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Potential jail sites trimmed to three

County commissioners not revealing locations at this time

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

And then there were three. Three possible sites for a new Howard County jail, that is, as county commissioners took their list and whittled it down to just three Tuesday morning.

According to Commissioner Bill Crooker, the court managed to narrow the search — which began with 13 possible sites selected by a committee appointed by the court — to a trio of sites during an executive session. “We sat down and talked

about the pros and cons of each of the sites on the list, and we were able to narrow it down,” said Crooker. “We’re pleased with the progress we’re making on this issue. Everyone seemed fairly pleased with the remaining sites, so I feel like

we’re moving forward with it.”

This round of site selections will be the second for commissioners this year, as the first chosen site — the old Kmart building located

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Courtesy photo
Recording artists Crimson Soul will perform during The Knockout Sunday at Municipal Auditorium.

Knockout! to return

Spot on Rock the Desert will be awarded the winner

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Ring the bell, because here comes the second — and final — round!

A spot on the Rock the Desert 2007 stage will be on the line Sunday as The Knockout battle of the bands prepares to take the stage at Municipal Auditorium for the second time this year.

The competition will pit eight bands — all winners from regional Knockout battles — against one another in a sonic struggle for a spot on the Rock the Desert.

Tickets, \$10 each, are available in advance at Cowboys Steakhouse and Beans World Cafe.

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Summer camp sign-ups

Family Night Registration set for Boys and Girls Club

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
 News Editor

Parents who are undecided about allowing their children to enroll in the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club of America summer camp program can get a better idea of what is going on during a special registration time, set for Thursday.

From 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., the organization will hold Family Night Registration, according to Sheila Sparrow, program director. Registration will be held at the Salvation Army building, 811 W. Fifth.

“We wanted to let the families come in and tour the facility and find out exactly what the children will be doing while they are here,” explained Sparrow. “We’ll have popcorn and sodas available.”

Some 300 children have already signed up. Of course, not all of those children will show up on any given day.

“Our capacity is 136

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Surprisingly, no one was injured following this three-vehicle accident in the 1100 block of S. Scurry Street Wednesday afternoon. Eyewitnesses said the driver of a red Ford sedan was southbound on Scurry when it struck a parked Chevrolet pickup. The force of the collision threw the pickup into another parked vehicle.

Kids' College promises educational fun

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Who says summer school has to be a drag? Howard College officials will put the emphasis on fun when they host their annual Kids' College June 11 through June 21 at the Birdwell Lane campus.

Kids' College, open to children in grades 1 through 6, is a two-week event which, this year, hopes to teach some valuable lessons while doling out the fun in generous portions, said Diana Collom, outreach specialist for HC.

“Our theme this year is ‘Survival,’” Collom said. “The children will learn how important it is to work together as a team.”

Team-oriented activity this summer includes:

- **Bead mania** — Student teams will create jewelry using beads.
- **Creative crafts** — The children will learn how to create craft items such as scrapbooks, decorated flowerpots and coasters.
- **Fun magic** — Sleight-of-hand and card tricks will be taught.
- **Creative cooking** — The children will learn how to make “fun and creative foods,” Collom said.
- **Team survival** — “They will learn the value of teamwork and survive a variety of indoor and outdoor team activities and games,” she said.
- **Mind Fear Factor** — Students will

encounter an obstacle course with a Fear Factor theme.

Cost is \$80 per session. There will be two sessions per day, Collom noted — the morning session will last from 8 a.m. until noon, with the afternoon session going from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Children in grades 1 through 3 will be grouped in one session, while fourth through sixth graders will participate in the other session.

“Right now, classes are limited to 12 children each,” she said. “We’re hoping to have anywhere between 80 and 100 children in all enroll.”

Registration deadline is June 7. For more information, contact Collom at 264-5085.

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AMPUTEE REBUKES ATTACK

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — An amputee who discovered a burglar in his home was shot while fighting him off with a crutch. Roger Baxter survived the incident after a cell phone apparently slowed a bullet to his chest. “I just got it programmed,” Baxter said of the phone. Baxter lost his right leg after being hit by a tractor-trailer in October. He was returning from getting a haircut when he discovered the man with a gun inside his house. “He was pointing it at me,” Baxter told KDVR-TV. “He kept coming toward me and he got within 5 foot of me and that’s when I hauled off and hit him with one of my crutches.”

3 GENERATIONS GRADUATE

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, Utah (AP) — Three generations of the same family are getting high school diplomas. James Nunley, 36, his daughter Brittany Wright, 17, and father Jim Nunley, 72, of the Salt Lake City suburb of Cottonwood Heights, are all graduating. Jim Nunley would have graduated in 1953 but left school with less than a year to go. “All those years, I kept thinking about it and thought I ought to do something about it,” the elder Nunley said. Father and son graduate Saturday. Brittany is graduating from Hillcrest High School on June 5.

PARADE MARSHAL NAMED

Parade marshal for the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Parade will be Patricia McCormick, the Big Spring native who became a world famous bullfighter and the only woman ever admitted into the bullfighters union. Ms. McCormick now lives in Del Rio and makes her living as an artist. The parade will start at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21 at 10th and Main streets and will proceed through downtown Big Spring.



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IN BRIEF

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 Monday. 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 begins Monday and concludes June 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 starting their All-Skills Softball Camp Monday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. The camp will last until June 7.

Each day's activities will last from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is for girls going into first grade through ninth 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 T-shirt.

For more information contact John Sparks at 270-2711.

Bowl-A-Rama holding benefit tournament

Bowl-A-Rama will be holding a no-tap singles bowling tournament at 3 p.m. Sunday to help Mary Grace Jackson raise money to pay the expenses of her pending kidney and pancreas transplant.

The entrance fee will be \$15 per person. There will be separate divisions for men and women. A cash prize will be paid to one place for every five entries.

For more information, contact Debbie Burrow at 263-8952 or Jimmie Wood at 267-8676.

Parent-child tourney at country club

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a parent-child 2-person scramble tournament starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The tournament will continue at 1 p.m. Sunday. The entry fee is \$80 for the open division and \$40 for the trophy division.

A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee for the second team is half-price.

Bar-be-que will be served on the golf course during the first day of play.

Call 267-5354 to sign up.

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Spurs' experience key for series-clinching Game 5

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — As much as the individual talents of Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili have frustrated the Utah Jazz in the Western Conference finals, the San Antonio Spurs have benefited from something else: their collective experience.

The Spurs are the oldest team in the league, featuring a roster full of players who've won championships or been part of long postseason runs. The calmness, confidence and wisdom gained along the way has been put to good use against the novice Jazz,

helping San Antonio build a 3-1 series lead going into Game 5 on Wednesday night.

Consider the evidence.

In Games 1 and 2, San Antonio built big leads, then prevented Utah from getting close until it was way too late. The Jazz finally clicked when they went home for Game 3 and the Spurs were wise enough to realize it wasn't their night. Rather than go all out for a rally that might've made the final score look good — as Utah did late in the first two games — San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich let backups finish what became a 26-point loss.

The best example, though, was

Game 4 on Monday night.

Neither team was playing great, but both were playing hard. The Spurs led by only one point early in the fourth quarter when a foul was called on the Jazz. Then another. And another. More fouls and some technicals followed. Utah's fans lost their composure, too, going from anti-official chants to throwing things on the court.

San Antonio handled it all just fine, mainly by making free throws and not doing anything silly. As a reward, the Spurs are one win away from heading to the NBA finals for the third time in five years.

"The playoffs are a physical time," Popovich said Tuesday. "Things happen and you move on."

Series clinchers, also known as "close-out" games, are considered the toughest to win, but San Antonio players certainly know the drill.

The Spurs are 12-4 in close-out games since Duncan, Parker and Ginobili teamed up in 2003. Nine of the wins came on their first chance to end a series, including against Denver and Phoenix this postseason.

Yet within those numbers lies a

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High expectations fuel state-bound Bulldogettes

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — For Coahoma's Bulldogettes, making the more than 4-hour drive south to Austin has become habitual. Usually when habits are formed, one eventually stops noticing it. Not in this case.

The Bulldogettes (30-6) make their ninth trip in 14 seasons to the Class 2A state softball tournament in Austin Thursday and, despite it now being a common occurrence, the community is still full of excitement at the prospects of a state title.

"When I came to Coahoma, I thought that parents and fans would be a bit complacent about us making another state tournament. It's just what happens here," said first-year Bulldogettes' head coach Tracy Tadlock. "I've been a bit surprised to see the excitement that this community has for this team. I think that they see that this year's team has all the qualities of a state champion."

Tadlock isn't the only person to feel that way about Coahoma's chances at the state tournament. His players believe that this is their year, too.

"This team has worked hard. We've never worked this hard before," said Ami Martinez, the only senior on the Bulldogettes roster. "We all get along and know what we're here to do. We're just happy for each other and don't care who gets the credit. We've got the best chance of any team I've been on."

Martinez is a four-year varsity player and is making her third consecutive trip to Austin. Coahoma has been knocked out of the playoffs by Elysian Fields' Lady Yellowjackets in the semifinal round the last two years. This year they won't have to worry about the Lady Yellowjackets, but their semifinal opponent is still one familiar with the tournament atmosphere.

The Bulldogettes meet up with Troy's Trojanettes (35-4) at 4:30 p.m. Thursday for the second Class 2A state semifinal playoff

game of the day at The University of Texas' McCombs Field. This will be the Trojanettes' third state tournament appearance, having won the state championship in 2000. They defeated Coahoma, 3-2, in the semifinals on their way to that state title. Troy last reached state in 2005, losing in the semifinals.

Aubrey's Lady Chaparrals will face Pattonville Prairiland's Lady Patriots in the first Class 2A semifinal game at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The winners of the two games meet for the Class 2A state championship at 11 a.m. Saturday.

