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CASKET CAR IS A THRILLER

Big Spring man enjoys spooking car show circuit

By TOMMY WELLS

Special to the Herald

In a way, Kenny Baker is a lot like Dr. Frankenstein. He doesn't care if people stare at his latest creation.

After all, that is what he designed it for.

Baker and his son Kenny Jr., are getting their fair share of second-looks and wide eyes as they make their way through the West Texas

car show scene this spring. Cars made from actual steel caskets tend to make people take notice.

"Every where we've been the people just love it," said Baker, a 49-year-old Big Spring resident. "I can tell you one thing. It sure gets them looking."

Baker, who calls his custom-built vehicle "The

Texas Last Ride," said he and his son have taken the gold-colored car to several shows this spring. Two weeks ago, the car



placed second at the Annual Snyder Car Show. Last weekend, it was one of the biggest attractions at the CC Riders Annual Car Show in Colorado City.

"Man, that is bad," said Loraine High School freshman Tommy Wells Jr. "I love that car. There are a lot of cool cars here, but of all of them, this is



Big Spring's Kenny Baker poses with his custom-built vehicle, "The Texas Last Ride" during the CC Riders Annual Car Show in Colorado City.

the one I'd like to have. If I drove that, everyone would know I was coming."

The car's creation — much like the Frankenstein monster — is a tale of scavenging and jerry-rigging that took the

better part of two years, Baker said.

"It really started out as a joke," he said. "I knew some people in Abilene who own an upholstery shop. They got the casket and asked me to make a T-bucket out of it. After I

got started on it, I decided I really liked it so I traded them for it."

Baker's neighbors were less enthusiastic at first. In fact, many thought a member of his family had

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CPS-3

Cancer study to begin at 2007 Relay

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Crossroads residents have a unique opportunity this weekend to help find a cure for cancer.

During the Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life which begins Friday at Blankenship Field, the American Cancer Society will be conducting something called CPS-3.



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CPS-3, or Cancer Prevention Study 3, is a 20-year survey designed to help researchers and scientists learn more about how cancer starts and what can be done to prevent it.

The American Cancer Society's Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance Research is recruiting 500,000 adults throughout the nation for the new study. And one of the places researchers will register individuals is at the 2007 Relay For Life event in Big Spring.

The effort will be held from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Friday, and organizers

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Law officers to honor fallen brothers, sisters Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

State and local law enforcement officials will gather at the Texas Department of Public Safety's Big Spring office Friday morning to honor their fallen brothers and sisters, part of the National Police Week.

Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Hester said Friday's ceremony is a reminder of the sacrifice so many Texas peace officers have made over the

years.

"Inscribed at the entrance to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial in Washington D.C. is this, from Proverbs 28:1," said Hester. "'The wicked flee where no man pursue, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.' I think that best describes law enforcement officers in this nation, standing bold as a lion, day in and day out, no matter what is in front of them."

The memorial service is slated

for 11 a.m. in front of the DPS office, located on the Interstate Highway 20 South Service Road.

"We will start the ceremony at our office at 11 a.m. and we will be serving hamburgers for all the law enforcement officers in Howard County," said Hester. "I would like to thank Victim Services, the Big Spring Police Department, Big Spring Police Officers Association and the DPS Officers Association for agreeing to help out this



Jason Hester, DPS trooper

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year."

Also part of National Police Week, the Texas DPS held its annual Peace Officer Memorial

Service Tuesday at its Austin Headquarters, honoring 14 offi-

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BSISD trustees to discuss aging infrastructure

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will revisit a long-standing issue when they hold a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

After spending the past several months dealing with issues such as the high school laptop program and construction projects around

the district, trustees will once again discuss ways and means to address BSISD's growing facilities needs.

Several district campuses are starting to battle age — the majority of those buildings are at least 50 years old — and over-crowded.

Superintendent Michael Downes said a recent upsurge in enrollment, combined with a state-mandated student-teacher ratio of 22-to-1 in grades K through 4,

means space at elementary campuses will be at a premium in the coming school year.

"We anticipate having enough classroom space in 2007-2008," Downes said. "But we will only be able to add one more class, then we'll be full."

Adding to the district's headaches is a recent facilities study that declared that two elementary campuses — Bauer and Washington —

were effectively obsolete and should be closed as soon as possible.

Downes said discussions on what to do about district facilities should be a fixture of board meetings for several months to come.

Speaking of facilities, trustees will also address structural needs at the district's newest campus Thursday evening.

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IN BRIEF

Forsan, Coahoma schedule playoffs

Coahoma's Bulldogettes and Forsan's Lady Buffaloes have both officially set the dates, times and locations of their regional semifinal state softball playoff games.

The Bulldogettes (28-5) will take on Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs in a one game playoff at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Snyder.

The Lady Buffs will face Seymour's Lady Panthers in a best-of-three series starting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Abilene Christian University. Game 2 is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if necessary, to be played approximately 30 minutes after the second game.

Lady Steers sports banquet rescheduled

Due to the Lady Steers softball team advancing in the playoffs, the Lady Steers Sports Banquet has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School cafeteria. There will be a time allotted for picture taking starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the ATC or by contacting Mique Yarbar at 213-5259 or Brenda Claxton at 816-9803.

Lady Hawk basketball camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle will host three girls' basketball camps this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp begins on June 4. The four day camp will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering kindergarten through third grades in 2007 and costs \$50.

The Individual Day Camp also runs from June 4-7, with an afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering grades 4-8 and costs \$60.

The Shooting and Position Camp is for girls entering grades 7-12 and costs \$60. It begins June 18 and runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. until June 21.

For more information or to register, please contact Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Lady Steers summer softball camp set

The Lady Steers will be holding their All-Skills Softball Camp June 4-7 at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. Each day's activities will last from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is for girls going into 1st grade thru going into 8th grade. It will be administered by the Lady Steers head softball coach Jennifer Reyes and assistant coach John Sparks.

Cost for the camp is \$45 and will include a camp T-shirt.

For more information contact John Sparks at 270-2711.

Lady Buffs to face toughest opponent yet

Forsan High School set for regional semifinals Thursday

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Writer

FORSAN — Forsan's Lady Buffaloes had no playoff experience coming into this season. It was their first year of district play in softball. That also means it was their first opportunity to make the state softball playoffs.

The Lady Buffs haven't wasted their opportunity though. In fact, they're making the most of it.

Three weeks ago, Lady Buffs head coach Shanna Roberts was unsure of what she could expect from her young team during the playoffs.

"We've grown a lot since then," said Roberts. "The girls have responded well to the pressures of the playoffs."

Last week's regional quarterfinals matchup with Trent presented very little pressure for the Lady Buffs. The biggest pressure found in the one-game playoff Saturday was actually getting the

game played. It was canceled twice during the week due to rains that covered West Texas.

Once the Lady Buffs got onto the field with the Lady Gorillas, it was as if the real pressure was on Trent. Seven Lady Buffs walked in the first inning and 18 Forsan batters overall reached base on free rides.

"I was disappointed in the game we got from Trent," explained Roberts. "They had beaten some strong teams badly, but it looked like they hadn't practiced in a week because of the rain. I hate playing a game like that. It's not a challenge for us and we need the challenge right now."

The Lady Buffs will be facing their toughest challenge of the playoffs when they face Seymour's Lady Panthers in the regional semifinals of the Class 1A state softball playoffs this

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Forsan's Kelsey Jones covers third base during the Lady Buffaloes softball practice Tuesday. Jones and her teammates will face Seymour in a best-of-three playoff series starting Thursday at Abilene Christian University.

Area duo honored as Star Athletes of Year

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Writer

MIDLAND — Coahoma's Stephen Ewing and Garden City's Erin Hirt were honored Tuesday night as two of six high school athletes to win the NewsWest 9 Star Athlete of the Year Award. Included with the award are \$1,000 scholarships that Ewing and Hirt can apply to the colleges of their choice.

Ewing, Hirt and the other four recipients were a selected few to be considered for the television station's award. The six were chosen from more than 150 nominees in a selection process that took into account academic achievements and non-athletic extra-curricular activities, as well as a student's athletic success.

Ewing, a senior, is heavily involved in extra-curricular activities at Coahoma.

