 1985 to 1988. From 1988 to 1994, he served in the U.S. Army and he continues to serve in the Army Reserve. He was activated in January 2003 and deployed to Iraq from April 2003 until March 2004. He was deployed again to Iraq from

May 2005 to June 2006.

During his first tour to Iraq he performed convoy operations for the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion. During his second tour he served on the division staff under the Civil Affairs Section as the agriculture expert. Some of the major projects he worked on included restoring the government agriculture infrastructure, implementing agriculture policies, increasing crop production and re-establishing agriculture markets. He currently serves as the first sergeant in Bravo Company 490th Civil Affairs Battalion located in Abalone.

Wegner currently resides in San Angelo. He has one step son, Billy Largely, who is currently in his senior year at the University of North Texas. Wegner is the son of Bob and Sherry Wegner of Big Spring and operates and manages the San Angelo office for the Sherry Wegner Insurance Agency.

During the banquet, Bobby Cathey was presented a plaque for serving as a district director for the Howard SWCD for 35 years. Presenting the award was SWCD director John Wayne Metcalf.

COUNCIL

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plan as well," Holden told Councilwoman Joann Knox. "Once the zoning change is approved, we'll be able to move forward with approval for funding."

A public hearing on the zoning change drew no comments from the public Tuesday night, but did draw the attention of at least resident — for the wrong reason.

"We did have one negative response returned from a resident in that area," said Todd Darden, director of public works. "However, their issues weren't with the zoning change, but instead with city services. Their problems are being looked at and corrected, but they did not express a problem

with the zoning change."

Also during the meeting, the council approved final reading of a resolution setting new restrictions and requirements on the board of directors for Moore Development, putting the finishing touches on an effort to increase council oversight of the economic development corporation.

The first restriction requires the Big Spring City Council to take the minutes of Moore Board meetings off its consent agenda, where it has been approved routinely for years, and examined and voted on independently.

The second restriction requires the board to receive approval from the council before a check is made out for any non-budget item.

The third restrict requires a quorum of Moore Board members to

meet with the council in an executive session quarterly to discuss what actions the board is taking. The first such meeting took place in an executive session during the council's April 10 meeting.

Also approved during the meeting were:

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article 9 of the City Code entitled "Prison Guards," "Qualifications," "Powers" and several others.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing a swimming pool operation agreement with YMCA.

- First reading of an

ordinance authorizing the installation of "No Parking" signs to be erected on the south side of NW 11th Street in front of a business.

- First reading of an ordinance providing for an increase in the general fund budget to purchase a front mount mower for

the parks department.

- First reading of an ordinance providing for an increase in the general fund budget to purchase a used forklift for the sanitation department.

The city also considered abandonment of 20 feet of

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ty afterward to informally visit with the candidates."

Voters will decide between three candidates in the Big Spring mayor's race, as incumbent Russ McEwen prepares to defend his seat against challengers Shannon Thomason and James "Jim" Hicks.

The District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council has also drawn three candidates, as Troy Tompkins, Woody Jumper and David Scott vie for the position. Long-time District 5 representative Joann Knox is not running for re-election.

In the BSISD races, Terri Myrick will challenge incumbent Mike Dawson in District 5, while mechanical engineer Jeff Brozman and Tom Ralston will contest incumbent Ricky Robertson for the District 6 position.

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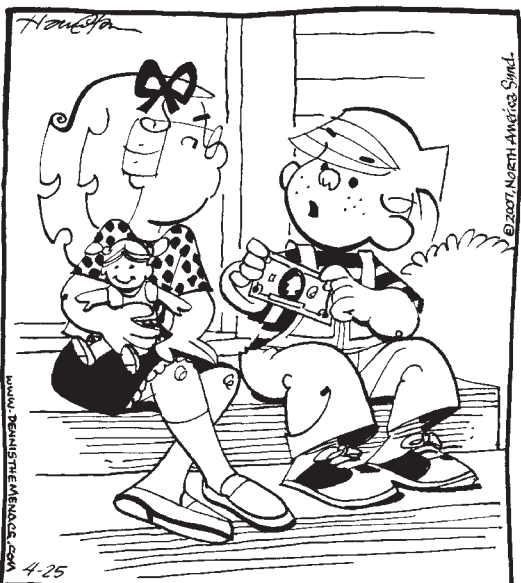
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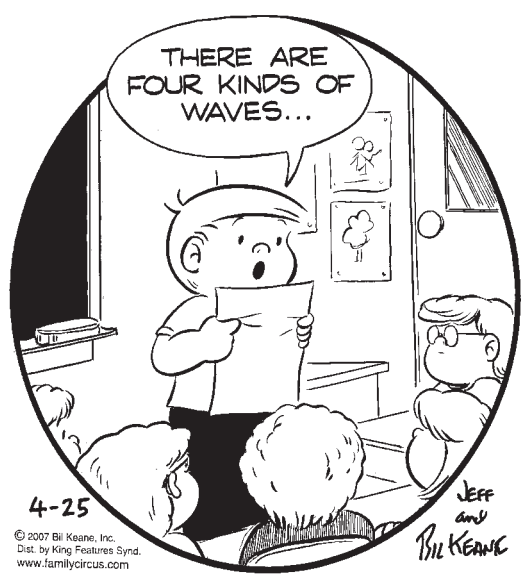
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DENNIS THE MENACE