One reason for the Bulldogettes to be excited is their new No. 1 ranking in the Class 2A state poll voted on by the Texas Girls Coaches Association. It's the first time this season that Coahoma has been considered the top-ranked team in the state.

"It's a nice honor, but it doesn't mean anything unless we back it up," said Tadlock. "I have no doubt that we can be the top team in the state, but only the team that wins the championship will be considered the best."

Despite being named the top-ranked team in the state, the Bulldogettes are seeded third at the tournament. The four teams are ranked according to their win percentage, making Aubrey the one seed with Troy taking the two seed and Prairiland filling in as the fourth seed.

The seeding provides a unique situation, pitting the top two ranked teams in the state against each other in the semifinal round. Troy received this week's No. 2 ranking from the TGCA and Tadlock feels that it's a ranking the Trojanettes deserve.

"Of all the teams at state, I think Troy has caught my eye the most," said Tadlock. "They appear to have strong hitters and good team speed. I also know their district and it's a tough one. They've had to beat some good teams that were ranked

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Coahoma's Krista Kerby fouls off a pitch in Game 3 action against Hawley in the Class 2A, Region I finals Saturday at Abilene Christian University's Wells Stadium. The Bulldogettes will face Troy's Trojanettes at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Class 2A state semifinals in Austin.

Rangers' pitching gets rare shutout win

By **JANIE McCAULEY**

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND — Sammy Sosa told himself to be patient and wait for his pitch — even if it wasn't a home-run pitch.

Oakland intentionally walked Mark Teixeira to load the bases and get to Sosa, and the slugger broke through against Lenny DiNardo.

Sosa lined a two-run single to left that got by a charging Shannon Stewart, breaking a scoreless tie in the sixth and helping the Texas Rangers end a season-worst six-game skid with a 4-0 victory over the Athletics on Tuesday night.

"This game is about adjustments," Sosa said. "He was pitching great until that inning. Once again I had an opportunity to drive in some runs and come through for my team. Hopefully we can get on a little roll."

Marlon Byrd singled in a run during that four-run sixth for one of his three hits and Mike Wood pitched five innings in an impressive spot start against his

former club. Texas avoided its first seven-game losing streak since dropping eight in a row from Aug. 8-16, 2005.

Sosa — booed each time he stepped into the batter's box — went 1-for-4 with a strikeout and remained stuck at 598 home runs, but ended an 0-for-8 stretch with the single. He is looking to become the fifth player to hit 600 homers, and is second among active players behind San Francisco star Barry Bonds. Bonds has 746 and is nine from tying Hank Aaron's career record of 755.

Sosa struck out as a pinch hitter Monday night after manager Ron Washington gave him most of the day off to rest. On Tuesday, he struck out looking leading off the second, then grounded into a double play to end the fourth. He fouled out in the eighth.

"We haven't been able to catch many breaks," Washington said. "We caught a break tonight and took advantage of it. ... We finally put a solid game together. It is the first step. We've been in posi-

tion to get that done for three, four or five ballgames now."

Wood (1-1), recalled by Texas from Triple-A Oklahoma to make his third 2007 start, remained unbeaten against the A's and won for the first time since May 8, 2006. He allowed five hits, struck out three and walked five — and will be rewarded with a trip back to the minors.

While Washington wants his team to cut down on its walks, getting back on the winning side certainly meant a lot — and Wash did it against the club for which he was a coach the previous 11 years.

C.J. Wilson, Joaquin Benoit and Eric Gagne completed the nine-hitter.

Gagne entered with runners on first and second in the ninth and allowed a single to Travis Buck. He then got Nick Swisher to ground into a game-ending double play.

Washington was pleased with the pitching staff's performance, saying "we're not giving up on these guys."

And Wood isn't going to talk

about being sent back to Triple-A until it actually happens — though Washington said it was a definite.

Wood made some adjustments after the early innings and relied on his fastball.

After Stewart's leadoff single in the first, Buck grounded into a double play before Wood issued three straight walks to Swisher, Dan Johnson and Eric Chavez. But Bobby Crosby grounded out to leave the bases loaded.

Wood walked Swisher and Chavez in the fifth, but struck out Crosby to end that threat, too.

The inconsistent and injury-plagued A's, shut out for the fourth time this year, might have found their fifth starter in DiNardo.

DiNardo (1-2) got through four innings on 55 pitches with only two hits. After Michael Young's single to start the fourth, Teixeira grounded into a fielder's choice and Sosa hit into the double play.

Notes: Oakland hadn't been blanked since April 25 at Seattle.

Obituaries

Sherri Dykes

Sherri Dykes, 48, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 28, 2007, in an Odessa hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• **THE HOWARD COUNTY PACHYDERM CLUB** will meet at noon Thursday at Just Peachy, located at Fifth and Scurry streets. Guest speaker will be Jason Moore of Odessa, he is the State Republican Executive Committee member for Texas Senate District 31. For reservations, call Susanne Haney at 432-263-7147

• **THE HOWARD COUNTY A&M CLUB** is accepting scholarship applications from students who are currently enrolled at Texas A&M for the Fall 2007 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and enrolled for at least 12 hours. More information can be found at the club Web site: clubs.aggienetwork.com/howardcountyamc/webhome.htm
Application deadline is June 1.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

• **THE WORKFORCE NETWORK HAS FUNDING AVAILABLE** for training and employment with competitive wages for youth in Howard, Borden and Glasscock counties. Enrollment will be held at the Workforce Network, 310 Owens in Big Spring from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 21. You must bring copies of your birth certificate, Social Security card and picture ID if you have one. You must have a parent with you if you are under 18 years of age.

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager or Cruz Rodriquez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. For donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.
If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- **JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK**, 28, of 1425 E. 6th was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KEVIN RODGERS**, 33, of 3112 S. Anderson, was arrested on a charge of possession of a volatile chemical.
- **JASON M. MUNDELL**, 30, of 1505 E. 6th was arrested on two local warrants.
- **BURGLURY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 4800 block of Hwy 80.
- **BURGLURY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of 16th.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.
- **POSSESSION/USE OF VOLATILE CHEMICAL** was reported at the Ampitheater.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 11th.
 - in the 400 block of 4th.

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.
- **BILLY JOE MARLER**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana- two ounces or less.
 - **ROBERT BRANDON KING**, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the DPS on a charge of driving while licenses suspended.
 - **WILLIAM IKE MCCONNELL**, 42, was arrested Wednesday by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **ARTHUR DEE NANNY JR.**, 47, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported:
 - 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 1500 block of Avion. Service refused.
 - 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 600 block of Elgin. Service refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the Interstate Hwy 20 near mile marker 181.

Lottery

ATLANTA (AP) — A single ticket has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto drawing.

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Tuesday night's drawing — worth \$44 million — was sold in Virginia.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: 2, 24, 44, 51 and 54. The Mega Ball number was 7.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 16-19-24-32-37.
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: 5-7-7.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 2701 Rebecca. Bring a salad. 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 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

• The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold an adult eyeglass clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St. This provides recycled eyeglasses for adults who cannot afford to pay for an eye examination or buy eyeglasses. For information, contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095.
• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

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.

MONDAY

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800-392-8677.

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Coahoma's Alex Moore catches a fly ball as Krista Kerby runs to back her up against Hawley Saturday.

COAHOMA

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higher than them during the season."

Tadlock heads into his first state tournament believing the Bulldogettes are the most complete 2A team in Austin.

"We're fantastic on the mound and defensively. That's where these games will be won," he said.

"The team that makes the fewest mistakes in the field will win the game. I'd also be surprised to see a team that has a better batting lineup that we do from top to bottom."

Tadlock also notes that his confidence in his

team won't lead him to overlooking anyone.

"No one gets to the state tournament without being a good team. I'm sure the three other teams are capable of winning the whole thing," he said. "At the same time, if we don't make mistakes, then I think we are the best team in the state and we could come out on top."

"We've been on a steady progression all year, physically and emotionally," Tadlock continued. "We probably didn't look like a state championship team in March, but we have over the last two months of the season. It's got to just be another game for us. We have to

continue to have fun while playing hard. If we play like we have for the last two months, then there's no reason we can't win it all."

The Bulldogettes haven't reached the state championship game since 1999. Tadlock says that the team will not be completely satisfied if that trend were to continue.

"I've told the girls to never be satisfied all year," he said. "We play every hit, field every ball

and pitch every pitch like it could be the last one of our season. No one wants the last play they make to be a bad one. We won't have a lot of regrets if we don't win it all, but this team won't be satisfied with anything less than a state championship."

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SPURS

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nugget of hope for Utah. All four of San Antonio's losses have come at home.

Well, that would be good news for the Jazz if they hadn't lost 18 straight games in San Antonio. Utah's skid dates to February 1999, so long ago that Karl Malone and John Stockton had four more years together and the David Robinson-led Spurs were not only still playing in the Alamodome, it was 18 months before ground was broken on their current arena.

Another concern for Utah is that point guard Deron Williams received treatment for a sprained ankle Tuesday. He's expected to play Game 5, but also is getting over a stomach ailment that he said cost him eight pounds over the weekend.

Still, San Antonio is bracing for another challenge.

Just to get this far, the Jazz had to shake off a season-ending 3-6 slump, then an 0-2 deficit in the first round. So they're not likely to give up now.

"We don't in any way think we are just going to walk in our building and take these guys out," Duncan said. "They have

shown they can play with us. They have shown that they are very physical."

Utah is likely going through a rite of passage, like Miami's Dwyane Wade endured before his breakthrough last year and, most famously, Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls faced in getting past the Bad Boy-era Detroit Pistons.

The Jazz are somewhat fortunate to have experienced all that they have this postseason. Sure, they earned it by beating the Rockets in seven games and Golden State in five, but the Warriors helped by eliminating the top-seeded Dallas Mavericks in the first

round.