"Stephen doesn't just get involved in activities," said Coahoma's head baseball coach Brad Harman. "He gets involved and strives to succeed at whatever he's taking part in. I've never met a student that was involved in so much, but

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma's Stephen Ewing was one of six area athletes named as NewsWest 9' Star Athlete of the Year. Ewing received his award Tuesday night at the Midland Rockhounds game against the Frisco Rough Riders.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Garden City's Erin Hirt led the lady Bearkats to the Class 1A state tournament in Austin. She was honored as a NewsWest 9 Star Athlete of the Year Tuesday night before the Midland Rockhounds game.

Disney not a happy place for Rangers

By The Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — To Space Mountain and Tower of Terror, add major league baseball as a Disney World attraction.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays certainly profited Tuesday night by moving games about 90 miles from their usual home. Brendan Harris singled through a drawn-in infield with the bases loaded in the 10th inning, giving the Devil Rays a 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers in the first major league regular-season game played in Central Florida.

"It was kind of neat, actually. There was a buzz about the place," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "I know our players felt it, and I felt it. ... It was a nice atmosphere."

Of course, any time and anywhere the Devils Rays

win makes for a festive occasion; they are 16-22 this season. But the first of a three-game series switched from St. Petersburg to Kissimmee was something special.

"We didn't really know what to expect, but it was great" Harris said. "We saw some familiar faces as well as some new ones, so hopefully we made some new fans."

That was the idea. And despite slow advance ticket sales, most of the seats in the minor league park at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex were filled. Attendance was announced as 8,443, a little more than 1,000 below capacity and slightly better than the 8,241 the Devil Rays and Rangers averaged for six dates at Tropicana Field last season.

Disney's 9,500-seat park is the smallest to host major league games since

the Oakland Athletics opened the 1996 season with six "home" games against Toronto and Detroit at 9,000-seat Cashman Field in Las Vegas.

"It felt a little different. It's the first time that I could hear individual fans," Texas right-hander Brandon McCarthy said. "I think once you get to the big leagues, you start to feed off that energy of 30,000 people going strong. I understand what they're doing here, but it's a little weird feeling."

With ticket prices ranging from \$49 to \$119 for the lower deck and \$35 to \$42 on the upper level, many fans opted for \$15 lawn seating up the third base line and on the hill behind the left field fence.

For Tampa Bay, Harris' fourth hit of the game drove in the winning run off Scott Feldman (1-2), who was recalled from

Triple-A Oklahoma earlier in the day. Brian Stokes (2-5) pitched the 10th for the Devil Rays.

Hank Blalock homered for the third straight game for the Rangers.

Athletics 5, Royals 4, 11 innings

At Oakland, Dan Johnson's sacrifice fly to center in the bottom of the 11th scored Shannon Stewart on a tight play at the plate. Stewart got his right leg under catcher Paul Phillips' tag attempt after a great throw home by David DeJesus.

Lenny DiNardo (1-1) pitched the 11th for the victory in a game that went 3 hours, 43 minutes.

Stewart and Nick Swisher hit consecutive one-out singles against Joakim Soria (1-2) before Eric Chavez was intentionally walked to bring up Johnson, who earlier extended his AL-best hitting streak to 15 games

with a single.

Tony Pena Jr. hit a tying two-run triple in the ninth.

Mariners 11, Angels 3

At Seattle, Ichiro Suzuki had his sixth five-hit game and rookie Sean White (1-0) got his first major league win by retiring 13 straight batters.

Mariners starter Felix Hernandez returned from the disabled list to pitch 3 2-3 innings. The 21-year-old Hernandez, who was dominant before a strained forearm idled him for 26 days, looked healthy but rusty in allowing three runs and walking three.

Kelvim Escobar's 2.21 ERA was fourth-best in the AL entering the game. But Escobar (4-2) allowed eight runs — six earned — in 2 1-3 innings, his shortest start since July 13, 2003.

Obituaries

David Brown Read



David Brown Read, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at his home in San Angelo. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 16, at Johnson's Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Services will be Thursday, May 17, at the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd at 2 p.m. Interment will be at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo.

David was born Feb. 2, 1938, in Henderson to Shelby and Aleen Read. He grew up in Ackery and moved to Big Spring, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1955. He attended Baylor University where he received his BA, BBA and doctorate. He was in private law practice and also served as judge, Tom Green County Court-at-Law.

He served at 21 years of age in the 57th State Legislature as a representative from Howard County. After that he worked in several avenues of business. He was active in civic work and was a member of the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd and also attended Victory Christian Center and Christ Church — San Angelo, Anglican.

David is survived by his wife, Teddye Brown Handley Read. They were married July 24, 1992. He is also survived by his son, Andrew D. Read and stepsons George Handley and wife Julie of Grand Prairie and John Handley and wife Kathryn, of Midland; his sister, Mary Winterrowd and husband Dennis of Bandera; father-in-law, Ted Brown of Breckenridge; sister-in-law, BJ Boyd and husband David of Breckenridge; brother-in-law, John Brown and wife Sue of Breckenridge; brother-in-law, Randy Brown and wife Mildred of Breckenridge; and numerous grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo, or a church or charity of your choice.

Mozell Newton

Mozell Newton, 85, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 13, 2007, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 3, 1921, in Falls County and married Gertie Rae Lockridge on June 19, 1947, in Falls County.

Mozell was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Gertie Rae Newton of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby R. and Vickie Newton of Big Spring and Larry D. and Carolyn Newton of San Angelo; one daughter and son-in-law, Fern D. and Albert Smith of Big Spring; one sister, Anabelle Lynn of Waco; 19 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Cornelious Newton; three sisters, Roberta Alexander, Magnolia Lockridge and Lorine Randle; and one great-grandson.

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

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Northeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Thursday...Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. East winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. East winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70. East winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• 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.

• 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.

Police blotter

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

- **ANGEL MARTINEZ**, 34, of 4613 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SELENA TAYLOR**, 27, of 3506 Webb, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **CEDRIC JEFFERSON**, 45, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **LARRY STERLING**, 49, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on two local citations.
- **EARNEST CLARK**, 67, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd.
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of Dixie.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 49 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ROBERT EARL REED**, 52, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of displaying a fictitious motor vehicle registration.
- **JAMES JOHN NEWSOM**, 49, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **SALENA MARIE TAYLOR**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ROY GIRBY**, 26, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **CEDRIC RAY JEFFERSON**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **JENNIFER VELASQUEZ**, 33, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated, motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated, burglary of a habitation/grand theft and criminal mischief.
- **JEFFREY DON CATE**, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **DONALD WAYNE WILCHER**, 48, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - open container and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **RYAN EDWARD SLATE**, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ**, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and open container.

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 2600 block of Crestline. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Morris Leo Crittenden



Morris Leo Crittenden, 83, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 13, 2007, at the Home Hospice House of Odessa. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2007, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with his cousin, the Rev. George Crittenden, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

He was born July 16, 1923, in Clarksville. Morris was married to Johnnie Marie Howie for 35 years and she preceded him in death on Feb. 28, 1983. He then married Martha Nixon on May 11, 1984, in Lamesa.

Morris served in the United States Army during World War II. He had farmed and ranched in Glasscock County for many years, retiring in 1995. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Crittenden of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Eddie Bruce and Cherry Crittenden of Tulsa, Okla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Lana and Rickey Smith of Athens; two step-daughters and their spouses, Ann and Terry Kessler of Sand Springs and Susan and David Dickens of Austin; three brothers, George Crittenden of Denver City, James Crittenden of Roswell, N.M., and Don Crittenden of Big Spring; three sisters, Inez Grant Shivers of Big Spring, Dorothy Gay of Smithville, Ga., and Alma Shafer of Vincent; 10 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Home Hospice House, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761 or the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, 222 Welborn, Dallas 75219.

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

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• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 WILL HOLD A FISH FRY** Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Serving will be from noon until 3 p.m. Plates are \$8 each. Everyone is welcome.

Lottery

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$17 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$12 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 6, 13, 42, 46 and 56. The Mega Ball number was 42.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-17-24-25-36.

Number matching five of five: 0.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by

the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-0-3

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was also extremely successful in all he was involved in."

Ewing played first base for the Bulldogs this season. Harman described him as a player he could count on defensively.

"His hard work earned the respect of his teammates," said Harman. "The other guys knew that if they had to make a play to first base then Stephen was going to finish that play for them."

Ewing also excelled in other sports at Coahoma. He was a first team All-District selection in basketball. He made regionals running the mile for the track team. He played wide receiver and defensive back for the Coahoma Bulldogs' football team in the fall.