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

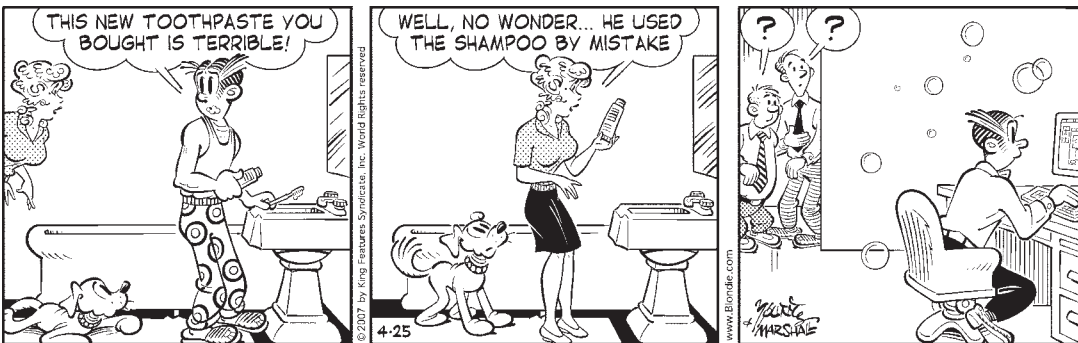


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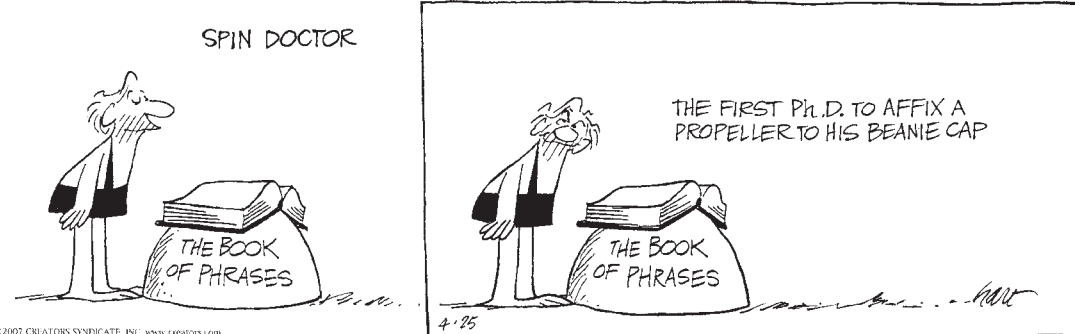
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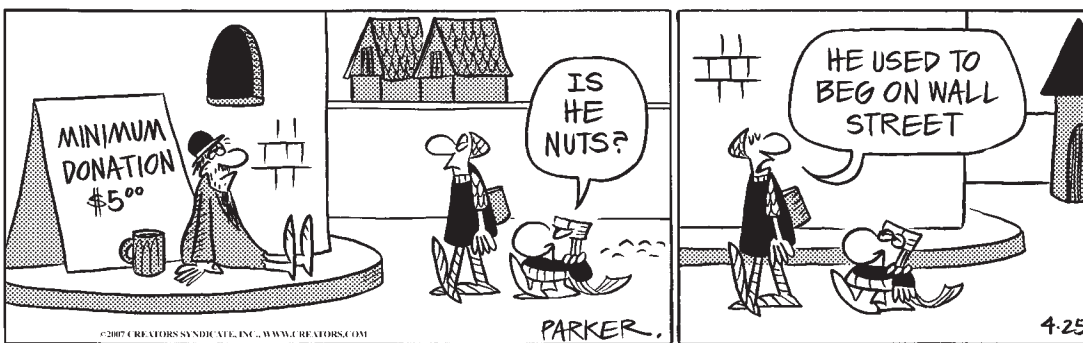
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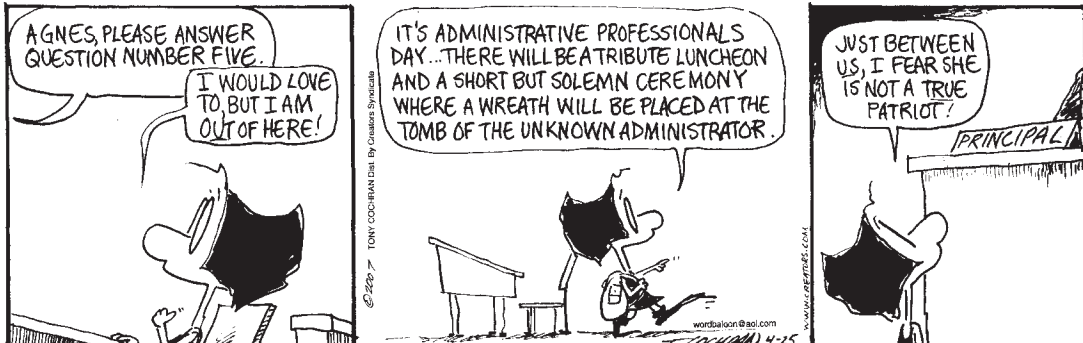
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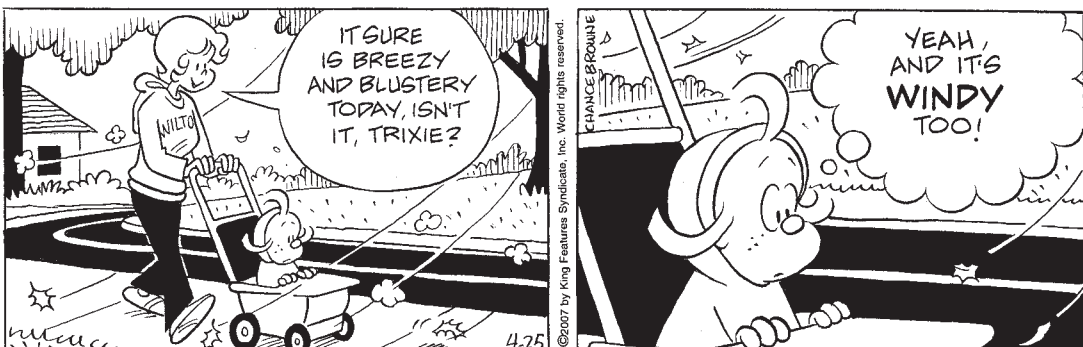
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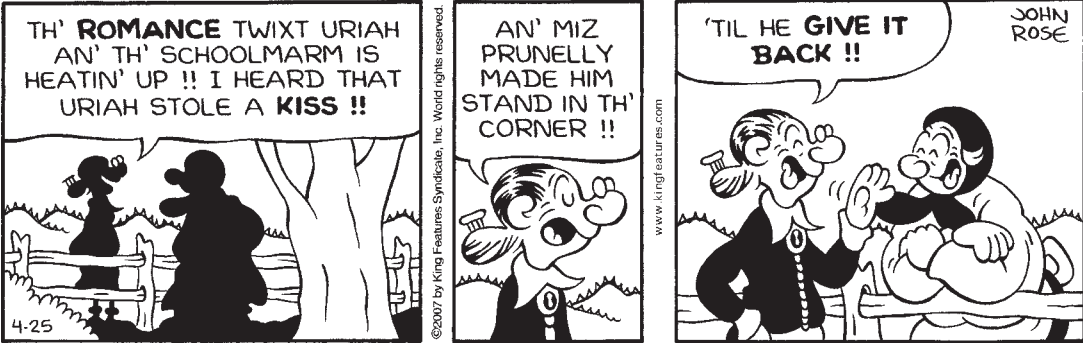
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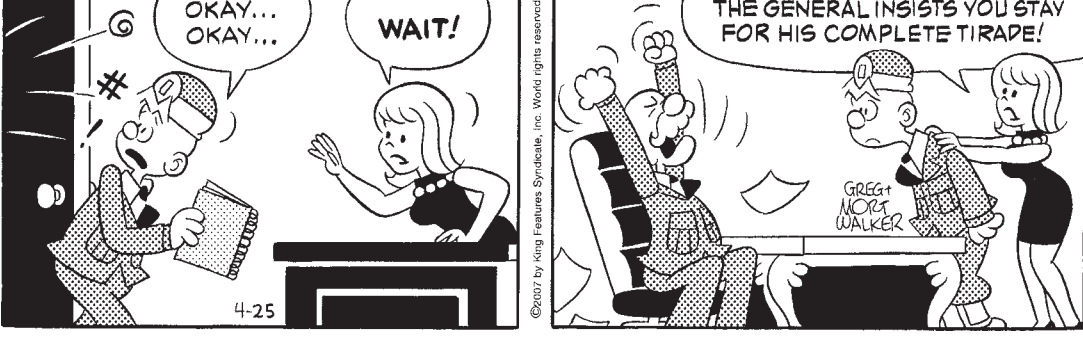
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 25, the 115th day of 2007. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Five hundred years ago, on April 25, 1507, America got its name from German cartographer Martin Waldseemueller, who first used the term on a world map to refer to the huge mass of land in the Western Hemisphere, in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci.

