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BSISD getting ready for school year

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Preparations for a new school year are shifting into overdrive in Big Spring. The new school year starts for Big Spring ISD students Aug. 27, but a small flurry of registration, schedule pickup and orientation events are scheduled for the next several days. Big Spring High School

sophomores and juniors will receive their schedules for the new year Tuesday, school officials announced. Juniors will pick up their schedules from 9 a.m. until noon, while sophomores will do likewise from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. On Thursday, it will be the turn of freshmen and seniors. Seniors will get their schedules from 9 a.m. until noon, while freshmen will do the same from

4 p.m. until 6 p.m. For more information, contact the high school at 264-3641. Goliad Intermediate School plans orientation for its students on Aug. 23. Fifth graders will assemble at 5 p.m., followed by sixth graders at 6 p.m. Those with questions should call 264-4111. Big Spring Junior High School orientation will be held Aug. 24., starting with seventh

graders at 4 p.m. and followed by eighth graders at 5:30 p.m. Contact the school at 264-4135 for more information. BSISD Assistant Superintendent Carie Dunnam said that elementary students who attended BSISD schools in 2006-2007 are registered for the new school year, but may need to update information such as addresses or telephone numbers.

Elementary campuses and their respective phone numbers are:
• Bauer — 264-4121.
• Kentwood — 264-4130.
• Marcy — 264-4144.
• Moss — 264-4148.
• Washington — 264-4126.
Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Heat gets to festival

Attendance down, but participants enjoyed day

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

It must have been the heat. The Second Annual Big Spring Flight Festival had a little bit of everything — except visitors, it seems. A smaller than expected crowd put a damper on the festivities, hosted by Hangar 25 Air Museum Saturday afternoon. Heather Wallace, administrator of the museum, estimated that 200 people visited the festival Saturday, fewer than last year and below this year's expectations. "Our vendors didn't do so well," Wallace admitted. "But the people had a good time, and the kids had fun, too. "I think it was mostly because of the heat, and we were competing against the Rock The Desert Festival in Midland," Wallace said. "That kept attendance here down."



"Dueces Wild," a musical duo consisting of brothers Eddie and Rickie Vasquez, won the "Big Spring's Got Talent" competition at the Second Annual Big Spring Flight Festival at Hangar 25 Air Museum Saturday afternoon.

Those who braved the blistering conditions saw or competed in a variety of contests. "Dueces Wild," a musical duo consisting of brothers Eddie and Rickie Vasquez, took first

place in the "Big Spring's Got Talent" competition, a takeoff on the "America's Got Talent" television show.

"They were really, really good," Wallace said. "They played just about anything, from '50s rock on up."

Taking second place was gospel singer Mike Payne, while the Danzation dance group and singer Bob

Rainwater tied for third. Zack Humphries was the champion in the See **FESTIVAL**, Page 3A

Council ready to OK increase

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to move forward with a 2007-2008 tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 valuation during its Tuesday evening meeting, calling for public hearings for the tax rate and proposed budget. The city had originally looked at a proposed tax rate of 97.3266 cents, deciding during budget work sessions in July to tack on another 7.5 cents to fund a the expansion of the Big Spring Police Department's existing two-man narcotics unit into a five-officer unit with a single supervisor. "Not taking into account any office supplies or materials like that, we're looking at \$341,340 to start the program," City Finance Director Peggy Walker told the council. "That would translate into a 7.5-cent increase in the tax rate, which would put it over the rollback rate. If we go over the rollback rate, we're required to hold public hearings and publish the rate, and citizens would have the opportunity to start a petition and force a rollback election." Walker said the 7.5-cent See **COUNCIL**, Page 3A

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BLOOD DRIVE AT REFINERY

Alon USA employees are celebrating life by sponsoring a blood drive from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday at their location next to I-20 and Refinery Road. Blood donated at the Big Spring Refinery will be used to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals who are waiting for transfusions. Donors will be entered to receive a trip for two to Las Vegas, special T-shirts and free cholesterol checks. To sign up for an appointment, call the blood drive coordinator, Verna Davis, at 263-9392. It is not necessary to make an appointment but it will speed the process for those who have limited time.