Ewing's greatest accomplishment athletically his senior year was to make the state cross-country meet.

"I was real excited to make state for

cross-country," said Ewing. "It was a great experience for me."

Ewing plans on continuing to run cross-country in college. He has already received an athletic scholarship offer from Lubbock Christian University to run cross-country for their program.

He also has academic scholarships offered to him from Angelo State University and University of Texas, Permian Basin.

To be selected as one of NewsWest 9's Star Athletes means that Ewing had to excel in the classroom as well as on the field.

He is a National Honor Society member, proving his excellence in the classroom. He's also a member of Coahoma's student government.

Ewing was also involved in other UIL sanctioned activities like One Act Play as well as a member of Coahoma's academic teams. He also served as a member of the Spanish Club.

No matter where Ewing decides to attend college, his intends run for the

cross-country team.

"I have scholarships lined up wherever I decide to go to college," said Ewing. "I'll be able to run no matter where I choose to go and still get my schooling paid for."

Ewing's high school athletic career came to an end Saturday, when Coahoma's baseball team fell to Blanco in 10 innings.

The end of baseball season is different than other sports. There's more finality to the end of baseball season because it is generally the last sport to finish its season. For a senior who has been involved in as many sports as Ewing, it means an end to a very active and successful high school athletics career.

"I'm going to miss playing with my teammates," said Ewing. "I'm going to miss Coahoma a lot. It's nice being in a small school where everyone knows your name. It'll also be fun to go somewhere else to see new places and to meet new people."

Hirt was a key member in Garden

City's girls' basketball Class 1A state finalist team.

"Erin is a great person and a terrific leader," said Garden City head coach Brent Kirkland. "She has a will to win and it rubs off on her teammates."

Hirt was named to the Class 1A All-State first team and the Class 1A All-State tournament team. She was the MVP of the Garden City, Water Valley and Reagan County basketball tournaments.

She has been selected to play in the TGCA and the TABC All-Star games.

Hirt suffered a knee injury her freshman year at Garden City, but fought back from the injury to become a three-year starter at the point guard position.

She had her best season as a senior, averaging 17 points, five assists and three rebounds a game.

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week.

Forsan and Seymour square off in Game 1 of their best-of-three series at 7 p.m. Thursday at Abilene Christian University. The two teams will resume the series in Game 2 at 4 p.m. Saturday. A third game, if necessary, will take place 30 minutes after the completion of Game 2.

The Lady Panthers are 21-7 for the season and possess a great deal of playoff experience.

"Seymour has a quite a few seniors on their team," said Roberts. "They're our biggest challenge of the playoffs because of their experience. They're the team to beat in this region. If they beat us, then I expect to see them at state."

There are several positives for Forsan heading into Thursday's matchup with Seymour.

One positive for the Lady Buffs is having a pair of competent pitchers for the series. Three weeks ago, Roberts wasn't sure who she would send to the mound because she wasn't sure who would

respond to the playoff pressure. This week, she's debating between sophomore Alyx Pappajohn and freshman Amanda Longorio because both girls have been impressive in the playoffs.

"We were such a young team coming into the playoffs that I didn't know what to expect from my pitchers three weeks ago," Roberts said. "Alyx and Amanda have both been great for us though. I'm just going to have to look at who I think will matchup better with Seymour in Game 1."

The duo gives Forsan a nice combination on the

mound. Longorio is more a power pitcher, Roberts noted, using fastballs that leave opposing batters trying to catch up to her.

Pappajohn doesn't throw as hard, but has developed an effective changeup that keeps opponents off balance at the plate.

Roberts feels that the strongest part of the team heading into the best-of-three series with the Lady Panthers is its defense. The Lady Buffs allowed only one base runner against Trent Saturday.

"I've got a good athletic group of girls," raved Roberts. "Defensively

we're pretty tight. We've got the mental part of the game down right now. There's just a nice cohesiveness for us out in the field."

The Forsan bats have also been putting up big numbers. Two weeks ago, the Lady Buffs had 17 runs in Game 1 against Ralls in an area series win and then had 15 runs cross the plate against Trent Saturday.

"It starts with our lead-off batter, Shelby Jones," said Roberts. "Once she gets going, then everyone else settles down and starts to hit the ball too." Jones and her twin sis-

ter Kelsey both had key hits in Forsan's series sweep over Ralls.

Longorio has shown consistency at the plate and led the Lady Buffs with a .697 batting average in district play.

Pappajohn and Macy Briggs have provided a lift at the plate for Forsan during this playoff run each earning RBIs and scoring key runs in the Lady Buffs playoff run.

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Big Spring business owner charged with intoxication manslaughter

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring business owner was arrested and may face a charge of intoxicated manslaughter following a weekend traffic accident that claimed the life of a Midland man.

William Hollis Dodson, 42, owner and operator of Paradigm Physical Therapy —

which maintains an office in Big Spring — was arrested Saturday night and charged with intoxicated manslaughter following a one-vehicle rollover in the 1700 block of West County Road 48 in Midland County.

Paul Roy Rice, 23, of Midland died at the scene of the accident, according to Department of Public Safety Sgt. Lee Sneed. “Dodson was traveling west

on West County Road 48 at the time of the accident, which was approximately 10 p.m.,” said Sneed. “He was traveling over the speed limit when he hit a dip in the road. Dodson is believed to have been intoxicated, which along with the high rate of speed and the dip caused him to lose control of the car — a black 2004 Lexus — which went through a metal fence and rolled over, coming to rest on

its roof.”

Sneed said Rice was pronounced dead at the scene, while Dodson was treated for minor injuries at Midland Memorial Hospital and later arrested. Dodson was released from the Midland County Detention Center at approximately 8:30 p.m. Sunday after posting a \$60,000 bond.

“Right now we’re waiting for the results of the blood test on

Dodson,” said Sneed. “Once we have that, we’ll take it to the Midland District Attorney’s office and let a grand jury decide where we go next on this. It’s still early in the investigation, so it’s hard to say what will come of it.”

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THRILLER

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died when, in October 2005, a truck pulled up at his house and unloaded the casket in his front yard.

“We had people calling our house and asking us who died,” said Baker. “We got so many calls, we decided we should move it (the casket) into the garage. I think people were starting to get spooked.”

Turning a casket into an automobile is anything but a precise science, said Baker.

“This car is completely custom built,” he said.

“We made everything, took parts from other things and put this together.”

Baker, who has been customizing cars for almost a quarter of a century, said he began by making a custom frame for the casket to sit on. To make the frame, he hand-fabricated 2-inch by 4-inch tubing. From there, he took the spring off a boat trailer and converted it into a front end suspension system. To provide for fuel, he turned a small air tank into a gasoline tank and mounted it behind the grill — which had been salvaged from another car and cut down.

When it came time to create the cockpit for the

car, Baker used a lawnmower seat to create the bucket seat. Then, he took a piece of red Plexi-Glass and formed the dashboard — complete with ornamental spider webs.

Some of the parts — much to his wife’s (Marylou) displeasure — came from his own home.

“One of the back tail lights came off my house,” he said. “One day I was looking for some ornament tail lights and I saw our porch light and thought it would work. I sent my wife to the store and when she came back, the first thing she did was ask ‘Where’s our porch light?’”

“I told her I had taken it and put it on the car,” he

said.

Fortunately for Baker’s safety ... and the car, he was able to find a matching tail light — and a new one for his home — at a local auto parts store.

“It’s been a lot of fun,” said Baker. “We’ve had a lot of fun taking it around and letting people see it. When we were in Snyder, it was really funny because when we set up we were right next to a customized hearse.”

“They told us we should have been in the funeral division,” he laughed.

The inspiration for the casket car game from Baker’s youth, he said. An avid fan of The Munsters television series in the 1960s, he said

he modeled the car loosely on the casket dragster used by “Grandpa” Munster.

“The Munsters had one and I always loved that car,” he said. “I’ve always been a big fan of that show, so when I got this casket, I thought this was my chance to make a car like that.”

“Grandpa” Munster’s car, he noted, was a Ford — unlike his which sports a 283 Chevrolet motor.

For Baker, “The Texas Last Ride” is an attempt to make car shows more fun and entertaining.

“I try to do something different,” he said. “I’ve been in the area clubs for years and years and you see all these nice cars, but I’ve always wanted something different.”

“The Texas Last Ride” is that.