Whether Utah might've beaten Dallas is irrelevant; the bottom line is that the Jazz are gaining valuable experience — there's that word again — that should help in 2008 and beyond.

After all, Carlos Boozer is 25 and Williams is 22, so the pieces are in place for Utah's revival to continue.

The biggest problem for the Jazz this series is that Williams (29.5 points per game) and Boozer (24.5) aren't getting enough help.

Utah's third-highest scorer is Andrei Kirilenko at a measly 8.3 points per game.

BRIEFS

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Cepero Track & Field Meet in Odessa

The third annual Dr. Daniel Cepero Track & Field Meet will be held June 8-9 at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

The meet is for ages 2-18. \$1500 scholarships for college expense will be awarded to two graduating high school seniors that are judged to be the top overall performers at the end of the meet.

The entry fee is \$6 for ages 6 and under and \$12 for ages 7-18. The deadline for registration is June 3, although late registration will be allowed June 4-6, with an additional \$6 late fee.

Registration can be done online at www.west-texastrack.com. For more information, contact Stella Neboh at (432) 599-0364.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame volleyball star and 1984 Olympian, will again be conducting a volleyball camp at BSHS this summer.

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school players

from 9 a.m. to noon and the high school players' session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online and get additional information on the camp by going to Magers-Powell's website, www.gotrosevolleyball-camps.com.

Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

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Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
Destruction of Records Notice

To the parents and adult disable students who were served by the Big Spring ISD, Special Services Department prior to 1999.

Big Spring ISD will be destroying all special education records of those persons who have graduated, moved, or been dismissed from special education prior to August 1, 1999.

If you desire to pick up these records, please notify Big Spring ISD Special Education Services Office at (432)264-4106, before June 30, 2007.

Aviso del destrucción de los Expedientes Académico

A los padres y a los estudiantes adultos con discapacidades que fueron servidos por Big Spring ISD, departamento de Servicios Especializados antes de 1999.

Big Spring ISD destruirá todos los expedientes de la educación especializada de esas personas que han graduado, se han mudado o se han despedido de la educación especializada antes de 1 de Agosto de 1999.

Si usted desea tomar estos expedientes, por favor notifique al departamento de Servicios Especializados de Big Spring al (432)264-4106, treinta de junio de 2007.

#5384 May 23, 27, 30 & June 3, 2007.

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE
Pre-Kindergarten Notice

Big Spring ISD offers free Pre-Kindergarten classes for students at least four years of age by September 1 2007, if the following criteria are met:

1. Child is unable to speak or comprehend the English language and/or;
2. Child comes from an economically/educationally disadvantaged family according to standards set by the State Board of Education. (Qualify for food stamps or the Free or Reduced Lunch Program) and/or;
3. Child is homeless.

If you know a child whom you feel meets these qualifications, please call (432)264-3600.

A minimum of 15 qualified students is required before the class will be offered.

Big Spring ISD ofrece clases gratis de Pre-Kinder para estudiantes que cumplen los cuatro años de la edad antes del primero de septiembre de 2007:

1. Niño incapaz de hablar o comprender el idioma inglés y/o;
2. Niño que vienen de una familia desventajada económicamente según el conjunto de estándares por el Consejo de Educación del Estado. (Si califica para la tarjeta de Lone Star o el Programa Libre or Reducido de Almuerzo) y/o;
3. Niño sin hogar.

Si usted sabe de un niño o niños que califican para este programa por favor de llamar al numero (432)264-3600. Un mínimo de 15 estudiantes calificados serán escogidos antes que la clase se ofreciera.

#5388 May 30 & June 1, 2007

The City of Big Spring Planning & Zoning Commission will have its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Big Spring Council Chambers.

On the agenda is a proposed preliminary plat of "Avalon" subdivision described as Block 1, Units 1-5, Lots 1-18 within 4.80 acres of and part of the southwest part of Section 7, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P, R.Y. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas. #5391 May 30 & June 3, 2007

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Big Spring Amending Chapter 18, Article 5, Section 18-134 of the Code of Ordinances, Entitled, "Marking Spaces Where Parking Prohibited"

An area of "No Parking" has been designated in front of the business "Twice the Ice" on NW 11th Street on the South side in proportion to the egress and ingress of the location. #5393 May 30 & June 3, 2007

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Big Spring Amending Chapter 18, Article 5, Section 18-134 of the Code of Ordinances, Entitled, "Marking Spaces Where Parking Prohibited"

An area of "No Parking" has been designated on Simler Avenue from Armstrong to Warehouse on both the East and West sides of the roadway as required. #5392 May 30 & June 3, 2007

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SUBJECT: School credit by examination without prior instruction.

Big Spring ISD offers examinations for credit without prior instruction for each primary school grade level and each secondary school academic subject as approved by the Board of Education. Students in grades K-12 may be accelerated by taking advantage of this provision. There will be no charge for the administration of the examination. If a parent requests an alternative examination, the District may administer and recognize results of a test purchased by the parent or student from Texas Tech University or the University of Texas at Austin.

The District shall accelerate a student in grades K-5 in the following manner:

1. The student scores 90 percent or above on a criterion-referenced test for the grade level to be skipped in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies;
2. A District representative recommends that the student be accelerated; and
3. The student's parent or guardian gives written approval of the acceleration.

The District shall accelerate a student in grades 6-12 in the following manner:

The student scores 90 percent or above on a criterion-referenced test for acceleration for the applicable course. If such credit is given, the District shall enter the examination score on the student's transcript.

Procedures to allow a student not six years old at the beginning of the school year to be placed initially in the first grade are as follows:

1. Scores on readiness test(s) and/or achievement test(s) that may be administered by appropriate District personnel;
2. Recommendation of the kindergarten or preschool the student attended;
3. Chronological age and observed social and emotional development of the student; and
4. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal and Superintendent.

A student planning to take an examination for acceleration is required to register with the principal or designee of the school in which he is assigned at least 30 days prior to the scheduled testing date. Testing dates for 2007 are:

- Elementary, Grades K-5, August 1-3, 2007;
- Secondary, Grades 6-12, July 25-27, 2007.

Ref: Board Policies EEJB (Legal & Local)

AVISO PUBLICO
SUJETO: El credito de la escuela por la examinacion sin la instruccion anterior.

Big Spring ISD ofrece las exámenes para el crédito sin la instrucción anterior para cada nivel del grado de la primaria y cada tema académico de la escuela secundaria según aprobado por la Junta de Educación. Los estudiantes en grado K-12 pueden ser acelerados aprovechándose de esta provisión. No habrá cargo para la administración de la examinación. Si un padre requiere una examinación alternativa, el Distrito puede administrar y puede reconocer resultados de una prueba comprada por el padre o el estudiante de Universidad de Tejas Tech o la Universidad de Tejas en Austin.

El Distrito acelerará a un estudiante en los grados K-5 en la siguiente manera:

1. Las cuentas del estudiante sean 90 por ciento arriba de un criterio referieron de la prueba para que el nivel de grado sea pasado encada uno de las siguientes áreas: artes de idioma, las matemáticas, la ciencia y los estudios sociales;
2. Un representante del distrito recomienda que el aceleren al estudiante; y
3. Los padres del estudiante o el guardián da la aprobación escrita de la aceleración.

El Distrito acelerará a un estudiante en grados 6-12 en la siguiente manera:

Las cuentas del estudiante 90 por ciento o arriba en el criterio referencia de la prueba para la aceleración para el curso aplicable. Si tal crédito es dado, el distrito entrará en la cuenta de la examinación en el transcripción de el estudiantes.

Los procedimientos para permitir que a un estudiante no seis años de edad a principios del año escolar a ser colocados inicialmente en el primer grado están como sigue:

1. Los cuentas en la prueba de preparación(s) y / o la prueba(s) de logro que se pueden administrar por la personal apropiado del Distrito;
2. La recomendación del kindergarten o el preescolar al que el estudiante asistió;
3. Edad Chronological y desarrollo social y emocional observado del estudiante; y
4. Otros criterios estimados apropiados por el director de escuela y Superintendent.

Un planeamiento del estudiante tomar una examinación para la aceleración se requiere para registrarse con el principal de escuela o el designado de la escuela en la cual el esta asignado por lo menos 30 días antes de la fecha programada de la prueba. Fechas de la prueba para 2007 son:

- Elemental, Grados K-5, 1-3 Agosto, 2007
- Secundario, Grados 6-12, Julio 25-27, 2007.

Ref: Políticas de la Junta EEJB (el Legal y Local)

#5390 May 30 & June 1, 2007

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Scorpio moon is the femme fatale at the other end of the bar. Her eyes pierce. Her presence at once magnetizes and repels.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

This lady will ask for everything, body and soul. The Scorpio moon stirs our unconscious need for emotional drama and intensity. Get ready for deeper intimacy with the people, projects and situations of your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19.) You put two and two together, but the result doesn't equal four. There's an unknown factor at work. Hunker down for a look beyond the obvious. Examine every nook and cranny for that missing piece.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Knowing nothing is better than knowing the wrong thing. Be wary of what you hear and read. Get to the truth. When you do, the problem you thought would never be resolved disappears in a flash of insight.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Put your ducks in a row. Your partner needs to know your newly burgeoning priorities. Your wallet needs to know how to justify all the needful things you're yearning for.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a conduit of the crowd, the medium of the masses and an exceptional communicator to boot! As the unofficial adviser to everyone you meet, say it with intention and it's 10 times as powerful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'd rather be the drama maker than the drama taker. There's only enough room for one drama king or queen in your household. So when things reach critical mass, you do the thing you do so well — take charge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). On one hand, you like being needed. On the other, you'd like to be a little less in demand. A quick fix: Make yourself available to only whom and what you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). "What's it all for?" isn't an empowering question now. Don't ask. If a thing that once gave you

meaning no longer does, abandon it. Take a detour to help you remember that life's about the journey.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know one version of you. The stars invite you today to explore who else you might be. Be skeptical. Be fickle. Inquire deeply. And get ready — you're going to be surprised.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The word "jinx" is said to be taken from the Latin word "iynx" — a bird used in divination (that can whirl its head 180 degrees in either direction). Be an iynx. Magically undo a jinx by considering an opposing view.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When duty calls, you answer. But when your time could be better spent in other places, the simplest tasks can and should be delegated. There's someone around to help, maybe even an expert.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can embody your ideal. Just like that, you can change your mood, direction or whimsy by modeling yourself after someone who has that special

something you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Find a way to express all those bubbling joys and sorrows you've been holding inside. You can do this with a conversation, a song or a random act of creativity.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Gemini Melissa Etheridge has the signature of an activist. Mars and Jupiter give her incredible energy and zeal to do what's right. Venus in independent Aries makes her a pioneering outspoken supporter of women's rights, and she won't back down from controversy ... or challenge. She's a breast cancer survivor who's raising awareness by crusading her song "I Run for Life."