BOOKS NEEDED FOR SALE

The Friends of the Howard County Library are requesting donations for a book sale. "We want nice, used books," Howard County Library Hollis McCright said. "We don't want books that look like they've been out in the chicken barn. We also ask that people do not donate Reader's Digest books, National Geographic or magazines." McCright asks that the donated books be boxed, if at all possible and that they be brought to the library during normal business hours. The book sale will be held Sept. 14 through Sept. 16 in the library basement.

ROVE RETURNING HOME

Karl Rove, President Bush's close friend and chief political strategist, plans to leave the White House at the end of August, joining a lengthening line of senior officials heading for the exits in the final 1 1/2 years of the administration. On board with Bush since the beginning of his political career in Texas, Rove was nicknamed "the architect" and "boy genius" by the president for designing the strategy that twice won him the White House. Critics call Rove "Bush's brain." An investigation put Rove under scrutiny for months during the investigation into the leak of a CIA operative's name. Page 3A

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IN BRIEF

Desert Thunder Speedway results

Big Spring's Gene Hector took first place in the 95.1 BOB FM & 97Gold FM Radio Night Open Body Shootout. He defeated Eddy Tidwell of Andrews in the finals, running the course in 4.34 seconds and reaching 158 miles per hour.

Crossroads Youth Football sign-ups

The Crossroads Youth Football Association have begun their sign-ups for the 2007 season. Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the old Athletic Supply building in the Big Spring Mall every Saturday during August. Cost is \$40 for flag football and \$100 for tackle. Any cheerleaders who will not need a uniform can sign-up for \$35. The cost is \$100 if a new uniform is needed. All children going into kindergarten through sixth grade can register. For more information, contact Daphne Coates at 714-4688.

Lady Steer Booster Club meets today

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. today in the Athletic Training Center. All parents of junior high and high school Lady Steer athletes are welcome to attend. Call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 with any questions.

Youth soccer sign-ups have started

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will begin sign-ups at 1 p.m. Saturday at the former Athletic Supply site in the Big Spring Mall. Boys and girls ages 4-13 can register for the upcoming season through Aug. 18. Sign-ups will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is \$50 and furnishes players with a jersey, shorts and socks. Coaches are still needed and anyone interested can also sign up during registration times. For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 264-0001.

QB Club meeting set for today

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Athletic Training Center. They will be looking to put the finishing touches on this season's football program, which celebrates the 100th anniversary of Big Spring football. All personal ads for the program need to be in by Wednesday. Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 or Frank Stiles at 270-3041 for more details.

Hunter education class scheduled

The next hunter education class in Big Spring will be held Saturday and Sunday at See BRIEFS, Page 2B

Ellis remains plagued by injury

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Cowboys linebacker Greg Ellis is no longer worried about losing his job to a rookie or about wanting a new contract. His new concern is whether he may be forced to retire because of an injury.

Ellis tore his left Achilles' tendon last November and went through an aggressive rehabilitation to trim a few months off the usual 12-month recovery so he could be back for the start of training camp. Thinking he was

ready, he went out for the first workout, but lasted only a few minutes.

The pain forced him to stop. Nearly three weeks later, a spot above his heel and below the surgically repaired tear is still hurting him badly.

"It's a pain you can't deal with," he said. "It never goes away — even when I wake up in the morning, walking around, the whole deal."

An MRI shows no problems, so the team's medical staff isn't too alarmed by this first setback in what had been a flawless recov-

ery. They remain confident Ellis will return. Ellis wishes he could share their optimism.

"It's just frustrating," he said. "What the heck is going on? Why won't it go away? I just keep saying maybe there's something to the time period."

Ellis was hurt Nov. 12, meaning Sunday was the nine-month mark. Waiting three more months would be nice, but the season starts in four weeks, at home against the New York Giants on Sunday, Sept. 9.

"I want to be ready for the Giants game," he said. "I want to

be part of it."

No current player has been with the Cowboys longer than Ellis, who hopes to be heading into his 10th season. He's led the team in sacks six times and has been the captain of the defense the last two years.

He made headlines last year when coach Bill Parcells moved him from defensive end to outside linebacker so he'd be a better fit in the team's 3-4 scheme. Ellis was so afraid of failing that he asked to be traded or released,

See ELLIS, Page 2B

Tiger's best is still to come



Tiger Woods lifts the Wannamaker Trophy after winning the PGA Championships at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla. Sunday. Woods won the tournament by two strokes over Woody Austin.