And the throngs of fans gathered around the car at the area car shows can attest to that.

“I’d like to borrow that and take it to prom,” said Wells.

CPS-3

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are hoping to process 100 people an hour.

“We need to get as many people to get into this as we can,” said Howard Stewart, Relay logistics chairperson. “They (American Cancer Society) came to us saying ‘can we come to your Relay and get this started?’ And we welcomed them.”

Local volunteers have been informing people throughout the Permian Basin about CPS-3.

“We’ve been to Midland, Odessa and Andrews to promote this. We’ve spoken at their Relay meetings, encouraging their participation,” said Stewart. “We’ll probably never see anything like this out here again.”

While many people think of Relay For Life as an event for cancer sur-

vivors, CPS-3 needs individuals who have never had cancer before.

Those eligible to participate are men and women between age 30 and 65 who have had no personal history of cancer.

It’s a 20-year commitment, but not a difficult one and doesn’t cost anything.

According to organizers, the initial process takes under 30 minutes. Participants will sign a consent form, and then complete a brief written survey. A waist measurement will be taken and a small blood sample will be drawn by a trained, certified phlebotomist.

A few months later, participants will receive a survey by mail. The survey will ask detailed information about the participant’s lifestyle and other factors related to health.

Follow-up surveys will be sent every few years,

to update health behavior information. Participants will also receive newsletters updating them on ongoing research.

The surveys are confidential, and the information is stored separately from participants’ personal identifying information such as Social Security numbers, driver’s licenses, addresses and the like.

Researchers hope that the information will help them understand lifestyles, environments and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

Previous American Cancer Society studies have led to some findings which have played a major role in cancer prevention, including the correlation between cigarette smoking and lung cancer and the finding that obesity can enhance the risk of cancer.

“These studies have been very important in helping prevent cancer,”

said Stewart. “By participating in this latest survey, people in this community and the surrounding area can help in the next step in the fight against cancer.”

The CPS-3 tent will be set up at Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus. Volunteers will assist participants with paperwork and be on hand to answer questions.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's be good hosts for rides to the memorial

Saturday morning, hundreds of motorcyclists and their support vehicles will parade to Big Spring's Vietnam Memorial — the first of two such observances that will take place this month. The vast majority of those riders will be Vietnam era veterans.

"Run for the Wall" participants — a large group of West Coast bikers headed to Washington, D.C., will arrive around 10 a.m. Saturday, as the memorial will be a stopping place for the group, as it has been for the past few years, en route to the nation's capitol where they'll participate in the annual Rolling Thunder observance on Memorial Day at the Vietnam Memorial.

According to Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee spokesman Jerry Groves, the procession will come into town from the west on Business 20 and FM 700. Riders will spend about an hour at the memorial before going on to Colorado City where they'll stop for a lunch break.

Anyone hoping to join the ride will be disappointed, however, because participation in the event required registration ahead of time. Those wanting to join the procession must do so that morning in Odessa.

On Monday, May 28, while Run for the Wall participants are taking part in Rolling Thunder, the Permian Basin Ride to Remember will see several hundred bikers take part in the ride from the Permian Basin Vietnam Memorial at Terminal to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

That ride begins about 10 a.m. on Memorial Day and the group should arrive in Big Spring around 11 a.m. Ride to Remember participants will enter Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87, parade south on Gregg Street and turn west on FM 700 en route to the memorial.

A brief ceremony will be conducted when the procession arrives at the memorial.

We here at the *Herald* encourage the public join the veterans on both occasions, but please be careful and considerate of the large number of vehicles that will be involved in both processions. Let's remember to treat both groups as honored guests.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Having a course of action with You Lord, is the right way to live.

Amen

Grand bargain or huge rip-off?

Betraying America's commitment to a family-based immigration system, a group of key U.S. senators and White House officials are reportedly negotiating a "grand bargain" immigration reform package that would shift the primary basis for legal immigration and prolong the separation of families divided by borders.

Granting visas to immigrants based on their skills as workers, rather than their family ties to U.S. residents, as proposed in the so-called "bargain" deal, is nothing but a huge rip-off.

In return for allowing some 12 million illegal immigrants to stay here on a path to legalization that will take many years to complete, the hardliners are now offering a new unacceptable deal.

They are asking all immigrants to give up their hopes of reuniting with relatives who live abroad. For most immigrants, getting a visa for a relative to come live in the United States can take decades.

But they want to make the already extremely sluggish family-reunification process slow to a crawl.

"The 'grand bargain' is a sell-out," charged the pro-immigrant New York Immigration Coalition in a statement denouncing the principles outlined in the White House-negotiated "bargain" as "repugnant to our nation's most fundamental values of strong families and basic fairness."

The coalition noted that the deal reportedly struck between the White House, Senate Republicans and chief negotiators for Senate Democrats includes "triggers" that "obstruct the legalization process, dismantles our family-based immigration system by eliminating the ability of U.S. citizens to sponsor some of their closest relatives, and

creates a temporary worker program that promotes exploitation of low-wage workers in a permanent underclass and drives down wages and working conditions for all American workers."

Currently, more than 60 percent of all legal immigrants enter this country because of family preferences and about 15 percent are employment-based. It is not clear by how much that ratio would be reversed under the proposed "bargain."

The "bargain" deal, as announced by Sen. Arlen Specter, comes just in time for this week's deadline set by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to begin the debate on comprehensive immigration reform. In fact, Specter called on Reid to postpone the start of the debate because the final text of the compromise still had to be worked out.

But now immigrant rights activists are urging Reid to present alternative legislation that is more along the lines of the McCain-Kennedy bill passed by the Senate last year.

The New York coalition, for example, is asking its followers to "urge Senator Reid to do the right thing and introduce a stronger bill that would provide broad legalization for all immigrants; a future worker program that includes a path to citizenship and strong worker protections; family unity; and strong protections of due process and civil rights."

The "bargain" arrangement would still include many of the security provision the hardliners wanted, including more border fencing near major cities and stronger sanctions against employers who hire illegal immigrants.

To become legal, immigrants would still have to pay fines and back taxes, attain a proficiency in English and stay out of trouble.

Shifting the basis for granting visas from family reunification to a skills-based system was said to be a last-ditch effort, one more concession to sway conservative

Republicans to go along with a legalization plan.

"If you swallow the bitter pill you call amnesty," the hardliners are being told, "we'll find another way to continue to be cruel to immigrants — legal and illegal. Heck, we'll just make it harder for them to be reunited with their families!"

They are also being told that perhaps there are ways to delay the time when illegal immigrants would become citizens, and voters. After all, they know that these immigrants are likely to remember politicians who thrashed them for so long.

The "bargain" means that the system establishing family ties as the basis of U.S. immigration would be replaced by one that would consider a prospective immigrant's skills more important than kinship.

Of course, we all know that there's nothing more important than family. Indeed, the well being of their families is the main reason why most immigrants make many sacrifices to come here.

But we all know why conservative extremists want this shift in our immigration system, don't we? It has nothing to do with skilled workers.

They couldn't care less about the skills of these immigrants. In fact, they know that what we need is a lot of unskilled workers to do the minimal jobs Americans don't want.

What they want is to stop the current system, in which new legal residents can later sponsor their extended families. That's what they are worried about — the so-called "chain migration" that will bring a growing number of Latinos who will eventually become citizens and voters.

"Chain migration" is a very scary phrase to America's xenophobes. Yet, their "bargain" is unacceptable.

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The glory days of La Macarena

La Macarena is a popular restaurant and bar in Villa Acuna, just across the border from Del Rio. Jorge Ramon has the place now. His dad founded it in the late 1930s and it has been in the family ever since.

"We've been fortunate to have had several U.S. presidents visit us here on the patio," says Jorge. "Lyndon Johnson used to come here after he was out of office. He loved cabrito. Presidents Eisenhower and Nixon also were here."

When the movie, "The Alamo," was filmed at Brackettville, John Wayne and the whole crew used to visit La Macarena on a daily basis.

"I got to take John Wayne to the dentist one day," Jorge recalled. "He had a bad toothache and my brother-in-law was a dentist. His office was just half a block from

here, so we walked down there. John Wayne was having lots of pain. I just couldn't help but admire how big the man was. I waited in the lobby there just outside the dentist office and I heard John Wayne cry and scream. I thought, what a sissy. He came out holding his jaw and we walked back to La Macarena. He drank a bottle of tequila and forgot all about his tooth."