On this date: In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1906, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan

was born in Newark, N.J.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

In 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1983, the Pioneer X spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle Discovery.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director-writer Paul Mazursky is 77. Songwriter Jerry Leiber is 74. Actor Al Pacino is 67. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 62. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (ABBA) is 62. Actress Talia

Shire is 61. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 60. Rock musician Michael Brown (The Left Banke) is 58. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 57. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 53. Actor Hank Azaria is 43. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasure) is 43. Rock musician Eric Avery (Jane's Addiction) is 42. TV personality Jane Clayson is 40. Actress Renee Zellweger is 38. Actress Gina Torres is 38. Actor Jason Lee is 37. Actor Jason Wiles is 37. Actress Emily Bergl is 32. Actress Marguerite Moreau is 30

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

AWARD WINNERS by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- 1 Start fishing
- 5 "Slung" fare
- 9 Mandolin cousins
- 14 Mouse pusher
- 15 Rights org.
- 16 Chip away at
- 17 Take a hack
- 18 Stay away from
- 19 Sharpshooter Oakley
- 20 Charlie McCarthy's voice
- 23 Cash on the Ginza
- 24 Furrow fillers
- 25 Just (slightly)
- 27 ___-Tzu (Chinese philosopher)
- 28 Arizona explorer
- 32 "None of the above"
- 35 Place to dock
- 36 Frosty's makeup
- 37 Bud's comic pal
- 38 ___ of hand (magician's forte)
- 41 Playwright Akins
- 42 Abode, informally
- 44 Some sushi fare
- 45 Got wind of
- 47 Hobbyists' racers
- 49 Penn. neighbor
- 50 ___ up (add muscle)
- 51 TV studio equipment

DOWN

- 6 Needs aspirin
- 7 Disparaging remark
- 8 Nailed to the wall
- 9 Simple shelter
- 10 Java holder
- 11 Who's the Boss? star
- 12 Falco of The Sopranos
- 13 In the public eye
- 21 Brightly on
- 22 You're on it
- 26 Ques. reply
- 28 Mattress innards
- 29 Assns.
- 30 A way in
- 31 Was in the hole
- 32 Early automaker
- 33 Slave away

- 34 FDR
- Supreme Court appointee
- 35 Use a spyglass
- 39 Radiator problems
- 40 Topic
- 43 Alphabetic quartet
- 46 Jack up
- 48 Was too sweet
- 49 SMU locale
- 51 Have a yen for
- 52 Took to jail
- 53 Chipped in
- 54 Mixes by hand
- 55 Village People tune
- 56 Salty septet
- 58 Traffic-lane marker
- 59 Declare frankly
- 61 Everyday article

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Can't keep your hands out of the cookie jar? Just knowing treats were near- by had you sneaking over when Mom wasn't looking. Today, ribald Mercury in Aries coaxes Pluto to dig into juicy, compelling territory. Forget about keeping those conspiratorial cookie raids a secret. Just like Mom, everyone's got eyes in the back of their heads.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To say you've got dirt on someone is an understatement. But having dirt doesn't mean you should pull a dirty on them. Question your motives before you dig into questionable territory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may not realize how badly you wanted to confide your feelings to someone until after they've tumbled from your burning lips. Whether love or soul confessions, you set the precedent for a more hon-

est relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's open season at work. Everyone's taking a shot for the prize trophy. Their strategies are an observation in calculated wackiness. Observe the shenanigans with curious detachment, then make your call. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some days it's important to remember that what you do for a living isn't about the credit or recognition it brings you, but the good it brings others. It's not that day. There's nothing wrong with being the best and knowing it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your indomitable creative spark inspires a mad rush. What to do when people are banging on your door in a frenzy of desire? Answer it. You already know what you want your people to do for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Is it better to be loved or to be feared? Clearly you're into the love side of the equation, but you're not sure what to think when others are apprehensive about how to approach you. What do they say? Fierce loveliness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Social graces can be graceless, can't they? When someone says, "I don't want you to take this the wrong way, but..." you always know you're not going to like it. Applaud yourself for being big enough to hear the message.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're getting help with your project. When it's time to make an acceptance speech, in whatever form that takes, thank the little guys — they get disgruntled when you forget their names. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're talented. Dare to put your ideas on the line. Raise your hand during the boardroom meeting. Give others a reason to fear your ambition and your smarts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you feel sensitive to feedback, consider the source. If you trust the place it's coming from, you can see it's a bridge directly to truth — at least one version of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Purify your mind by sharing what's on it this morning. By the afternoon you'll be lighter, with no issue to weigh you down, no details to

clutter your thinking. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no shame in wanting what you want. Your want certainly won't take anything away from others. Voice at least one of your desires to someone who has the capacity to meet it. Maybe that person is you.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Leo rising, born on Jan. 20, 1975. I'm an avid reader/studier of astrology. I was wondering: When will I meet the right mate? I have everything going on in my life except a sound, solid relationship. Any ideas?"