The best of Tiger Woods is still to come.

We're not talking about some indefinite time off in the future. We're talking next season.

Woods won the PGA Championship on Sunday by just two shots. He started the day with a three-stroke lead, saw it balloon to five and then shrink to one. In the end, he had to hold off a journeyman named Woody Austin, who was playing lights-out in a major championship for the first time in his life, and a familiar rival, Ernie Els, who hadn't played anywhere near that tough in a long, long time.

"I just felt if I played the back nine under par that I would win the tournament," Woods said. "That didn't happen."

The only time he was in real danger of losing, though, came after a three-putt at No. 14.

"I felt like I gave all the momentum back to Ernie and to Woody. And I just felt like, I got myself in this mess, I need to get myself out of it. I did some serious yelling at myself going up to the 15th tee," Woods added, "just to get back into what I do."

He then made pars the rest of the way to win the tournament. It was one of his most controlled, masterful performances between the ears, even if it didn't always look that way out on the golf course.

Most people put Woods at his most dominant during a stretch that began with the PGA Championship at Medinah in 1999 and lasted until the middle of 2002. And it's hard to argue otherwise. During what qualifies as the greatest sustained

run in major championship history, he won seven of the 11 majors contested, including three in 2000 and the first two of 2002.

That run ended in the wind and sideways rain at Muirfield in the third round of the British Open, when Woods shot 81. Less than two years later, he pink-slipped swing coach Butch Harmon, who had been at his side since Woods was 17 and began revamping his swing — in private, at first — under the tutelage of Hank Haney.

As the winless streak in the majors stretched to 10, Woods stubbornly insisted he was "close." Then he proved he was as good as his word by using the flatter, wider swing — it lets Woods bring the clubhead through the hitting zone on a more consistent path, for a nanosecond longer — to win the 2005 Masters.

And guess what? Beginning with that win at Augusta and continuing through Sunday's triumph at Southern Hills, Woods has now won five of the last dozen majors and one each of the last three years. He also won nine times in 2006 and five times already this season, not to mention finishing second at both the Masters and U.S. Open.

When someone asked whether he considered himself a better player now than in 2000, he didn't hesitate.

"Yeah," Woods replied, "by far. Just experience. Understanding how to handle it and how to manage my game around the golf course. I have more shots than I did then, just because I've had that many more years to learn'em. And how to make adjustments on the fly, that just comes with experience."

"And I'll say the same thing

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JIM LITKE

Newly acquired Murphy shines in Rangers win

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Kason Gabbard came out after throwing only one pitch in the second inning because the Texas Rangers didn't want to take any chances with the rookie left-hander's stiff forearm.

Even with Gabbard out, the Rangers got a promising preview from one of the rookies they got from the Boston Red Sox when Texas dealt closer Eric Gagne at the trading deadline.

Outfielder David Murphy went 3-for-4 with three doubles, three runs scored and an RBI as the Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 9-1 on Sunday night. He is the only rookie in the majors with three doubles in a game this season.

"Babe Ruth," manager Ron Washington jokingly said. "He looks like he knows what he's doing out there. He's a ballplay-

er." Murphy is 4-for-6, all of his hits doubles, in two starts since the Rangers brought him up from Triple-A Oklahoma before the weekend series. He played college ball at Baylor, only about a 90-minute drive from Arlington.

"I'm getting an opportunity here. All I want to do is make the most of it," Murphy said. "There is time left before the end of the season. As a whole, that's going to make up my first impression."

Michael Young hit his 100th career homer, Marlon Byrd had a two-run single and Willie Eyre (4-5) threw 3 2-3 scoreless innings of emergency relief.

After Delmon Young led off the second with a deep fly ball, Gabbard took a moment on the mound. Manager Ron Washington then came out with trainer Jamie Reed and they



The Texas Rangers' John Rheinecker throws a pitch in the first inning as Texas faced the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The Rangers blasted the Devil Rays 9-1.

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Obituaries

Buford Hull



Buford Hull, a lifetime resident of Howard County, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at the age of 81 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Eunice Hull, and his adopted mother, Maude Hull. Buford was born on Dec. 22, 1925, in the Salem Community and graduated from Coahoma High School before joining the United States Army. Buford served in the Army from March 14, 1945, to December 7, 1946, with tours to Japan and the Philippines. Upon discharge from the Army, Buford returned to Howard County and worked at the United States Post Office until his retirement. However, he was a farmer at heart and lived and farmed in the Salem Community many, many years.