La Macarena used to have a bullring. Bullfighting fans would sit on the patio, visit and drink, then go to the bullfights and return to the patio and drink some more. People from all over West Texas made special trips to see the bullfights in Villa Acuna. Jorge's dad, a Carta Blanca distributor, advertised the bullfights in a unique way.

"He would put the whole city band on the back of the truck and go to Del Rio before the bullfights and just go play down the streets of Del Rio, which was a small town then," Jorge said.

The bullfights took place the first Sunday of each month from

April to November. Bullfighting went into decline in the '70s.

"That's when animal rights started getting very strong. People just wouldn't come because of that," Jorge added. "People started losing interest and the crowd that used to come started getting a little older and the younger generation just didn't care for it. We took the bullring down in 1977."

Jorge is active in chambers of commerce in both Acuna and Del Rio. He helps stage the "Running of the Cows" event in Acuna each April. People run in front of cows around a downtown square.

There is a parking lot where the bullring used to be. It sometimes is filled with cars because Jorge is keeping up with the times.

"We still have our patio and we have a little band on weekends," he said. "We keep our bar open daily. Next to the parking lot we have a little slot machine business and we're getting ready to start building an events facility so we can offer meetings and everything. We're going to put some rooms up on top."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Not knowing whether to laugh or to cry

Have you ever been to the point when you didn't know whether to laugh or cry?

Sometimes when total frustration takes over we don't know what to do next.

Will Rogers was certainly correct when he said, "Whenever you have a mouth full of very hot coffee, no matter what you do next is wrong!" This is what I thought of when I heard



DARRELL RYAN

the story of a Texas teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots. He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on.

By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up quite a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on but she managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time

on the right feet.

He then announced, "Teacher, these aren't my boots." She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, "Teacher, they're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear 'em."

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But, she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked,

Parent's Corner

"Now, where are your mittens?" He said, "I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots."

What do you do next? Now some folks always seem to have the right answer. Once a very creative coach was faced with this "what to do next" dilemma and approached it in this manner. At a particular point during the game he called one of his 9-year-old baseball players aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?"

The little boy nodded in the affirmative. "Do you

understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him a bad name. Do you understand all that?"

Again the little boy nodded. He continued, "And when I take you out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach a bad name, is it?" Again the little boy nod-

ded. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your grandmother."

Speaking of coaches, did you ever wonder why a score of zero in tennis called "love?"

Well in France, where tennis first became popular, a big, round zero on scoreboard looked like an egg and was called "l'oeuf," which is French for "egg." When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans pronounced it "love." So there you have it!

Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.

Why not check this out, at the county library

Sail Away with Books is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program.

This program, sponsored by Howard County Library and the Friends of the Library, is designed for children to discover the joy of reading for fun. There is no charge for coming; however the child must be registered. Registration begins May 21 and will end May 30.

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) will be held in the month of June and is open for children who are 4 years old to those in the fifth grade.

Mondays are reserved for the 4-year-olds up to those in first grade and is held from 10 a.m to noon. Activities include games, crafts, stories, guest speakers and snacks for each child to enjoy. Tuesdays are reserved for the older children, those who will be in the second through fifth grades.

Visit with children's librarian Amy Thomas during regular library hours to register your child. Amy is getting the word out to Forsan,

Coahoma and Big Spring schools this week.

We are soliciting super prizes from the community which will be awarded to those who fulfill the program's requirements. If you should have any questions, feel free to call us at 264-2260 and ask for Amy.

New science fiction books have arrived.

• **"Shadowplay,"** by Tad Williams.

"Shadowplay" is the second book in his high fantasy trilogy. We do have the first book, "Shadowmarch."

• **"Midnight Tides" and "House of Chains."**

Two books by Steven Erikson have arrived and we think they are a series, but we can't figure out which one comes first. It is sometimes very difficult to decipher if some sci-fi books are written in a series or as a standalone book.

"Midnight Tides" has a copyright date of 2004 while "House of Chains" has a date of 2002. So, I suppose you should read "House of Chains" first.

• **"Diana Tregarde Investigates."** Mercedes Lackey created a character, Diana Tregarde, a being who protects the innocent while destroying the evil. "Diana Tregarde Investigates" is a series of three stories of who she has saved and the difficulties in doing so.

In non fiction, Political:

• **"Where Have All the Leaders Gone?"** by Lee Iacocca.

The news has just broken that Chrysler has been taken private in a huge buyout. The library has just processed Lee Iacocca's new book, "Where Have All the Leaders Gone?" (303.340 IAC L). In a review from Booklist, Iacocca is outraged. He has seen the U.S. overcome some of its worst crises, including the Great Depression and World War II, through great leadership.

As the CEO of Chrysler Corporation, he brought the company back from the brink of bankruptcy and worked with the government to overcome the fallout from the 1970s oil crisis. Now, he says, our government has fallen under the grip of arrogant ideologues and spineless detractors. Our business leaders are more obsessed with stock options and trumping each other's multimillion-dollar salaries than with finding creative solutions to pressing problems, such as the health-care crisis, our loss of competitive edge in the global marketplace, the massive trade deficit, and the slow death of the middle class.

With a reputation as a straight shooter, he hopes to inspire more young people to vote. This is a surprisingly outspoken take on the pressing need for real

leadership in this country.

House and Garden:
• **"The Organic Gardner's Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control"**

(635.048 ELL B), edited by Barbara W. Ellis. For those of you who would like to eliminate chemicals in your garden or yard, please check out this book.

Animal Husbandry:

• **"Bombproof Your HORSE"** (636.108 PEL R), by Rick Pelicano. You know how you sort of do a double take when you glance at a photo, sign or book? When I looked at this title "Bombproof Your Horse" I sort of shook my head, in the what is the world coming to way. However, upon examining the title again (carefully), it is "Bombproof Your HORSE" (636.108 PEL R) by Rick Pelicano. Wow, I feel better now.

Essentially, it will enable you to teach your horse how to behave in parades, on an obstacle course, or other activities involving your horse and yourself.

Automotive
• **"How To Paint Your Car"** (629.26 PAR D). by Dennis Parks and "Automotive Upholstery Handbook"

(629.262 TAY D). by Don Taylor. Are you into fixing up your cars with the latest and greatest paint jobs and/or upholstery?

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Educational:
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cers who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2006 and 2007, including four DPS troopers.

The service took place outside the DPS Training Academy and was attended by the families and friends of honored officers, DPS employees and others who wished to pay respect to those who died. Texas First Lady Anita Perry was the guest speaker. Stephanie Holmes, the wife of Trooper Todd Dylan Holmes, who died in a traffic crash in March, laid a wreath at the DPS Memorial Monument, which is dedicated to DPS officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

"Today, we honor all

Texas peace officers who paid the ultimate price, including four of our own troopers" said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "For generations, Texas law enforcement has depended on men and women, like those we have lost, who were dedicated to public safety. They will not be forgotten."

Among those Texas peace officers lost in the line of duty in 2007 were:

- Deputy Sheriff Rahamy Mitchell, Fannin County SO, died in a traffic crash Jan. 7;
- Chief Ernest V. Mendoza, Needville ISD PD, died in a traffic crash Jan. 19;
- Trooper Todd Dylan Holmes, HP Gilmer, Texas Department of Public Safety, died in a traffic crash March 14;
- Officer Andrew Esparza, Irving PD, died

in a traffic crash April 13;

- Officer Lisa Beaulieu, Beaumont PD, died in a traffic crash April 27.

Texas peace officers killed feloniously in 2007:

- Senior Corporal Mark Timothy Nix, Dallas PD, was shot and killed attempting to apprehend a murder suspect March 23.
- Game Warden Justin Hurst, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, was shot and killed attempting to apprehend an illegal hunter suspect March 17.

Texas peace officers who died while performing their duties in 2006:

- Trooper Billy Jack Zachary, HP Monahans, Texas Department of Public Safety, died after being struck by a vehicle Jan. 1;
- Trooper Matthew

DeWayne Myrick, HP Hereford, Texas Department of Public Safety, died in a traffic crash Jan. 20;

- Trooper Eduardo Chavez, HP Palmview, Texas Department of Public Safety, died in a traffic crash May 2;
- Lt. James Lee Sunderland Sr., Val Verde County SO, died in a traffic crash June 30;
- Officer Dwayne Freeto, Fort Worth PD, died after being struck by a vehicle Dec. 17.