You'll be happy to know this long, dry spell is on its way out by the end of this year. Here's why: The opposition of Saturn and Neptune has been making a relationship about as hard to come by as a cup of water in the middle of the desert. This is compounded by the fact that this opposition straddles your Venus in Aquarius, your personal love agent. It's like you hired a matchmaker and all she can come up with are impossible dating scenarios — flakey, unavailable types or worse. If you intuitively sensed you were meant to be alone

for this period and chose to put your attention on the areas of your life that respond to your efforts, I applaud you! This is the very best response to a planetary roadblock. Keep your spirits high, and love's doors are thrown wide open in 2008.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: An actor's actor, Al Pacino is a man whose ease and charm are matched only by his fierce loyalty. Who would cross Michael Corleone, the Godfather? With Taurus, if you're family, you've got nothing to worry about — they're loyal to the grave. Pacino is so great at playing characters driven by a beastly desire to possess worldly powers. Expect another show of power in early 2008.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 15-year-old girl who is considered smart, fun, confident and pretty. I have never had problems with guys losing interest in me or avoiding me before, but my boyfriend, "Alec," has been ignoring me on and off for the past two months. Neither of us is looking for some kind of super-committed relationship, but I feel very hurt and disappointed at the way he has been acting.

Alec and I will talk on the phone or text message, and everything is fine, and we part ways saying we will stay in touch and talk soon or



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

hang out. But do we? No. He ignores my e-mails when I know he's online. He won't pick up the

phone when I call, and after a week or two, I get mad and give up trying to reach him. Then he calls and acts like everything is totally normal. When I e-mail that I was starting to get worried, he replies "LOL" (laughing out loud).

Even if I wasn't his girlfriend, I would still be irked by his behavior. I don't think he should totally devote his life to me or anything. I just don't think it's nice to treat people this way. What do you think? — Confused Libra

Dear Libra: We think you make Alec nervous. He's trying very hard to prove that he isn't at your beck and call. You need to back off, give him a lot more space, and find other things to occupy your time. Let him make the first move when he wants contact, even if it takes three weeks. (You're more interesting to him when you aren't so eager for his attention.) You may decide this isn't the kind of relationship you want, but right now, it's the only one Alec is offering.

Dear Annie: This is for "Gifting Dilemma," who didn't want donations to charity in lieu of gifts.

My mother-in-law knows we are uncomfortable with the consumerist frenzy at holiday time. We are quite fortunate and don't need more stuff. I deeply appreciate that Mom makes donations to charities in our names as well as her own at Christmas. And she always checks to make sure we support the organization's goals.

Of course, my in-laws give us lots of gifts throughout the year. They put up with our active family of five (plus dog) when we visit. They pay attention to our interests and activities. They have seen us through several health crises, and yes, they have helped us out financially over the years. My in-laws do not make donations out of laziness or lack of imagination, as Gifting Dilemma suggests. On the contrary, they have found yet another way to be generous. — Grateful for Donations

Dear Grateful: We heard from a great number of readers who agree, especially those who say they have everything they

need, and donations make them feel good.

Dear Readers: Today is Administrative Professionals Day. If you have assistants who make your job easier, let them know how much they are appreciated.

Dear Annie: My best friend, "Tiffany," is in an emotional rut. She is seeing a married man and is devastated by the fact that she is the Other Woman. She knew he was married when she started seeing him, but she didn't expect it to affect her as much as it does. She fell totally in love with this man, and he fell for her. The problem is, he hasn't told his wife he is unhappy and seeing another woman. He relies on his wife for financial assistance, while he relies on my best friend for love.

Tiffany's feelings are getting more out of control (she cries daily) because she doesn't have the man she loves. She can't stand the thought that he is sleeping with his wife. She keeps asking me for help and words of wisdom, and I have none to give her. She is so in love and yet so heartbroken. How can I help her through this despair? — Worried About Losing a Friend

Dear Worried: As much as we feel sorry for Tiffany's anguish, we can't work up too much sympathy for a woman who deliberately involved herself with a married man. What was she thinking? These things rarely end well. He may be telling her the truth, but married men often say what their mistresses want to hear. It will take a lot of strength for Tiffany to remove herself from this situation, and she may not be willing. The most you can do for her is be a good listener and provide the tissues.

Dear Annie: I am a 13-year-old girl who needs some advice. I am perfectly fine with my shape, except for my stomach. I've always had what my parents call a "Buddha belly." Is there a way to lose this extra weight without damaging my body?

I talked to my dad, and he said healthy eating would help. Is there any way to make it move faster? — Tummy Conscious in California

Dear Tummy: A little

tummy is perfectly natural, and there's only so much flattening you can (or should) do. At 13, your body is still developing, and there is nothing wrong or unusual about having a rounded tummy. If you want to work on tightening up your stomach muscles, sit-ups are generally effective. Talk to your gym teacher and ask for suggestions.

Dear Annie: In your response to "Attacked in Wisconsin," you repeated a general misunderstanding about employment discrimination and hostile-environment protections. Workers are not entitled under federal law to a "hostility free" workplace if the hostility is based solely on personal animosity. The laws protect only workers in specific cases, such as age, race, national origin, religion, disability and gender. Personal hostility is not actionable unless it becomes so bad it violates a law (stalking, harassment, assault) or a specific workplace rule.

In the case of "Attacked," it sounds like a co-worker has some personal animosity toward the victim. If this is the case, there is little that can be done by the supervisor beyond possibly counseling the co-worker about inappropriate behavior, which it appears the supervisor is unwilling to do.

Too often, workers faced with hostility in the workplace quit before determining the real extent of any workplace protections. Unfortunately, many times the employee has no recourse against the employer and, because the employee quit, the employee may not be entitled to receive unemployment benefits for an extended period of time. Any employee who thinks his or her rights in the workplace are being infringed should contact an attorney. — Diana J. Vogt, J.D., Omaha, Neb.

Dear Diana Vogt: Thanks for the clarification. Since "Attacked" works with children, it is vitally important that her reputation be protected. We hope she will speak to an attorney immediately and see if she has any legal options.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar.

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OUR VIEWS

There has to be a better way to conduct debates

If becoming an informed voter were easy, everyone would do it. It's not, of course. When it comes to choosing our next president, there's no shortage of information about the candidates. Some is critical, some interesting, some salacious, some irrelevant.

All we can predict is that you won't learn enough about the major party nominees if we hold to the series of heavily scripted, play-not-to-lose, watch-what-you-say debates.

Despite many good intentions, presidential debates offer little more than bland recitations of carefully calibrated positions and the occasional sound bite from a gaffe or putdown.

You need more. And a smart fellow named Norman Ornstein has a way for you to get it.

Mr. Ornstein, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, recalls the 1963 talks between Republican Barry Goldwater and Democratic incumbent John F. Kennedy to change the face of presidential campaigning.