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Our daughter, "Madison," will be 24 soon. She is a very bright girl and an extremely talented artist. When she attended junior college here at home, we paid for her tuition, books and related expenses. She held part-time jobs and lived at home rent-free. Each semester, she dropped usually all but one or two classes. The last semester she attended, we told her she would have to pay for all school expenses and we would reimburse her for classes completed. She enrolled for a full schedule and completed only one class. She never asked to be reimbursed, as she knew how disappointed we were.

This is our dilemma. Madison wants to attend a specific art school out of state. She has moved to that state and wants to start next semester. She has no credit history and cannot get a loan. She thinks we should co-sign a loan to pay her tuition.

One semester at this school equals the price of an expensive car. Are we unreasonable not to do



KATHY MITCHELL
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this? We never promised her we would co-sign for a loan. We are not wealthy people. We live a modest life and need to focus on our retirement. We are afraid Madison will default and we'll be stuck paying this loan. Can you think of another solution? — No Co-Signers

Dear Co-Signers: Madison should talk to someone at the college about financial aid and see what can be worked out. She might appreciate her education more if the cost comes out of her own pocket, and it is not necessary for you to keep forking over until the well runs dry. Suggest she take classes at a school that will allow her to keep a day job until she saves up enough or develops a credit history that will allow her to transfer to the college of her dreams.

Dear Annie: My husband uses a toothpick after every meal, for hours. His addiction to this nasty habit has become unbearable. Our dinner invitations have dwindled because our friends can't stand to watch him digging for after-meal snacks anymore.

My husband has swallowed small pieces of wood because he will break the toothpick in half and keep it inside his mouth. He claims he can't stand to have anything stuck in his teeth. I realize toothpicks were invented to dislodge stuck food, but shouldn't this be done in the privacy of your bathroom? — We Need Intervention

Dear Need Intervention: Of course. If your husband is addicted to chewing toothpicks, he should understand that other people find it unappetizing. You might

also suggest he mention this to his dentist, since he seems to be doing it obsessively, and he should keep in mind that accidentally swallowing toothpicks can lead to major medical emergencies.

Dear Annie: You often tell the family members of an elderly person to talk to the person's doctor. That is futile these days. My mother is 80 and has several health issues. She can still function on her own and does not want any of her children involved in her medical care. She is very secretive, and we have no idea what types of medication she is on. When we bring this up, she just says her doctor knows what she takes and to stay out of her business.

Forget trying to talk to the doctor. He's as closed-mouthed as she is. If we call him to discuss some of Mom's health or behavior issues, he doesn't seem particularly interested and keeps repeating that he can't tell us anything. Our mother loves him and would never change physicians.

While the right-to-privacy laws are beneficial, in the case of the elderly, they seem to do more harm than good. — In the Dark on the East Coast

Dear East Coast: We know this is hard on children of older parents. However, when we say "talk to the doctor," we mean alert the physician to discuss worrisome issues with the patient. Being 80 doesn't make Mom incompetent, even if you disagree with her choices. Sorry.

Dear Annie: My wife recently discovered that her father has taken up smoking again after having quit several years ago.

My father-in-law denies that he smokes, even though we've seen him do it at work, and the minute the subject is brought up, he becomes defensive and refuses to discuss it. My mother-in-law wants him to quit, and the whole situation is causing a lot of stress. My in-laws are avid readers of your column, and I'm hoping if you print this letter, it might help. What else can I do? — Concerned in Atlanta

Dear Atlanta: Smokers have to want to quit on their own. Nothing you say or do is likely to persuade your father-in-law to give up cigarettes until he is ready. It's an addiction, and apparently, one he never quite got over when he originally quit. We're sure Dad already knows about the risks of lung cancer and emphysema, and it won't hurt for your mother-in-law to point out the hazards of secondhand smoke, since she is the primary victim. He should know that his family loves him and wants him to be healthy, but beyond that, there's really not much you can do.

Dear Annie: Please reconsider your answer to "Really Annoyed," the seventh-grade boy who is being pestered by his classmate, "George." While the advice is appropriate if George is merely socially awkward or possibly suffering from Asperger's syndrome, my experience with middle school students is that the behavior more closely matches the typical "grooming" behavior of a sexual predator.

The in-class back massages, the controlling behavior (including George's praise of the writer), his constant conversations about the Internet, books, TV and movies, his persistent "following" behavior, and George's intimidating physical size are all very well-documented danger signs of a possible sexual assault.

George's behaviors may be benign, but "Really Annoyed" should speak to a counselor, therapist, parent, teacher or other trusted adult immediately, rather than trying to resolve the problem on his own. — R.C.

Dear R.C.: We shudder to think a boy of 11 or 12 would be so adept at sexual grooming, and if you are correct, it would indicate that George has been a victim of abuse himself. We hope this is not the case. We suggested "Really Annoyed" discuss this with his school counselor, and we trust he will.

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Mother hangs herself, 4 children; infant found alive

HUDSON OAKS (AP) — Nothing seemed out of the ordinary when Gilberta Estrada held her infant daughter outside her white-and-brown trailer that muggy spring afternoon.

But by the next morning, she had apparently hanged herself and her four young daughters in a closet in their mobile home, authorities said. Only her 8-month-old survived.

They were discovered by the woman's sister, Alejandra Estrada, who lives across the street and had broken into the locked trailer after her sister's employer called Tuesday morning to say she missed work, authorities said.

Alejandra Estrada heard sounds from the infant — who was hang-

ing by her tiny neck from the arm of a sweater — and quickly pulled the baby out of the noose before calling for help, Parker County Sheriff Larry Fowler said.

On the 911 tape, the hysterical woman can be heard saying in Spanish, "Tell them to hurry because the little girl is dying. My sister hung herself."

She also gives the phone to her young daughter, who tells the 911 operator in English that her aunt and cousins are "sick really bad" and need an ambulance.

Filly Echeverria, who said she was the children's godmother, identified the dead children as Maria Teresa Estrada, Janet Frayre and Magaly Frayre.

Authorities said they believed

their ages were 5, 3 and 2.

The infant, Evelyn Frayre, was listed in good condition at a Fort Worth hospital, Fowler said.

He said the hangings appeared to be murder-suicide because the doors were locked from the inside and a relative said the 25-year-old woman had been depressed. He said they had last been seen alive Monday afternoon outside the trailer and things appeared normal for the family.

He said more information, such as how long they had been dead and whether the children were drugged or suffocated before they were hanged, could be revealed after the autopsies were performed Wednesday.

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near the intersection of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane — was recently optioned by Trinity Baptist Church.

Crooker declined to reveal the locations of the three remaining sites being considered, but did say two were located in the city limits, while the third is in the county.

"We've given County Attorney Mike Thomas the go-ahead to begin negotiations with the landowners, so we'll have to see what they come up with," said Crooker. "Once we have that information, we'll be able to take a closer look at the sites and the pros and cons of each."

The 10 sites eliminated Tuesday morning will

join an ever-growing list.

According to project architect Jeffrey Heffelfinger, who is currently advising commissioners on the proposed jail sites, sites located adjacent to the 118th District Court building and currently occupied by the Heart of the City Park simply aren't large enough, among other problems.

Heffelfinger said renovating the existing jail, currently located in the county courthouse, is also not a viable option.

"To get the square footage you would need to meet state standards, you would have to use three to four floors of the courthouse," said Heffelfinger.

"Also, because of the age of the building, you would have to get approval from the state historic commission before making any changes to the outside of

the building, and having worked with that commission before, let me tell you that's almost impossible."

Other sites previously considered include lots located in north Big Spring, near the intersection of Highway 87 and Interstate Highway 20, and a tract of land on FM 700 across the roadway from Martin Luther King Boulevard.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, progress on the issue of designing and constructing a new jail facility has been made all the more dire by the recent shutdown — and subsequent reopening — of the existing jail facility.

"Adan Munoz (TCJS executive director) has told us as long as we're moving forward with constructing a new jail, the commission will leave us

alone," said Barr, referring to the existing jail's inability to meet state standards. "However, as soon as it looks like we've stalled, he's assured me they will begin putting the pressure on us. This isn't a problem that's just going to go away on its own."

The county jail was shut down by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in November, after the facility's smoke evacuation system failed to meet requirements during a pair of tests in 2006.

The jail also failed to meet state requirements that call for a standpipe in the jail to deliver water to firefighters and a door that opened in the wrong direction. These problems, along with the smoke evacuation system, have since been corrected.

Repairs at the jail have



Courtesy photo

Hannah Cates, a fifth grader from Forsan, took action after reading the request in the Herald made by the Salvation Army for funds to purchase fans for those in need this summer. Hannah presented the donations she gathered to Paula Laughler of the Salvation Army.

cost the county more than \$250,000.