Texas peace officers killed feloniously in 2006:

- Constable Dale David Geddie, Smith County Constable's Office, was shot and killed during a domestic disturbance June 7;
- Officer Rodney Joseph Johnson, Houston PD, was shot and killed during a traffic stop Sept. 21.

DEATHS

Yolanda King

ATLANTA (AP) — Yolanda King, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s eldest child who pursued her father's dream of racial harmony through drama and motivational speaking, has died. She was 51.

King died late Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif., said Steve Klein, a spokesman for the King Center. The family did not know the cause of death, but relatives think it might have been a heart problem, he said.

"She was an actress, author, producer, advocate for peace and nonviolence, who was known and loved for her motivational and inspirational contributions to society," the King family said in a statement.

Born on Nov. 17, 1955, in Montgomery, Ala., Yolanda Denise King was just an infant when her home was bombed amid the turbulent civil rights era.

She became an actress, ran a production company and appeared in numerous films, including "Ghosts of Mississippi" and as Rosa Parks in the TV miniseries "King."

Jerry Falwell

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — Spiritually, the Rev. Jerry Falwell seemed prepared for his passing. A little more than two weeks ago, the founder of the Moral Majority preached of man being indestructible until he has finished God's work, then told churchgoers he was at peace with death.

On the day before he died, Falwell called his son and asked him to take a drive up the mountain that overlooks Liberty University, where he posed for pictures near a new, massive "LU" logo with students from the school he built.

"He said he was feeling better than he'd felt in awhile," Jerry Falwell Jr. said. "He'd been feeling kind of tired in the past two weeks."

On Tuesday morning, the 73-year-old Falwell was discovered without a pulse in his office at Liberty and pronounced dead at a hospital about an hour later.

BSISD

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The school board is expected to calling for competitive sealed proposals for sewer line repair at Big Spring Junior High School.

Foundation instability resulted in crushed sewer lines in the southern quadrant of the junior high campus, closing restrooms in that area of the building for the past few years, Downes said.

Trustees hope to get the bid process for the repair

going as soon as possible, so that actual work can be accomplished during summer break.

In other business, trustees are expected to consider:

- A lease agreement for a business office copy machine.
- A budget amendment to finance installation of air conditioning at the high school gymnasium..
- Resignations and employments.
- Swear in newly elected board members and select board officers for the coming year.

LIBRARY

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• "Barron's Firefighter Exams" (628.920 MUR J), by James J. Murtagh.

Interested in becoming a firefighter? It is the fifth edition and also contains practice exams that reflect the tests given by departments across the country.

Lots more new books have come in, far too many to list.

Please be aware that we are phasing out our VHS collection. Some have already been removed from circulation. If you should have a favorite, please check with staff and see if it is available

for purchase. Again, we can make no guarantee as to playability of the tape. We are planning on re-locating our audio book collection to where the VHS tapes are.

Howard County Library hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Starting June 2, the library will be closed Saturdays. We will also be closed Saturday, May 26, for the Memorial Day holiday.

The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us

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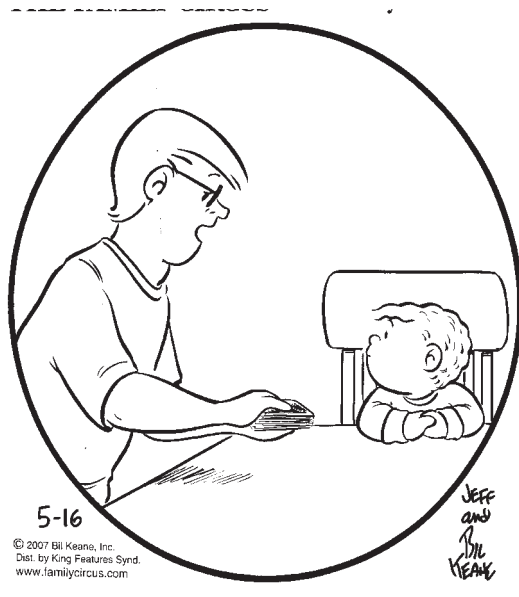
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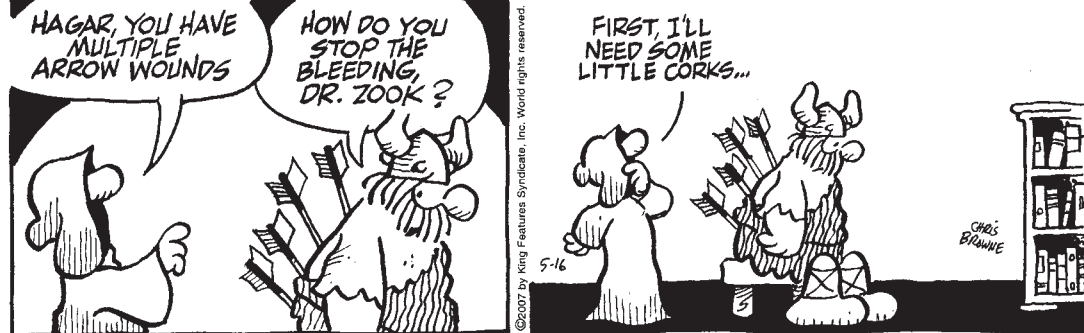
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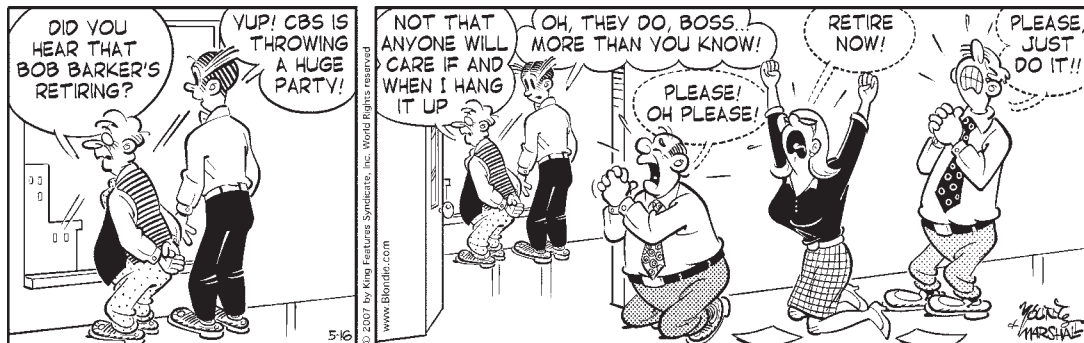