They had agreed to campaign in tandem, flying from city to city together to hold a series of moderator-less debates on issues of the day. Imagine the respect, civility and confidence that must have required. Unfortunately, as we in Dallas know too well, an assassin's bullet halted those plans.

We believe Mr. Ornstein is onto something when he proposes a variation of the Kennedy-Goldwater plan for 2008 a series of weekly debates from Labor Day to Election Day, at least eight such face-offs.

That opens the door to a variety of formats and topics. Some could have moderators, others not. Some could hinge on questions from journalists or even experts in the fields. In others, the candidates could question each other. Some could be wide ranging; others could be on a single issue, say, Iraq or health care or immigration.

Preparation, yes. Pre-packaged answers, no. We would add that any network that wanted to televise such a debate would agree to remove time limits. If a debate goes an hour, fine; if it takes all night, we go all night.

Today's made-for-TV debates, as our Todd Gillman wrote in 2004, are "about as spontaneous as a dog show."

We need a better way. Let's see what's inside these candidates. With less scripting, we can learn more about who they are and how they would govern. Doesn't our choice for the nation's highest office deserve that much?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We get back the love that we give through You, Lord.
Amen

Bad news? Cringe and pray!

You hear the news of a mass murder or some other horrible crime, and if you are a white American you probably wonder about the criminal's motivation or the way he executed his plan.

But if you are a minority American, immediately the first thing you do is pray that the unidentified criminal doesn't turn out to be one of your own people.

If you are black, Hispanic, Asian or an immigrant (legal or illegal), you know that your whole community will pay for the hideous behavior of one individual.

In the United States, only white Americans don't have to worry about what other white people can do to their image.

In last week's massacre at Virginia Tech, it was Korean Americans who had to cringe upon discovering that the killer was Korean. And they had reason to cringe. Within hours, the media was putting some Korean Americans in a position of having to explain that Cho Seung-Hui's actions are not a reflection of how Korean Americans feel about this country.

Obviously not! These disclaimers were not needed. After the Oklahoma City bombing, white Americans were not asked to explain for Timothy McVeigh.

Yet, knowing how people are judged in this country, some Koreans said Cho caused them pain and shame.

Some minority members feel that shame even before the suspect is caught. When cops tell us they are looking for a "male Hispanic," we already start cringing. Yet, what does a "male Hispanic" look like? Sammy Sosa or George Lopez or Antonio Banderas? Latinos come in all colors!

Sometimes, when they catch the criminal and he turns out not to be Hispanic after all, we feel a sense of relief, as if we dodged a bullet.

It says a lot about how minorities are held to a different standard in this country.

A crime in the inner city is somehow a lot less newsworthy than the same crime in a white, affluent neighborhood. A missing white child from a "quiet neighborhood" is somehow bigger news than a missing black child from the projects.

It happens all the time. It's wrong. But we have grown to accept some of these double standards as part of American society,

especially when we cast blame on a whole group of people for the actions of one disturbed individual.

This is perhaps most damaging to illegal immigrants, especially since many people are already trying to make them look like they are all criminals. When an illegal immigrant commits a crime, in the media, it overrides the hard and decent work many other illegal immigrants are doing in this country.

Unfortunately, bad news usually makes bigger headlines. And when minorities get more negative than positive headlines, they become the subject of myths and stereotypes.

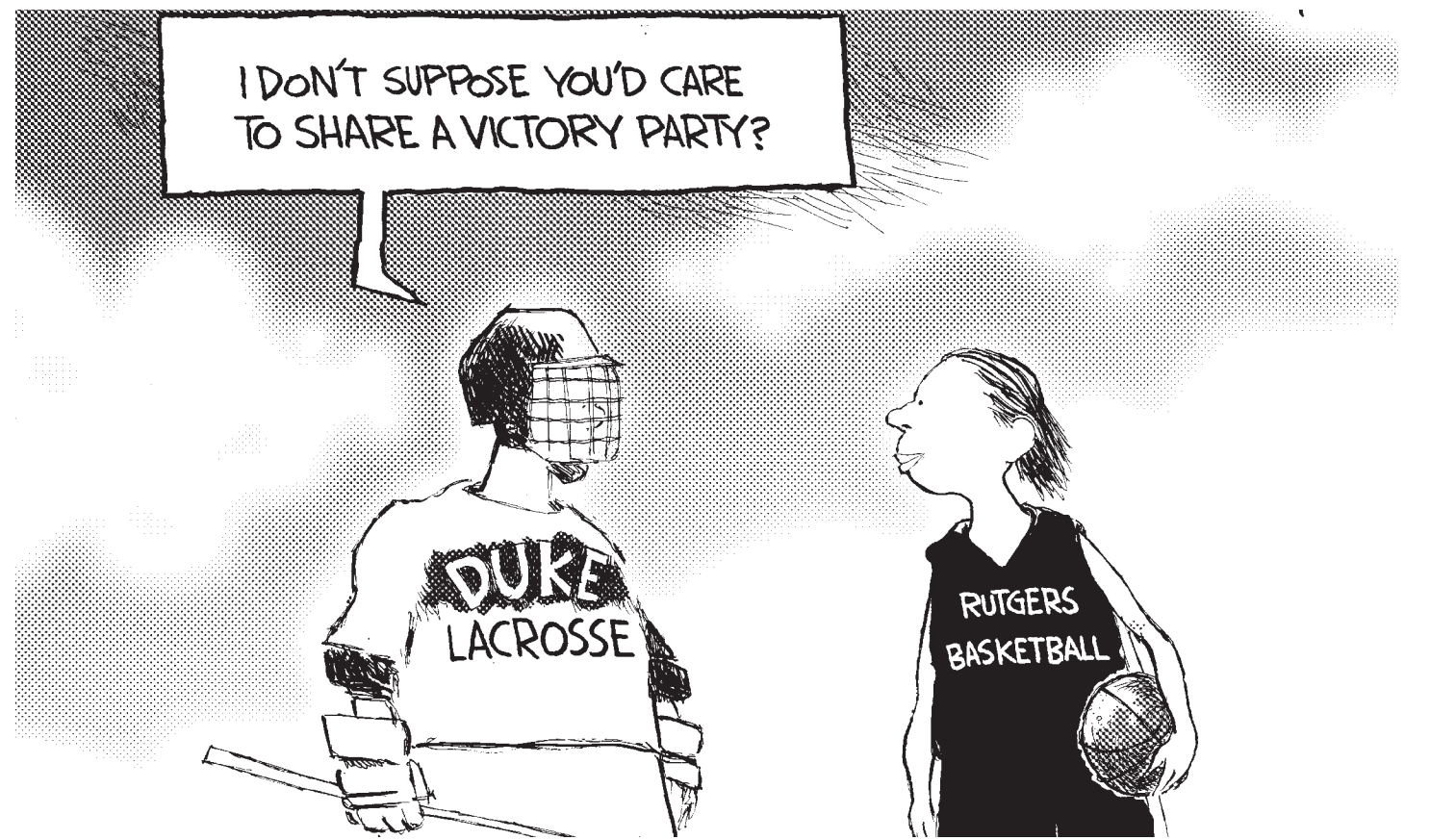
Some white Americans actually believe that all Latinos, for example, should be blamed for the dreadful behavior of a few bad apples. They send me newspaper clippings on crimes committed by Latinos, as if I should be expected to apologize for them, and as if I couldn't, just as easily, send back clippings of crimes committed by white criminals.