Since the jail's closure, inmates of the Howard County Jail have been housed in other counties, including Dickens, Glasscock and Lamb counties, at considerable expense to the county.

Officials with TCJS

recently gave the go-ahead to reopen the facility following a successful test of the smoke evacuation system last week.

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KNOCKOUT

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According to Jim Koerber, president of Scars Entertainment and promoter for the show, the competition has been a tremendous success, both in Big Spring and abroad.

"It's just been great," said Koerber. "It's just been incredible, the number of bands that have come out, and the diversity we've seen on the stage during the competition. And the music has been really high quality, which is something we're very proud of. We've had scream-o, hip hop, Latino

... You name the genre and we've had a band from it compete during The Knockout."

Of the eight bands scheduled to perform, one particular group may have something of a home field advantage.

"We also have a local band set to compete," said Koerber. "Hit The Ground Running, which is from right here in Big Spring, will be taking the stage. They're very excited about playing for a hometown crowd."

"The show is a great chance for these bands to get their music out to the people, and for the people of Big Spring to see some of the up and coming

bands. It's really a win-win situation for everyone involved."

Also slated to take the stage are Dragwire from Amarillo; Crucified from Dallas; Even the Dogs from Tulsa, Okla.; How to Start A Fire from Midland; Epic Fire from El Paso; Fatal Formality from Dallas; and The Burn Factor from El Paso.

Koerber said the show will also feature special guests Crimson Soul and Road Less Traveled, as well as a special music awards ceremony.

"The guys from Crimson Soul are really looking forward to performing," said Koerber. "They started out here in

Big Spring, so this is their hometown. That really means a lot to them."

Tickets for the show are \$10 and are available at Cowboys Steakhouse and Beans World Cafe. Tickets will also be available at the door, with limited seating.

"The winning band will go on to take the stage at Rock the Desert, which will feature headline acts like Family Force Five, Kutless, Emery, Shawn McDonald and Hawk Nelson," said Koerber. "Anyone who wants more information on Rock the Desert can find it at www.rockthedesert.com."

For more information on The Knockout series,

visit www.scarsentertainment.com or www.myspace.com/scarsentertainment.

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Jeri Perryman, 58, died Sunday. Graveside services were at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Robbie Fuqua, 69, died Sunday. Memorial Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

REGISTER

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children per day and last year we averaged about 65," said Sparrow. "We are anticipating about that many children per day this year, too."

The camp is for children age 6 through 18. Cost is \$12 per child.

By the way, that \$12 fee is good for a year, as the Boys and Girls Club also offers after-school activities from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays when school is in session.

The camp itself runs June 4 through Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It's an opportunity for parents to get some low-cost child care.

"We understand the

need parents have, especially during the summer months, and we're here to help," Sparrow explained, noting that many of the classes will be educational.

Last year, more teens participated than was anticipated, and that aspect of the camp has been expanded.

"We have a career launch program ... as well as a money matters class to help teach them good financial skills," Sparrow said. "We have programs for children of all ages concerning good eating habits and the importance of exercise, along with many other teaching tools."

Swimming and bowling will be part of the offerings, and there will be an emphasis on good behav-

ior.

Participants will receive a nutritious lunch each day.

For the first seven weeks, the students will be used to Bauer Magnet School for lunch, taking advantage of the Big Spring Independent School District's lunch program while summer school is in session. After that, they will eat at the Salvation Army.

"That's really taking a burden off us. We are very appreciative to the school district," said Sparrow.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the program.

"We need them to contact us as soon as possible, because we do run a background check on all volunteers," Sparrow

noted.

Child registration for the day camp is simple. No birth certificates, Social Security information or employment records are necessary. However, parents need to bring a list of allergies their child might have, medications and emergency contact numbers.

Parents can bring their children to camp whenever they wish, during times of day that fit their schedule, as long as they pick them up at the end of the day on time.

For more information, contact Sparrow at 264-0455.

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OUR VIEWS

Remember to get your children into Kids College mix

What has become a summer tradition for many Big Spring youngsters — Kids College at Howard College — promises to be more fun and educational than ever before.

After all, take a college environment, mix in a healthy dose of fun-based educational experiences, and you have Kids' College.

The annual event will begin Monday, June 11, and continue through Thursday, June 21, for children who have just finished Grades 1-6.

Now in its 15th year, the Kids College program offers youngsters an opportunity to choose from a number of both fun and educational programs.

Diana Collom, an outreach specialist for Howard College, said "Survival" is the theme for Kids College this year, with activities designed to teach children to work together as a team.

Team-oriented activity this summer includes:

- Bead mania — Student teams will create jewelry using beads.
- Creative crafts — The children will learn how to create craft items such as scrapbooks, decorated flowerpots and coasters.
- Fun magic — Sleight-of-hand and card tricks will be taught.
- Creative cooking — The children will learn how to make "fun and creative foods," Collom said.
- Team survival — "They will learn the value of teamwork and survive a variety of indoor and outdoor team activities and games," she said.
- Mind Fear Factor — Students will encounter an obstacle course with a Fear Factor theme.

Cost is \$80 per session. There will be two sessions per day, Collom noted — the morning session will last from 8 a.m. until noon, with the afternoon session going from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Children in grades 1 through 3 will be grouped in one session, while fourth through sixth graders will participate in the other session.

"Right now, classes are limited to 12 children each," she said. "We're hoping to have anywhere between 80 and 100 children in all enroll."

Registration deadline is June 7. For more information, contact Collom at 264-5085.

The program is one of Howard College's most popular continuing education offerings and you can bet student capacity to be reached quickly.

As a result, we encourage our readers to give their children an affordable educational opportunity this summer by making sure they're enrolled early.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we use some of our free time to talk with You, Lord.
Amen

We must stem gun violence

We must face the hard truth that firearms are so easy to acquire in the United States that lethal mass shootings are mathematically inevitable. Cho Seung Hui's recent shooting spree at Virginia Tech University, where he killed 32 students and professors and wounded 15, stunned our nation.

As we mourn these deaths, we are left with two questions: Could this horrific act of violence have been avoided? And what do we do about it? Neither question is easy to answer in a nation with over 200 million privately owned firearms.

The gun violence in the United States is an anomaly among most industrialized democracies. Other countries place many more impediments on gun ownership. Here, virtually anyone can obtain a gun, even someone as profoundly disturbed as Cho Seung Hui. In the standard background check — a call to the state police — no one flagged Cho as a prohibited purchaser. That he had been institutionalized with a mental illness presenting an imminent danger to himself and others was not in the state or federal databases.

Cho fired hundreds of rounds, striking his victims more than 200 times. If Congress had renewed the Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, Cho wouldn't have had 15-round magazines for his Glock pistol. The ban prohibited magazines that carry more than 10 bullets. That would have forced him to stop and reload more often, perhaps saving some lives.

Unlike the bloody assault at Virginia Tech, most people killed by firearms die as single victims.

They are male and female and represent all races and age groups. The most recent figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reveal that 2,825 children and teens died from gunshots in 2004. Every four days, another 32 children die. About as many children and teens died by firearms in America in 2004 as the total number of American service men and women who died in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan since those wars began. Fifty-eight preschoolers were shot that year, as compared to 57 law enforcement officers. Shooting deaths occur all around us, day in and day out. But we don't act to control gun proliferation.

There were many other school shootings before Cho Seung Hui's deadly act. In October 2006, a truck driver shot 11 girls, killing five, in an Amish schoolhouse near Paradise, Pa. Two teenagers killed 12 fellow students and a teacher at Columbine High School near Littleton, Colo., in April 1999. A 15-year-old Springfield, Ore., boy shot both of his parents dead, then killed two classmates and wounded 25 others in May 1998. Two middle school students, ages 11 and 13, shot four students and a teacher and wounded 11 classmates in Jonesboro, Ark., in March 1998. In each case, the shooters had easy access to firearms.

Our nation's leaders must enact and enforce common sense gun safety laws that check the flow of firearms into our communities. We need legislation that requires thorough background checks for every gun sale. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms must receive sufficient funds to pursue corrupt gun dealers and black marketers. Stiffer anti-trafficking laws must be adopted nationwide. And the Assault Weapons Ban must be immediate-

ly reinstated.

Parents and community leaders have a responsibility as well. They should remove guns from their homes; organize nonviolent conflict resolution support groups in their congregations and communities; and refuse to buy video games and other products for their children and teens that glamorize or make violence acceptable or fun. Community leaders must turn schools and places of worship into venues of quality summer and after-school programs for children as alternatives to the streets. Communities should also adopt proven programs like Operation Ceasefire that encourage collaboration among families, faith groups, social service providers and the police to stop gun violence against and by children and teens.

The Second Amendment should not be construed as authorization to put guns in the hands of mass killers. We cannot wring our hands and do nothing as the faces of a new set of victims' faces are splashed across the front pages of our newspapers. We have the power to act now to reduce gun proliferation and violence. It's the responsibility of all of us.

For more information on the cost of gun violence in America today, the Children's Defense Fund's "Protect Children, Not Guns," 2007 report provides an analysis of the latest data on child and teen gun deaths from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and action steps we can take. (www.childrensdefense.org/gunreport).

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and a working committee member of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC).

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Buckholts mural: Five years of dedication

Buckholts is a small town near Cameron. The Buckholts Betterment Association is made up of citizens who work to make Buckholts better. A few years ago the BBA recently painted its huge building on Main Street, which serves as the community center. One wall was white.

To Lamerle Zajicek (pronounced Zy-check), an artist who has a studio across the street from the community center, the blank white wall looked like a giant canvas. She thought a big mural would look just lovely on that wall. She approached the BBA and presented her idea to create a historical mural on the side of the building.