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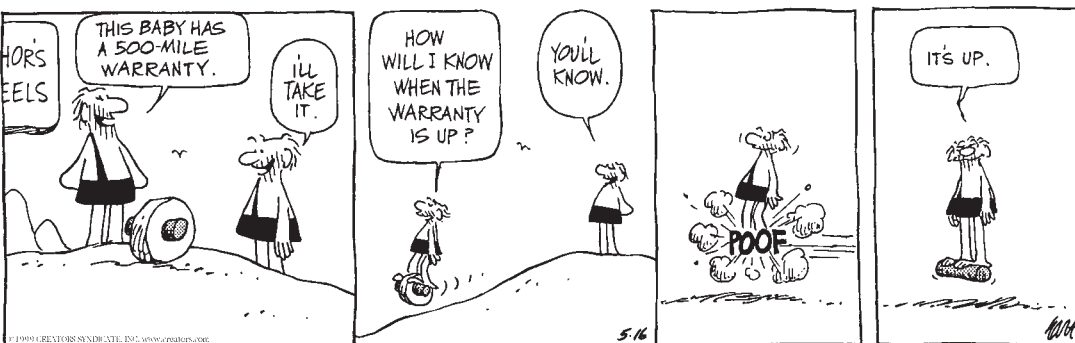
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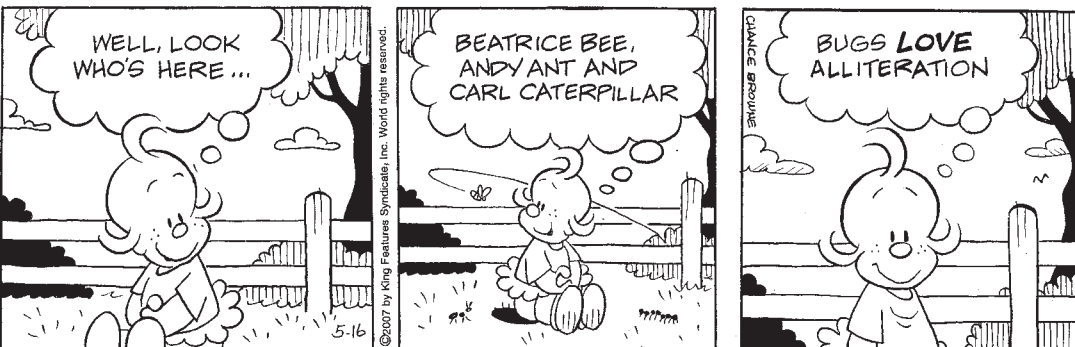
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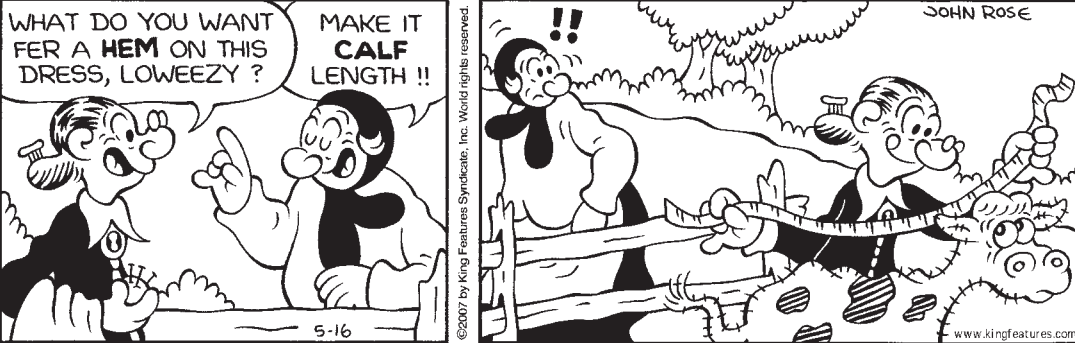
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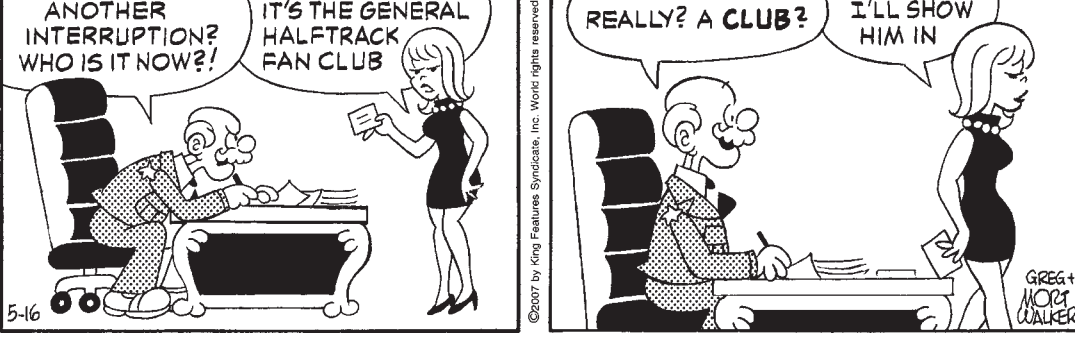
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 16, the 136th day of 2007. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie "Wings" won "best production," while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the first five-cent piece, also known as the "Shield nickel."

In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of the 11 articles of impeachment against him.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV.

In 1946, the Irving Berlin musical "Annie Get Your Gun," starring Ethel Merman as Annie Oakley, opened on Broadway.

In 1960, a Big Four summit conference in Paris collapsed on its opening day as the Soviet Union leveled spy charges against the U.S. in the wake of the U2 incident.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1977, five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.

In 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

Today's Birthdays: Author Studs Terkel is 95. Actor George Gaynes is 90. Actor Harry Carey Jr. is 86. Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 63. Actor Bill Smitrovich is 60. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 54. Actress Debra Winger is

52. Soviet-born gymnast Olga Korbut is 52. Actress Mare Winningham is 48. Rock musician Boyd Tinsley (The Dave Matthews Band) is 43. Singer Janet Jackson is 41. Country singer Scott Reeves (Blue County) is 41. Actor Brian F. O'Byrne is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 39. Actor David Boreanaz is 38. Actress Tracey Gold is 38. Tennis player Gabriela Sabatini is 37. Country singer Rick Trevino is 36. Musician Simon Katz is 36. Actress Tori Spelling is 34. Actress Melanie Lynskey is 30. Actress Megan Fox is 21.

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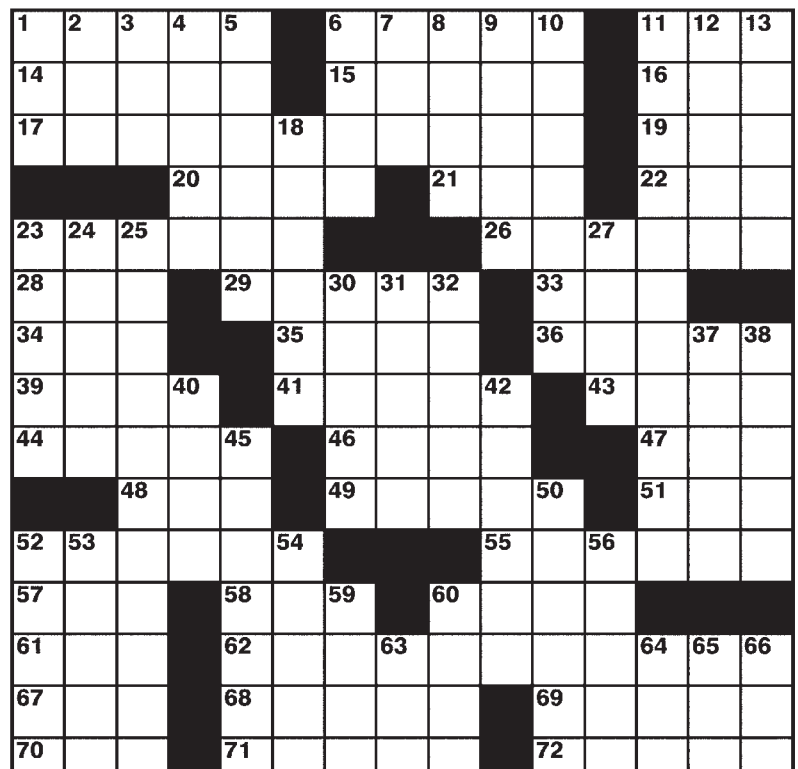
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- 52 T-shirt size
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- 59 Social bugs
- 60 Amusement-park sound
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- 64 Ginnie ___
- 65 NFL position
- 66 Country singer Clark



FBI agents raid El Paso County offices

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO — About 40 federal agents raided the offices of the El Paso County judge and other county officials Tuesday as part of an ongoing investigation of a charity that sold chemical warfare suits to the military, the FBI said.

FBI Special Agent Tim Kinard provided no details but did say the raids were part of the probe into former employees at the National Center for the Employment of the Disabled, which had been accused of failing to comply with federal contracts requiring at least 75 percent of employees be blind or severely disabled.

Agents hauled away numerous boxes from the commissioners' offices, and also raided the home of one county com-

missioner as well as the home of a local hospital board member.

The officials whose offices were raided said they were stunned and didn't know why they were being targeted.

County Judge Anthony Cobos said the FBI should make its case publicly and quickly.

"I just hope that this is not a fishing expedition. I would challenge them to either make a case or drop it," Cobos said.

"I'm just as confused as everyone else," said County Commissioner Luis Sarinana. "I need to get to the bottom of this." Sarinana said he welcomed any review of documents and materials in his office.

Commissioner Miguel Teran, whose office and home were searched, said he too was

unaware of what investigators were looking for.

According to a search warrant Teran was given, investigators were looking for documents and other evidence related to several felony violations, including theft or bribery involving programs receiving federal funding, fraud and wire fraud.

The three men said they had no connections to NCED or other companies, including a health care provider formerly associated with NCED. Cobos said he has previously received a campaign contribution from former NCED Chief Executive Robert E. "Bob" Jones' family trust, but not from the company itself.

Jose Rodriguez, the county attorney, said it's unclear if the investigation is related to coun-

ty business or alleged actions of the three individuals.