Still, knowing the double standards of American society, when a crime is committed and the perpetrator's identity is unknown, we cringe and we hope it's someone else's turn to get unfair blame.

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Offering a few seasonal words

Life seems to begin in the springtime. The earth feels cleansed, blessed again, purged of winter's darkness.

We witness the season of hope and renewal. Spring is when you want to sit and watch a bug for about an hour or just stretch out and stare at your shoes.

It's when you think about going barefooted and wearing shorts and T-shirts. You might even get out that bicycle and take a spin or climb a mountain. It makes you feel frisky, like you're 3 years old and you've just finished taking a bath.

You begin to imagine how the fruits of summer will taste and you think about the old swimming hole.

The earth warms. The sky boils. The wind ceases its relentless howling and settles down to a gentle breeze. The early green leaves

on mesquite trees turn a shade of light green that artists find difficult to duplicate. Lawns come back to life.

No season offers more promise than springtime. And no place shows off its spring wardrobe any better than Texas. When it's springtime in Texas, fields of blue and red and yellow appear and the air is scented with wildflower perfume. Texas is the birthplace of spring. Flowers are arranged among the cactus and rocks in natural bouquets.

The silence of the prairie is broken with the piercing sound of birds. Welcome to spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mocking birds dart about, flashing their white tail feathers from the tops of juniper bushes. Cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully over the land. The perfect blue of an April sky is a pleasing backdrop for watching things fly.

The miracle of spring is amazing to observe. Even when the winters

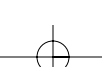
are mild we still anticipate spring. We want to hear the birds, to feel the sunshine, to experience life outside the house. Spring makes you appreciate the sense of freedom that makes Texas famous. The skies open up and seem larger. Texas has more sky than most places, anyway.

The sunsets are fabulous. Have they always been there? Or is it that we've been in the house so long we've forgotten to look toward the west at day's end?

The 24-hour celestial parade is an event not to be missed in the spring. We awaken to a dawn dressed up in sunrise pink. Later, the golden sun illumines the clouds. By mid-afternoon they become active and bounce around and bump each other. At sundown, the sky is streaked with reds and oranges. Then darkness brings its own special magic.

It's fun to go outside at night, lie on a pallet and look at the stars. If you're lucky you'll see one fall. You might even see a satellite streaking across the heavens.

Spring makes you glad to be alive.



News in brief

European astronomers find potentially habitable planet outside solar system

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time astronomers have discovered a planet outside our solar system that is potentially habitable, with Earth-like temperatures, a find researchers described Tuesday as a big step in the search for "life in the universe."

The planet is just the right size, might have water in liquid form, and in galactic terms is relatively nearby at 120 trillion miles away. The star it closely orbits, known as a "red dwarf," is much smaller, dimmer and cooler than our sun.

There's still a lot that is unknown about the new planet, which could be deemed inhospitable to life once more is known about it. And it's worth noting that scientists' requirements for habitability count Mars in that category: a size relatively similar to Earth's with temperatures that would permit liquid water. This is the first outside our solar system that meets those standards.

"It's a significant step on the way to finding possible life in the universe," said University of Geneva astronomer Michel Mayor, one of 11 European scientists on the team that found the planet. "It's a nice discovery. We still have a lot of questions."

The results of the discovery have not been published but have been submitted to the journal *Astronomy and Astrophysics*.

Mexico City vote to legalize abortion sets stage for a bitter court battle

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico City lawmakers voted to legalize abortion during the first three months of pregnancy, a landmark decision likely to heighten church-state tensions in the Roman Catholic country and lead to a bitter court battle.

Abortion-rights advocates said they hoped the vote would be the start of a new trend across Mexico and other parts of Latin America, where only Cuba and Guyana permit women to have abortions on demand in the first trimester. Most other Latin American

countries allow it only in cases of rape or when the woman's life is at risk. Nicaragua, El Salvador and Chile ban it completely.

The debate in Mexico appeared far from over. Opponents vowed to challenge the law before the Supreme Court, saying it violates the Mexican constitution's protection of individual rights.

"This is a step backward for democracy," said Armando Martinez, the leader of a Catholic lawyers' group that has petitioned the leftist-dominated legislature for a referendum on the issue.

The church has played a vocal role in protesting the measure, which was also opposed by President Felipe Calderon's conservative National Action Party. Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera led a march through the capital last month in opposition to the bill, pushing the limits of Mexico's constitutional ban on political activity by religious groups.

Al-Qaida-linked group claims 'new methods' in suicide truck bomb that killed 9 U.S. soldiers

BAGHDAD (AP) — An al-Qaida-linked group claimed Tuesday that it used "new methods" in staging a double suicide bombing with dump trucks that blasted a paratrooper outpost in volatile Diyala province, killing nine Americans from the 82nd Airborne Division and wounding 20.

The attack underscored the ability of guerrillas of the Sunni Arab-dominated insurgency to wage war in Iraq four years after the U.S.-led invasion, and it came in a region that has seen violence escalate since U.S.

and Iraqi troops launched the security crackdown in Baghdad.

The first truck hit outlying concrete barriers surrounding the outpost at Sadah and exploded after soldiers opened fire. A second truck rammed into the wrecked vehicles, dragging it and other rubble before it exploded 30 yards from the building housing the post's troops, said Lt. Col. Michael Donnelly, U.S. military spokesman in north Iraq.

Neither vehicle penetrated the patrol base's inner perimeter, but the second powerful blast ruptured the wall of the building, collapsing its second floor and causing most of the soldier casualties, a U.S. military statement said Wednesday.