The BBA officers liked the idea and agreed to furnish supplies and paint. Little did they know what they were getting into. Work on the project started in 2000 (when

Lamerle was 70). The mural was finished in 2005.

Lamerle spent a full year doing research, making patterns and stencils, sketching and figuring out how to get her ideas and images on that big wall. She decided to make a giant grid, dividing the wall into small squares, creating scenes on a scale of one inch equals one foot. She drew a straight line across the middle of the wall to gain perspective. After all, she had a lot of space to work with. The wall is 25 feet tall and 80 feet long. Scaffolding and ladders were required to get to the top of the mural.

She decided on the 1880's to the early 1900's as the time to depict in the mural. The town started with the arrival of the train in 1881. She acquired a photograph of the old depot and included it in the mural.

"We put vignettes all down the wall," says Lamerle, "each one with just a small story in itself, telling how our town got started."

Lamerle wanted the people of the community to have a part in mak-

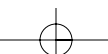
ing the mural, thinking it would mean more to them if they had a hand in it. She apparently was very persuasive. Buckholts has a population of 387.

The number of people who worked on the mural reached 133. Some lived in Buckholts, some lived elsewhere but had ties to the community. The oldest person to work on the mural was 99. The youngest was 4.

"We couldn't work in the mornings," says Lamerle. "The sun made a glare on the wall. Most of the work was done in the afternoons when the light was better for working."

She got people to paint scenes related to their work. A railroad man helped paint the railroad scene, a cotton gin man painted the gin, a banker named Crow painted some (what else?) crows. Monroe Fox, who has the Ideal Poultry Company in Cameron, painted some chickens. A mule man painted mules. A cattle rancher painted cows.

"Everybody seemed to have fun," says Lamerle.



Man with rare strain of TB placed under quarantine

By **MIKE STOBBE**
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — A man with a form of tuberculosis so dangerous he is under the first U.S. government-ordered quarantine since 1963 told a newspaper he took one trans-Atlantic flight for his wedding and honeymoon and another because he feared for his life.

Health officials have questioned his decision to fly from Atlanta to Paris, and later from Prague to Montreal, citing the possibility that he could expose other passengers. The man told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* that while doctors told him they preferred that he put off his long-planned wedding in Greece, they didn't order him not to fly.

He knew that he had tuberculosis, but didn't think he was a danger, he said.

"We headed off to Greece thinking everything's fine," said the man.

Dr. Steven Katkowsky, director of the Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness, said the man was told traveling was not advised.

The man flew from Atlanta to Paris on May 12 aboard Air France Flight 385. He returned to North America on May 24 aboard Czech Air Flight 0104 from Prague to Montreal, then drove into the United States at the Champlain, N.Y., border crossing.

The man, whom officials also did not identify, is at Atlanta's Grady Memorial Hospital in respiratory isolation.

He told the newspaper he flew into Canada to avoid U.S. authorities after they told him when he was in Italy to turn himself over to officials there due to the seriousness of the disease. He said he believed he had to return to the U.S. to get the treatment he needed to survive.

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recommended medical exams for cabin crew members and passengers who sat within two rows of the man.

"This is a bacteria that is really transmitted through the air, and generally to people who are in closed spaces for very long periods of time," said Dr. Julie Gerberd.

Texas news in brief

TXU sale appears more likely

DALLAS (AP) — When the \$32 billion sale of TXU Corp. was announced in February, stunned Texas lawmakers drafted far-reaching proposals to cut prices for electricity and protect consumers from overgrown utility companies.

Lawmakers raged at TXU over high prices and pollution, and they quizzed TXU's buyers about plans for the state's largest power generator.

But when the Legislature adjourned Monday night, nothing had come out of the uproar except the record-breaking sale of the company, which now appears more likely than ever to be completed.

TXU is being bought by an investor group led by private equity firms Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and TPG, formerly Texas Pacific Group. The buyers had lobbied against many of the proposals in Austin.

Craddick future could hinge on GOP primaries

AUSTIN (AP) — By the looks of things, Republican Speaker Tom Craddick plans to stay in charge of the Texas House for a long time.

And after triumphing over an acrid weekend attempt to overthrow him, he'll be in power at least until lawmakers return to Austin for a legislative session — and none is scheduled until January 2009.

Craddick has said he intends to run again then, but whether the 150-member chamber will vote him back for a fourth term will largely be determined next spring, by the results of legislative primary elections around the state.

A consummate fundraiser, Craddick and his supporters are expected to wage fierce and well-funded campaigns against those insurgent lawmakers who tried to boot him out of office during the final days of the legislative session that ended Monday.

Grand jury indicts 2 teens accused of giving children marijuana

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two teenagers have been

indicted on felony counts of injury to a child after being caught on video coaxing two young children into smoking marijuana, according to public records.

A Tarrant County grand jury on Friday indicted the children's uncle Demetris McCoy, 17, and his friend, Vanswan Polty, 18, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported for Tuesday's online editions. The teens remain in county jail on two felony counts each of injury to a child and various other burglary charges.

Polty is being held on \$164,000 bail and McCoy on \$240,000. Each could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted.

A drug test also revealed that the 2-year-old and 4-year-old children had cocaine in their systems.

The children, who remain in state custody, were removed from their home in Watauga, a Fort Worth suburb, in February after police investigating a burglary found the videotape while searching the house.

Former Dallas school officials, Houston man face bribery charges

DALLAS (AP) — Two former Dallas school district officials are accused of taking bribes from a Houston businessman whose company was awarded nearly \$40 million in technology contracts, according to a federal indictment unsealed Tuesday.

William Frederick Coleman III, the former deputy superintendent and chief operating officer for Dallas schools, and former chief technology officer Ruben B. Bohuchot were accused of taking kickbacks to help win contracts for Frankie Logyang Wong's company, Micro Systems Engineering Inc.

The indictment alleges that the three men also laundered about \$2.5 million to disguise payments from Micro Systems to Bohuchot, Coleman and others.

The men face charges of bribery, conspiracy to commit bribery through a program receiving federal funds and conspiracy to commit money laundering. Bohuchot and Coleman are facing charges of obstruction of justice, and Bohuchot is charged with making false statements on tax returns.

Bohuchot, 59, and Wong, 46, pleaded not guilty in federal court Tuesday. Coleman, 52, is also expected to plead not guilty, his attorney said.

Worker screening in store with immigration overhaul

By **SUZANNE GAMBOA**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's employers say a major problem with system overload is on the way if Congress forces them to prove, electronically, that all their workers are legal.

Currently, 16,727 employers check employees through a system previously known as Basic Pilot and now called the Electronic Employer Verification System. They have checked 1.77 million employees, according to Citizenship and Immigration Services, an agency within the Homeland Security Department.

Current immigration law leaves it to employers to verify that they are hiring legal workers. But that law, passed in 1986, has not been enforced strictly.

Immigration legislation pending in the Senate would require that Social Security numbers, identification and other information supplied by all U.S. workers be run through the electronic system. If the proposal becomes law, employers would have to check all new hires within 18 months of its enactment, and check all other employees within three years.

That could mean millions more employers logging on to a system that, right now, is still under development.

"I just don't think this is a realistic approach," said Susan R. Meisinger, president of the Society for Human Resource Management, a suburban Washington-based association of human resources professionals. To get to all new hires in a year, she said, the Homeland Security Department would have to sign up 20,000 employers a day.

There are an estimated 7 million to 8 million employers and 140 million employees in the U.S., business and labor officials say. Under the Senate proposal, employers who have illegal workers on the payroll could face fines from \$5,000 per

worker to up to \$75,000 and six months in jail per worker.

Screening proponents say the requirement is needed because too many employers are hiring illegal immigrants, whether knowingly or unwittingly.

The worker check system can't verify the accuracy of all information submitted to an employer, including drivers licenses and state identification cards obtained with stolen or borrowed birth certificates.

That was a problem for the pork and beef processor Swift & Co., which had been using the system for 10 years when its six plants were raided by Immigration and Customs Enforcement last year. More than 1,200 immigrant workers were arrested; Swift itself wasn't charged.

Di Ann Sanchez, vice president of human resources at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, anticipates a bottleneck when the airport has to ensure its 1,800 employees are legal — even those employed for

decades.

"If you've got all these employers hitting that system, is the system reliable to do it and not come back with a false negative or be so overloaded that it won't allow employers to hire as quickly as we need to?" Sanchez said.

Jock Scharfen, deputy director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, told Congress last month that a recent study found the system could not initially confirm eight of every 100 people checked.

Not all of those who

were not confirmed are illegal workers. Sometimes the system flags naturalized citizens whose citizenship status hasn't been updated, or women who didn't change their names on Social Security records when they married.

Confirmations are returned to employers in about three seconds, Scharfen said. The Senate bill allows up to three business days for initial responses to queries and 10 business days to confirm whether the worker is legal.

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Iraqi-U.S. forces conduct raids searching for 5 abducted British citizens

BAGHDAD (AP) — Hundreds of Iraqi and U.S. troops cordoned off sections of Baghdad's Sadr City slum early Wednesday and conducted a series of raids in an apparent effort to find five British citizens abducted from a nearby government building the day before, local residents and police said.

British Embassy officials held ongoing talks Wednesday with Iraqi officials to discuss the situation, Britain's Foreign Office said.

The five men were pulled out of a Finance Ministry office by about 40 heavily armed men in police uniforms in broad daylight Tuesday and driven in a convoy of 19 four-wheel-drive vehicles toward Sadr City, according to the British Foreign office in London and Iraqi officials in the Interior and Finance ministries.

A senior Iraqi official said the radical Shiite Mahdi Army militia was suspected in the attack.

Soon after the abduction, Iraqi forces established a special battalion of Iraqi soldiers and police officers to search for the men, said Brig. Gen. Qassim al Musawi, an Iraqi army spokesman.