The county has previously had health care contracts with a company once owned by NCED, and Cobos suggested that Tuesday's searches could be related to those past dealings.

Agents also searched the home of Thomason Hospital Board of Managers member Arturo Duran.

Duran could not be reached for comment but told the El Paso Times on Tuesday that he also was in the dark about the probe.

"I have no idea what this is about," Duran told the paper for its online version. "I am not doing any business with the county. These guys are my friends, but I don't do business with them."

The commissioners' offices were closed Tuesday as investigators sifted through documents, copied cell phone numbers and seized computer hard drives.

The raid Tuesday began about 8:30 a.m., with search warrants served at the commissioners' offices.

When employees arrived, they were all assembled in a conference room, said Commissioner Dan Haggerty, who is not part of the investigation. Haggerty said that when Teran arrived, he was made to empty his pockets, turn over his cell phone and taken to a different room in the office.

Agents removed boxes all morning, Haggerty said.

"It's like '60 Minutes' being in your living room," he said. "It's got to ruin your day."

Valley leaders dismayed over future plans for border fence

McALLEN (AP) — Following a meeting with border officials Tuesday, Rio Grande Valley leaders said they learned that about 70 miles of fencing was coming to their region by 2008 against their objection.

"We do not need to wait for the future to tell us we have lost," McAllen mayor Richard Cortez said. "I can tell you, we've already lost."

Cortez and other local mayors have been dismayed since learning last month of a map showing 153 miles of fencing in Texas, part of a plan to erect 370 miles by the end of 2008.

They worry the fence will cut off landowners and endangered wildlife from the river, ruin flood-control systems, and send the wrong message to Texas' biggest trading partner.

Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge J.D. Salinas and Starr County Judge Eloy Vera made the announcement after their first official briefing with border patrol officials since the map of the barrier between U.S. and Mexico surfaced.

Border Patrol spokesman Oscar Saldana said the meeting between Reynaldo Garza, acting chief of the Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley sector, and local officials was extremely productive.

"This is just part of the outreach program, and just one part of our overall security plan," Saldana said in Wednesday's edition of the McAllen Monitor. "We're talking about what we're going to do. The when and how is undecided."

The exact location and building materials for the fence have not been finalized.

Rio Grande Valley leaders said they now plan to work with federal officials in hopes of mitigating the problems they see with the fence.

"We want to make sure that instead of confrontation, we have communication to better our area,"

Salinas said. Documents outlining the fence project show plans to build 370 miles of fence and 200 miles of vehicle barriers, such as concrete barriers, by the end of 2008. Of the 370 miles of fence, Texas is to have 153, Arizona 129, California 76, and New

Mexico 12. The vehicle barriers would be mostly in Arizona and New Mexico.

Bush last year called for 700 miles of border fence, and Congress approved it. Of the \$1.2 billion Congress approved, at least \$400 million has been released.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Super-Duper Defense

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ Q 9 7 2
 ♥ A Q J 8
 ♦ A K J 7
 ♣ 5

WEST
 ♠ A 5
 ♥ 10 3
 ♦ Q 8 3 2
 ♣ J 8 7 3 2

EAST
 ♠ 3
 ♥ K 6 4 2
 ♦ 10 9 4
 ♣ A K Q 10 6

SOUTH
 ♠ K J 10 8 6 4
 ♥ 9 7 5
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ 9 4

The bidding:
 North 1♦ East 2♣ South Pass West 3♣
 Dbl 4♣ 4♣

Opening lead — three of clubs.
 It's not easy to figure out how South went down one in this deal after a club lead. But the fact is that he did go down — as we shall presently see.
 North's double of three clubs was for takeout, indicating values well above a minimum opening bid. South's voluntary four-spade bid was

therefore fully justified.
 East won the opening club lead with the queen and concluded that the defense's prospect of scoring four tricks was not very bright. He could expect to win a heart trick eventually, but to count on West for two trump tricks was not very realistic in view of South's four-spade bid.
 East therefore decided that his only real chance to stop the contract was to return a heart into dummy's A-Q-J-8, creating the impression that he had a singleton heart. Accordingly, he shifted to the six of hearts at trick two. Declarer took West's ten with the jack and led a trump to the king, won by West with the ace.
 West returned a heart, and South, afraid East was about to ruff, finessed the queen. East won with the king and returned a heart. When West ruffed, South — to his utter amazement — found himself down one, having lost a club, a spade, a heart and a heart ruff. East's shrewd defense had done him in.
 It goes to show that even contracts that appear to be ironclad can have weak spots that can be exploited by imaginative defense.

Tomorrow: As ye sow, so shall ye reap.
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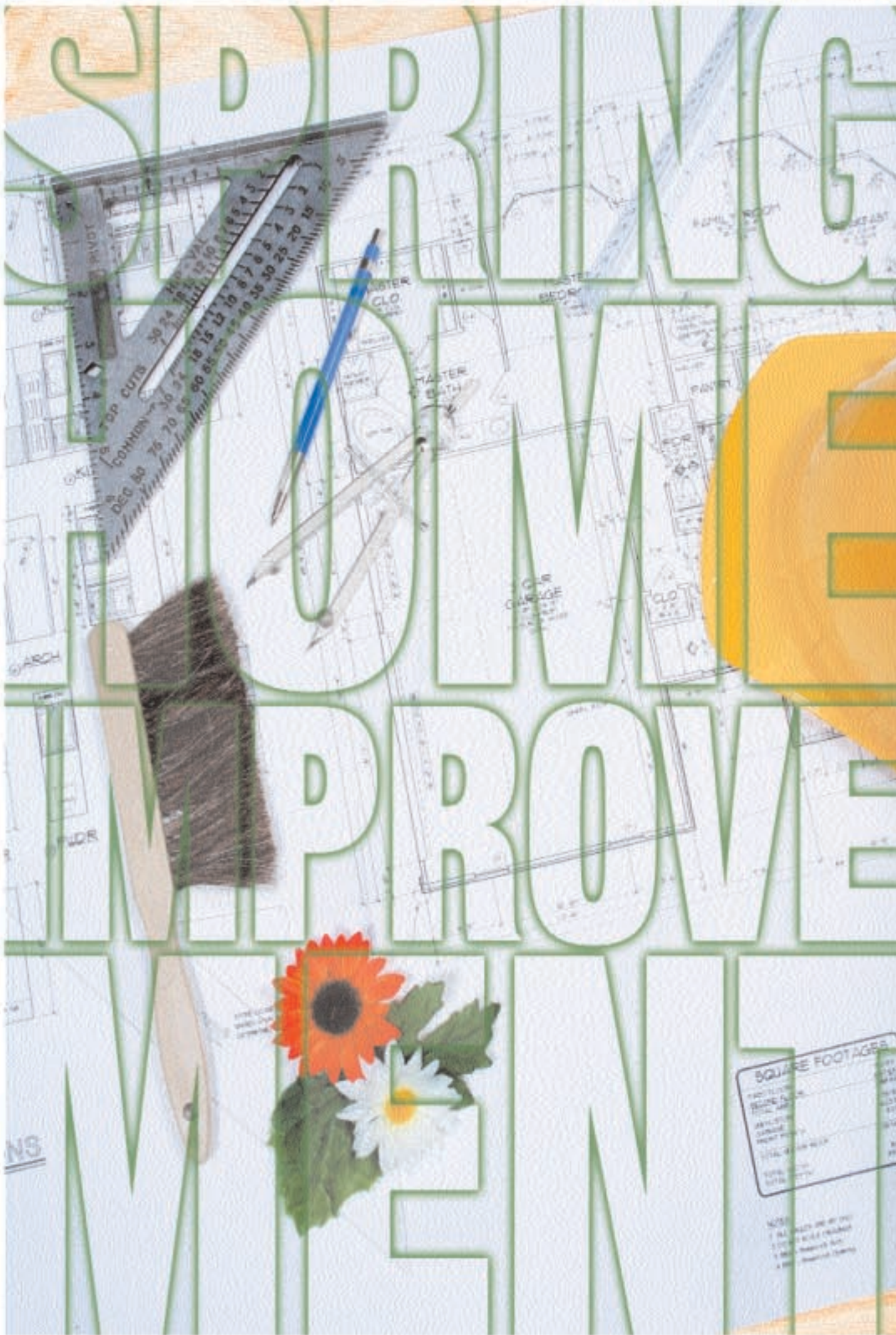
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