Republican John McCain casts himself as the most experienced presidential candidate

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — Republican John McCain — senator, ex-Navy pilot and former Vietnam captive — is casting himself as the most qualified person to lead the country in wartime as he officially opens his second presidential bid and tries to succeed where he once failed.

"We face formidable challenges, but I'm not afraid of them. I'm prepared for them," McCain says in prepared remarks.

"I'm not the youngest candidate. But I am the most experienced," adds the 70-year-old, stressing wisdom acquired over time rather than the decades themselves. "I know how to fight and how to make peace. I know who I am and what I want to do."

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Contract Bridge

Safety First

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♦ A J 6 4
♣ Q 9 5
WEST
♠ Q J 10 5 3
♥ K
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♠ A 7 4
♥ 10 9 8 6
♦ Q 9 3 2
♣ 10 6
SOUTH
♠ 9 6
♥ Q J 5 4 2
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The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2NT Pass
3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — queen of spades.
Assume you're declarer at four hearts and West leads the spade queen through dummy's king. You ruff the third round of spades, and the only question is how to handle the trump suit.
Let's say you lead the queen, which gets covered by the king and ace. When you now play another trump to your jack, West unfortunately shows out, and you go down

one.
It isn't difficult to prove that if you played the hand this way, you mishandled the trumps. The correct play at trick four is a low heart, not the queen. As it happens, the low-heart play catches West's king and you make the contract, but that's only one of the reasons you should lead low to the ace at trick four.
In considering whether to play the four or the queen, you should first picture the various ways the East-West trumps can be divided. If they are split 3-2, it makes no difference how you initiate the suit, since you can't lose more than one trump trick whatever you do.
If you assume a 4-1 trump division, though, it is clear that leading low to the ace is the correct play. Why? Because leading the queen guarantees that you will lose two trump tricks regardless of which opponent has the king!
Leading low to the ace wins whenever either defender has the singleton king, and also in most cases where East has four hearts headed by the king. It is true that if West has four trumps headed by the king, you go down if you lead low to the ace, but you'd suffer exactly the same fate if you began by leading the queen.

Tomorrow: The so-called educated guess.
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Why not check this out... at the county library

With summer fast approaching, you may want to try out some fresh, new recipes. The sons of cooking diva Paula Deen have a new cookbook out. "The Deen Bros. Cookbook: Recipes from the Road" (641.597 DEE J) is perfect to try out. Traveling the country, they find the best that can be found. Some recipes to try: Truffle Pie (chocolate heaven), White Bean Soup, Shrimp Bisque and many other scrumptious sounding recipes.



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Many horse racing aficionados followed the saga of Barbaro. Now you can read all about the horse that captured many people's hearts. "Barbaro: A Nation's Loves Story" (636.12 PHI T) by Tom Philbin tells the story of

the Triple Crown contender.

A tribute to a beloved wife, the Taj Mahal has captured the interest of millions. In "Taj Mahal: Passion and Genius" (954.025 PRE D) Diana and Michael Preston have written the history behind one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A fascinating book.

Last week many baseball players wore the number 42 in honor of Jackie Robinson, the first black man to play in major league baseball. "Opening Day: The Story of Jackie Robinson's First Season" (796.357 EIG J) by Jonathan Eig, is an exhaustively researched story of Robinson's crossing of the color line. By no means was it welcomed; many thought that the game would deteriorate and fans would not support it. On the contrary, it opened the floodgates to players of all colors to play the great American sport. Hank Aaron, Roberto Clemente, Ichiro Suzuki — to name only a few — have added to the

game's luster.

In a review from Amazon.Com, Denzel Washington's book "A Hand to Guide Me" (920.073 WAS D), begins by saying that we all get where we're going with a push from someone who cares. A national spokesperson for Boys and Girls Clubs of America, he tells how he found his own mentor in the Mount Vernon, N.Y., Boys Club and celebrates the organization's 100th anniversary with this collection of 70 celebrities' accounts of how as youngsters they were guided by a caring adult. Among the contributors are actors, athletes, authors, artists and former presidents. Retired basketball coach John Wooden remembers his hardworking father, a farmer, making the time every night to read poetry and scripture to his children. Gloria Steinem describes how she saw a commitment to women's rights in the novels of Louisa May Alcott. Whoopi Goldberg credits her mother with teaching

her empathy the day she abandoned her best friend to hang out with the popular kids. An inspirational book.

In a review from Publisher's Weekly, comes an absorbing account by a young man who, as a boy of 12, gets swept up in Sierra Leone's civil war. "A Long Time Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier" (B BEA O) goes beyond even the best journalistic efforts in revealing the life and mind of a child abducted into the horrors of warfare. His harrowing journey transforms him overnight from a child enthralled by American hip-hop music and dance to an internal refugee bereft of family, wandering from village to village in a country grown deeply divided by the atrocities inflicted by both rebel and army forces. Beah then finds himself in the army, in a life of casual mass slaughter that lasts until he is 15, when he's brought to a rehabilitation center sponsored by

UNICEF and partnering NGOs. Told in clear, accessible language by a young writer with a gifted literary voice, this memoir seems destined to become a classic first-hand account of war and the ongoing plight of child soldiers in conflicts worldwide.

Hazel Rochman, reviewer for Booklist, writes that in 1966 in South Africa, Sandra Laing, 10, was reclassified as "coloured" and expelled from her white boarding school and taken home by police to her white, pro-apartheid family. She told herself that it happened because she punched her classmates who tormented her for her light brown skin and frizzy hair. Her family was able to have her reclassified again as white, but at 16 she eloped with a black man, raised several children in a poor township, and was reclassified once more as black.

Her father and siblings disowned her, though she still dreams of reunion with her mother. Her

case has received national and international news coverage over the years, including in a documentary film. Now American journalist Judith Stone interviews Sandra and sets her personal memories, patchy as they sometimes may be, against the political changes — and the things that have not changed — in the new South Africa. A riveting family drama of the arbitrariness and cruelty of apartheid's racial classification system. The title is "When She Was White" (B LAI S) and is written by Judith Stone.

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Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

Don't forget about the Cars and Stars fund-raiser Friday

Big Spring State Hospital's Cars and Stars is almost here! Will you be there? Mark your calendars for dinner from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Big Spring Country Club. Celebrities drawings, a great deal of fun and visiting and one person will receive a brand new 2007 vehicle.



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Your tax-deductible donation of \$100 will purchase one ticket. The volunteers need to sell 600 tickets and some are still available. Call 268-7271 for more information.