President Bush to name Robert Zoellick to lead World Bank, replacing Wolfowitz

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert Zoellick, a Goldman Sachs executive who has built contacts around the globe as President Bush's trade chief and as the country's No. 2 diplomat, is the White House's choice to be the next World Bank president.

Bush was to announce the decision Wednesday, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity in advance of Bush's announcement.

Zoellick, 53, would succeed Paul Wolfowitz, who is stepping down June 30 after findings by a special bank panel that he broke bank rules when he arranged a hefty compensation package in 2005 for his girlfriend, Shaha Riza, a bank employee.

The controversy led to calls for Wolfowitz to resign from the poverty-fighting institution.

A seasoned veteran of politics both inside the Beltway and on the international stage, Zoellick is known for pulling facts and figures off the top of his head. He also has a reputation for being a demanding boss.

American al-Qaida member threatens attacks if Bush does not get out of Islamic lands

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An American member of al-Qaida warned President Bush on Tuesday to end U.S. involvement in all Muslim lands or face an attack worse than the Sept. 11 suicide assault, according to a new videotape.

Wearing a white robe and a turban, Adam Yehiye Gadahn, who also goes by the name Azzam al-Amriki, said al-Qaida would not negotiate on its demands.

"Your failure to heed our demands ... means that you and your people will ... experience things which will make you forget all about the horrors of September

11th, Afghanistan and Iraq and Virginia Tech," he said in the seven-minute video.

Gadahn, who has been charged in a U.S. treason indictment with aiding al-Qaida, spoke in English and the video carried Arabic subtitles. The video appeared on a Web site often used by Islamic militants and carried the logo of al-Qaida's media wing, as-Sahab.

Gadahn, who appeared in an al-Qaida video last September in which he called on Americans to convert to Islam, demanded that Bush remove all U.S. military and spies from Islamic countries, free all Muslims from U.S. prisons and end support for Israel. He said a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq alone would not satisfy al-Qaida.

TRussia says new ICBM can penetrate any defense system

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia tested new missiles Tuesday that a Kremlin official boasted could penetrate any defense system, and President Vladimir Putin warned that U.S. plans for an anti-missile shield in Europe would turn the region into a "powder keg."

First Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov said Russia tested an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying multiple independent warheads, and it also successfully conducted a "preliminary" test of a tactical cruise missile that he said could fly farther than existing, similar weapons.

"As of today, Russia has new tactical and strategic complexes that are capable of overcoming any existing or future missile defense systems," Ivanov said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency. "So in terms of defense and security, Russians can look calmly to the country's future."

Ivanov is a former defense minister seen as a potential Kremlin favorite to succeed Putin next year. Both he and Putin have said repeatedly that Russia would continue to improve its nuclear arsenals and respond to U.S. plans to deploy a missile defense system in Poland and the Czech Republic — NATO nations that were in Moscow's front yard during the Cold War as Warsaw Pact members.

Russia has bristled at the plans, dismissing U.S. assertions that the system would be aimed at blocking possible attacks by Iran and saying it would destroy the strategic balance of forces in Europe.

Man who alerted authorities to Fort Dix plot says he doesn't 'feel like a hero'

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. (AP) — When federal authorities announced charges against six young men accused of plotting an attack at Fort Dix, they kept secret the name of the tipster who first came forward.

On Tuesday, Brian Morgenstern went public, breaking his silence on CNN's "American Morning" and later in other interviews. The 23-year-old Circuit City employee told The Associated Press he was alarmed in January 2006 when two customers brought him a video of 10 men at a firing range with handguns, rifles and what he thought were fully automatic rifles.

Morgenstern said authorities asked him not to divulge some details of the video. But they have said

the men were chanting "God is Great" in Arabic. "I was considering whether or not this was really a threat, or something serious," he said. "I came to the conclusion that that's not my job or decision to make."

Bush attacks immigration deal opponents


GLYNCO, Ga. (AP) — President Bush attacked opponents of an immigration deal Tuesday, suggesting they "don't want to do what's right for America."

"The fundamental question is, will elected officials have the courage necessary to put a comprehensive immigration plan in place," Bush said against a backdrop of a huge American flag.

He described his proposal — which has been agreed to by a bipartisan group of senators — as one that "makes it more likely we can enforce our border — and at the same time uphold the great immigrant tradition of the United States of America."

Bush spoke at the nation's largest training center for law enforcement.

He chose the get-tough setting as conservative critics blast a Senate proposal as being soft on people who break the law.



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Man discovered living in bunker

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - A city fire investigator says he found a man living in a well-equipped underground bunker.

James O'Neill, an investigator with the city fire marshal's office, said the man, a 47-year-old veteran, uses car batteries to light the 16-by-20-foot space, which is six feet underground.

The man said the bunker took two years to dig, O'Neill said.

The walls are covered with insulation and plastic tarps and the ceiling is made of wood and roofing material, said O'Neill, who discovered the home over the weekend while investigating a nearby fire.

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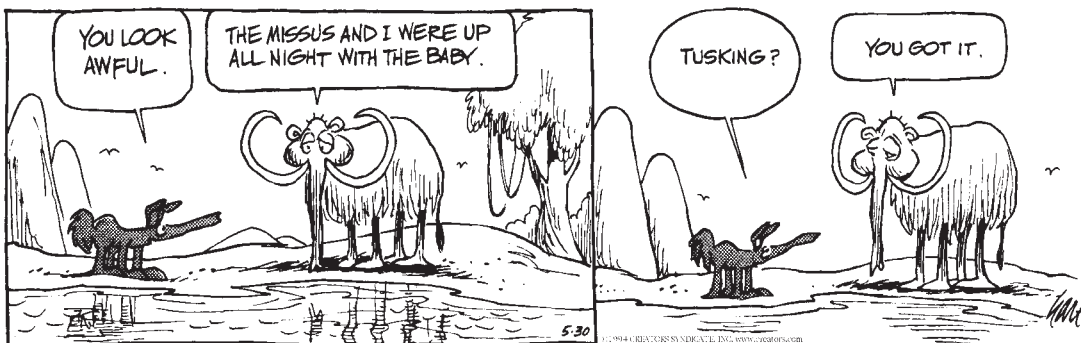
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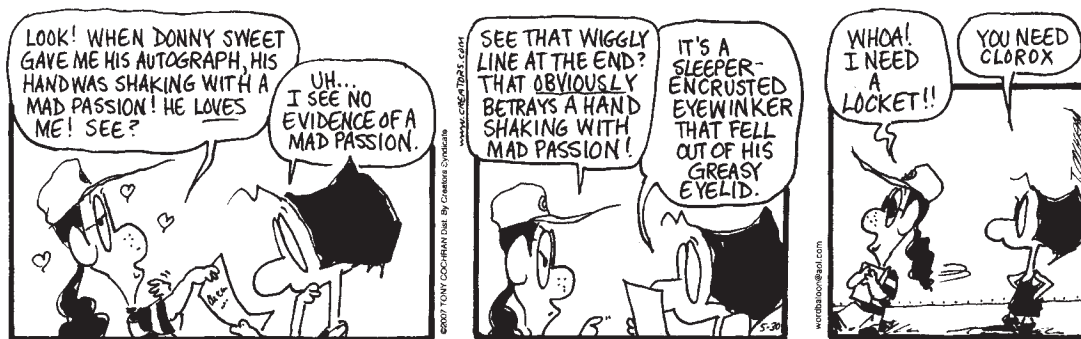
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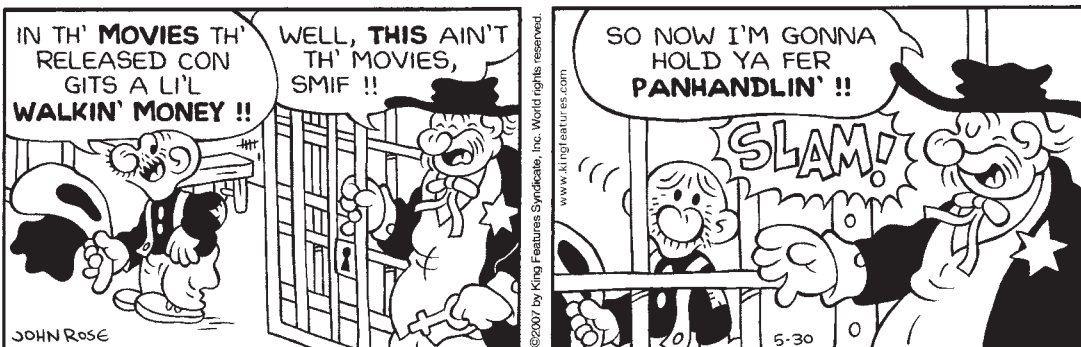
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 30, the 150th day of 2007. There are 215 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 30, 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in Rouen, France. On this date: In 1854, the territories of Nebraska and Kansas were established. In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death when a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in imminent danger of collapsing triggered a stampede. In 1911, Indianapolis saw its first long-distance auto race; Ray Harroun was the winner. In 1922, the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated by President Harding, Chief Justice William Howard Taft and Robert Todd Lincoln.

In 1937, 10 people were killed when police fired on steelworkers demonstrating near the Republic Steel plant in Chicago. In 1943, American forces secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II. In 1958, unidentified American soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflict were buried at Arlington National Cemetery. In 1971, the American space probe Mariner 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a journey to Mars. In 1981, Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman was assassinated in a failed military coup. In 1986, 21 elderly passengers were killed when a tour bus went out of control on a mountain road and plunged into the Walker River near the California-Nevada border. Today's Birthdays: Country musician Johnny Gimble is 81. Actor Clint Walker is 80. Actor Keir Dullea is 71. Actress Ruta Lee is 71. Actor Michael J. Pollard is 68. Actor Stephen

Tobolowsky is 56. Actor Colm Meaney is 54. Actor Ted McGinley is 49. Actor Ralph Carter is 46. Actress Tonya Pinkins is 45. Country singer Wynonna Judd is 43. Rock musician Tom Morello (Audioslave; Rage Against The Machine) is 43. Movie director Antoine Fuqua is 42. Thought for Today: "To write or to speak is almost inevitably to lie a little. It is an attempt to clothe an intangible in a tangible form; to compress an immeasurable into a mold. And in the act of compression, how Truth is mangled and torn!" - Anne Morrow Lindbergh, American writer (1906-2001).

Answer to previous puzzle crossword grid with words like SOLO, LAMB, BASIL, ATOP, OREO, EMPTY, GIFFTO, FGAB, GEESE, SIST, PAULS, ONLY, SATE, LENDL, MAJOR, SWED, CPA, ABOUT, ODD, THAN, RAHS, HORSY, WEST, ETNA, ABS, CACTI, SEN, ASSET, HIKES, YACHT, WREN, SCOT, ARIES, BOO, SPARS, CARDS, SHARK, HASTO, LILY, USER, ETHAN, ELSE, MESA.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Euro fractions, 6 Basilica part, 10 Meadow musing, 13 Birdlike, 14 Locket shape, 15 Pack in, 16 Entrée with paper frills, 18 Big-eared hopper, 19 Show contempt for, 20 Prime example, 22 Stadium section, 24 Spiral-horned antelope, 25 Be important, 29 Taken (surprised), 32 Pungent-smelling, 33 Easy job, 34 Hack, 38 ___ to none (long odds), 39 Navigational aid, 40 Slack-jawed, 41 Whopping, 42 ___ the Great (fictional boy sleuth), 43 Biological copy, 44 Fiji neighbor, 46 Gertrude Stein colleague, 47 Up to now, 50 Folk singer Joan, 52 Numero uno, 55 European news agency, 60 Racetrack boundary, 61 Words before exiting, 63 Prod, 64 Charged particles, 65 Wear down, 66 Beatnik exclamation, 67 Cosby Show daughter, 68 Like interstates, 9 Exile isle, 10 Actress Sonia, 11 Brother of Moses, 12 Rephrase, 15 Grid coach's lecture, 17 So-so, 21 VCR button, 23 Owed at the bar, 25 Crush, 26 Rights org., 27 High-school math, 28 Train-station freebie, 30 Unconcealed, 31 Quick to learn, 33 Carpet type, 35 MP's quarry, 36 TV's "Warrior Princess"

POOLSIDE by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

12x12 crossword grid for POOLSIDE with numbers 1-68 indicating starting positions for words.

A family finds angels in the mailbox

I received an e-mail not long ago that brought a tear to my eye and reassured me of the wonderful people that are in every community of the great land in which we live.

It went like this: "Our dog Abbey died Aug. 23, and the day after Abbey died, my 4 year old, daughter, Meredith,



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was extremely upset. She wanted to write a letter to God so that God would recognize Abbey in heaven. She told me what to write and I did.

"Then she put 2 pictures of Abbey in the envelope. We addressed it to God in Heaven, put two stamps on it (because, as she said, it could be a long way to heaven). We put our return address on it, and

I let her put it in the drop box at the post office that afternoon. She was absolutely sure that letter would get to heaven, and I wasn't about to disillusion her.

"Then a few days later, on Labor Day, we took the kids to the museum in Austin, and when we came home, there was a package wrapped in gold on our front porch. It was addressed to Meredith. She took it inside and opened it. Inside was a book, 'When Your Pet Dies, by Mr. Rogers (Fred Rogers).'

On the front cover was the letter we had written to God, in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was one of the pictures that Abbey taped on the page. On the back page was the other picture that Abbey had sent, and this handwritten note on pink paper:

"Dear Meredith, I know that you will be happy to find out that Abbey arrived safely and soundly in heaven.

Having the pictures you sent to me was a big help! I recognized Abbey right away! You know, Meredith, she isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me, just like it stays in your heart, young and running and playing. Abbey loved being your dog, you know. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep things in, so I am sending you your beautiful letter back with the pictures — so that

you will have this little memory book to keep. One of my angels is taking care of this for me. I hope this little book will help. Thank you for your beautiful letter. Thank your mother for sending it. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you. God blesses you every day and remember I love you very much. By the way, I am in heaven and everywhere there is love. Signed, God, and one of his special angels

who wrote this letter after God told her the words to write."

Personally speaking, I knew we had some wonderful folks in our postal system but I never knew they were angels!! I guess the old saying, "Greet everyone as though they were your guardian

angel," certainly has merit. Isn't it wonderful that we still have people who really care for others?

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

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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♥ 8 6 4 3
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♣ —

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♥ 10 7 2
♦ K J 6
♣ Q J 9 8 4

EAST
♠ A
♥ K 9 5
♦ A 10 8 3
♣ 7 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ A Q J
♦ 7 4
♣ A K 10

The bidding:
South 1♠ West Pass North 4♣ East All Pass
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monds and possibly a heart had to be lost. But Frank made the contract, despite the bleak outlook, by adopting a line of play that gave him a chance.

He began by ruffing the club in dummy and finessed the queen of hearts. When the queen held, he ruffed the king of clubs and finessed the jack of hearts. He then cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed his last club, the ace. Now he led dummy's established heart.

If East trumped with the ace, South would have discarded a diamond and made the contract without further ceremony. But East made the more natural play of discarding the eight of diamonds, whereupon Frank discarded a diamond and West ruffed.

West then led the king of diamonds, followed by the jack. Frank ruffed and returned a spade, felling the king and ace together. That was the third and last trick for the defense.

Of course, had West led a diamond initially, Frank would have had no chance. And even after the opening club lead, he had to be lucky to find East with the king of hearts and the hearts divided 3-3, and to get a favorable trump division besides.

But if you don't play for miracles in such hands, they won't happen. You'll also never wind up with your name in the newspaper.

Tomorrow: A matter of self-confidence.

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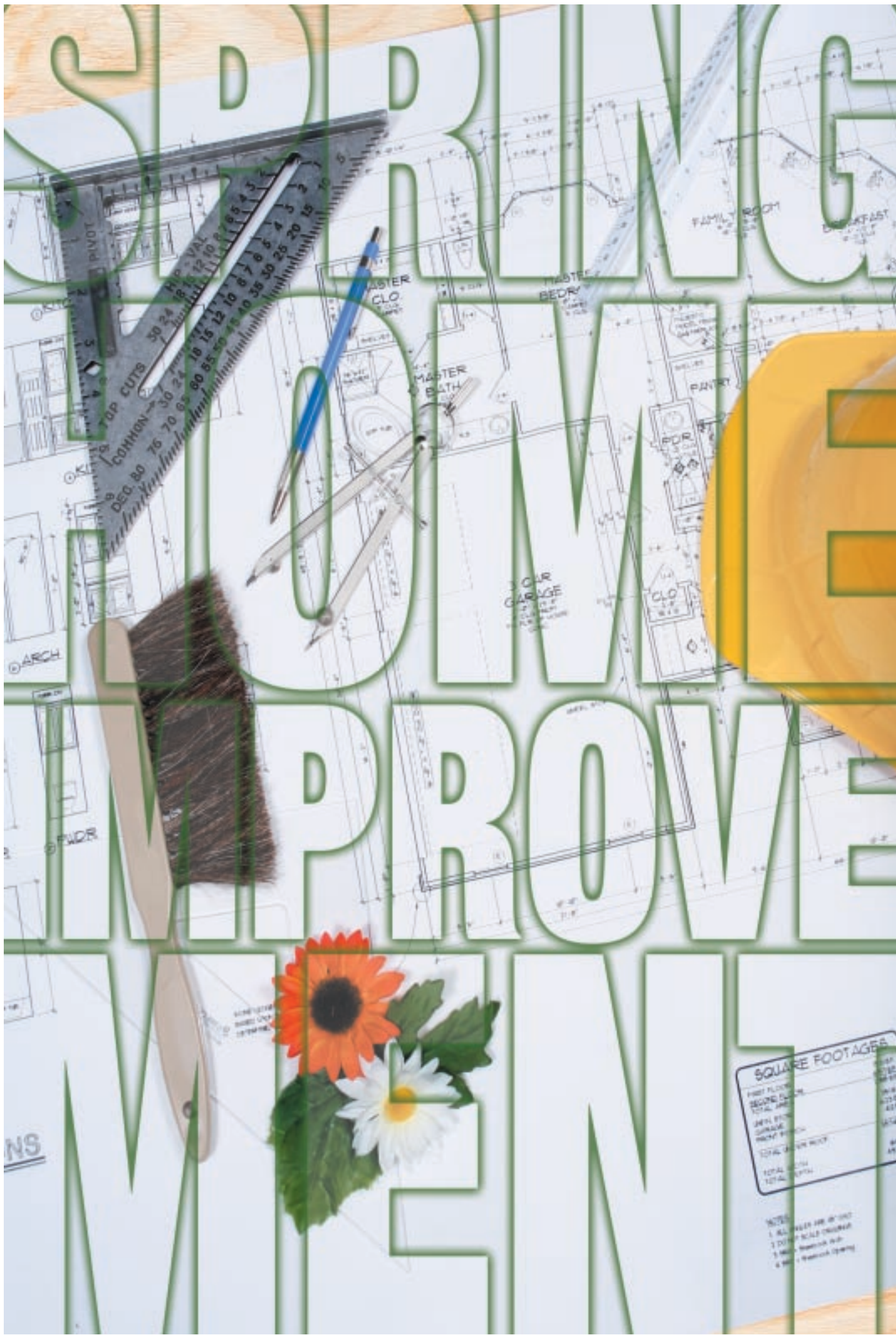
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