Thank you to Gale of Gales Sweet Shop for continually donating cakes for two of the monthly birthday parties for the patients. But we have more birthdays at the hospital than available cakes. We need new volunteers. Would your church group or club want to furnish cup cakes or cakes monthly or once or twice a year? Some patients have never received a birthday cake until a caring volunteer made it possible. Call 268-7536 for more information.

Spring has sprung at the volunteer resale shop and new items arrive daily. Chalet volunteers hold monthly workdays at the resale shop, but we can always use more volunteer help. The next workday is scheduled for May 8 if you want to stop in. The Chalet is located

at the corner of East Second Street and Runnels. They are always in need of donations of household items and furniture, as well as your garage sale leftovers. Your donation is tax-deductible.

Special thanks to Suzanne Markwell and Lucy Flores for representing the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council at the Big Spring in Austin Day. We appreciate them taking time from their busy schedule to say hello to our legislators and to say "thank you" for what they do to support the hospital. There will be a

Volunteer Services Council Board meeting May 9.

The Volunteer Awards Luncheon was April 17. Local and state award winners were recognized along with service award recognition.

More than 20 volunteers and staff traveled to Kerrville to attend the Spring Volunteer Rally and Training Conference. We were so excited when the state awarded some of our own as winners of the statewide competition.

Those recognized were Doris Huibregtse, Shirley Bodin, Ruth Nanny and Dorothy Sheppard. This is a wonderful opportunity

to showcase Big Spring State Hospital's Volunteer Program.

It is so rewarding to have such wonderful volunteers in this time of change when so many are saying, "Volunteers are disappearing." This isn't the case at BSSH — we're alive and well and

the folks at Kerrville and from all over the state always know when Big Spring State Hospital volunteers are around. Keep up the good work!

Billie Christie-Morgan is director of community relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

SAFETY

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result, a college campus would react differently than a public school setting might."

Sparks concedes, however, that preparing for a worst-case scenario is a difficult proposal.

"Any institution ... is always moving as quickly as possible to ensure the safety of its students and employees," she said. "You can practice and practice, but until that worst case scenario occurs, you never know

what the situation will be."

Still, Sparks wanted to reassure prospective students and their parents that Howard College is as safe as officials can provide.

"I would describe Howard College as a safe place," she said. "We are fortunate enough to be in a small community that enjoys a certain sense of safety ... However, we must remain vigilant and monitor the campuses to ensure continued safety."

Poetry contest set

Hangar 25 Air Museum is sponsoring a poetry contest.

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The theme is "Freedom ... Why it is important or what it means to you."

Age divisions are 5-9, 10-14, 15-18 and adult.

— Name, age and contact information must be on the back of the poem.

— All poems must be turned in by 3 p.m. April 28 to Hangar 25 in person or by mail at P.O. box 2925.

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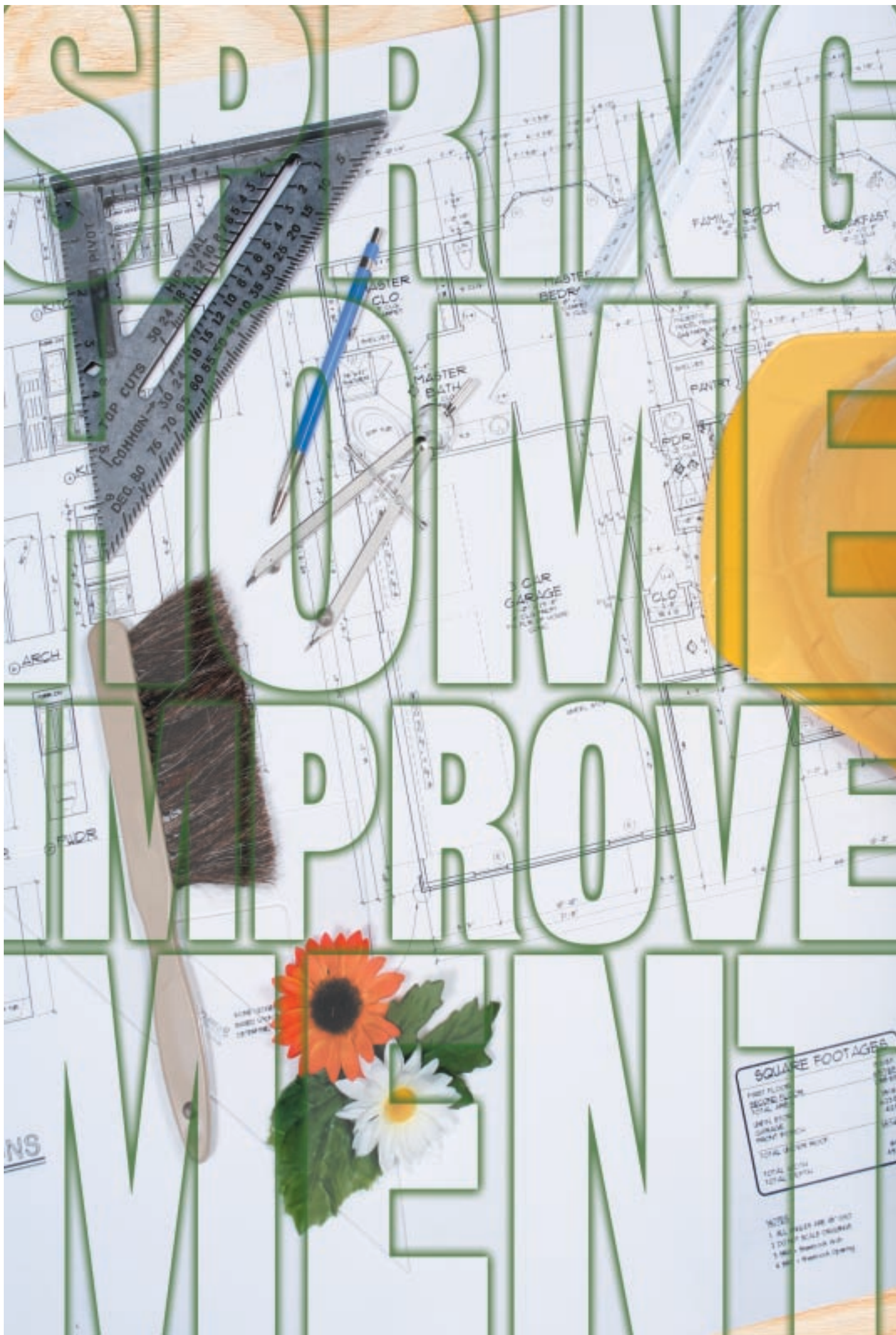
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