Services will be held at College Baptist Church at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, with the Rev. Ken McMeans officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Grandsons will be pallbearers and the members of his Sunday School class will be honorary pallbearers. The family will receive guests at the family home on Monday evening.

Buford was a faithful member of College Baptist Church for more than 40 years, where he attended the Men's Sunday School class and served on multiple committees throughout the years. He loved his church family and greatly missed being able to attend when his illness gradually confined him more and more to home.

Buford was a beloved husband for 39 years and 9 months to Jerrye Taylor Sandridge whom he married Nov. 3, 1967, at the family home in Luther. Buford is survived by his wife, Jerrye, and their children, Vicki LeClair and husband, Gerald; Mike Hull and wife, Beverly; Larry Sandridge; and Wanda Gamble and husband, Perry, all of Big Spring.

Buford's love and commitment to his family was second only to his love for Jesus Christ. He raised his children to know the importance of family by consistently demonstrating that commitment to them. He got a lot of practice at that with his 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren: Joshua Rainey E5/AM2 USN and wife, Christina, and children, Paige and Garrett Rainey, of Aubrey; Jordan Rainey E5/AM2 USN and wife, Jennifer, and children, Sidney, Kailey and Jaxon, of Guam; Justin Gamble, wife, Kristen, and daughter, Kaitlyn Rose, of San Angelo; Ingrid Gamble of San Antonio and children, Collin Smith of Roscoe; Christian and Cassidy Gamble of Big Spring; Blake Hull and Katie Coffee of Hankamer; Lindsay Glave and husband, Tyrone, of Rockport; Steve Sandridge, Randi and children, Brandon, Mildred, Harley, Paige and Blake, of Big Spring; Fayelyn Clark, husband, Casey, and children, Britt and Bree, of Big Spring; Terry Joe (T.J.) Sandridge and children, Skylier, Jace and Haley, of Big Spring; Tonyia Grigg, husband, Steven, and children, Crystal, Kelly, Stormie, William and Savannah, of Big Spring; Pascen Booth and wife, Bianca, of San Antonio; Richard LeClair, wife, Monica, and daughter, Skylar, of Midland; James LeClair, wife, J'anna, and son, Kaleb, of Lubbock; and Jennifer Henry and children, Keagan, Mellisa, Ann Marie and Jayden (deceased), all of Big Spring.

Yes, family was his life priority, but Buford was also a staunch baseball fan. In his younger days he coached Little League baseball to many Big Spring boys. He taught his teams that playing fair, treating each other with respect, and having fun was more important than winning. He followed Major League Baseball faithfully from beginning to end and always looked forward to the World Series. Buford had favorites but in the end it didn't matter which team won as long as they beat the Yankees! In addition to baseball, Buford had been previously active in the Howard County Youth Horsemen and later became vice president of Region 6 American Association of Sheriff's Posses and Riding Clubs. He and his beloved wife, Jerrye, elected to end their participation in outside activities and devote themselves to providing end of life care for his mother and dad.

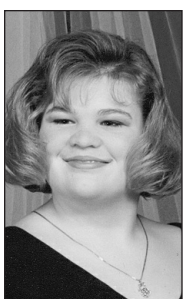
Buford will be greatly missed by many as husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. He was a man of principle and honor, that taught his family the importance of those traits by word and example throughout his life.

The family suggests that memorials be made to College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720

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

Paid obituary

Amanda Ryals Barber



Amanda Ryals Barber, 28, of Big Spring died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, in an Odessa hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor at First Assembly of God, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

She was born on May 6, 1979, in Midland.

Amanda liked sports, drawing, listening to music, and coloring with her daughter. She especially enjoyed visiting with her friends and family. She was a member of First Assembly of God.

Survivors include her parents, Shirley and Jim Ryals; her daughter, Brookelynn Jensen; her son, Zacary Barber; her grandmother, Goldie Clawson; and a special aunt, Wanda Phipps, all of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Hubert Clawson, and a special cousin, Tony Phipps.

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

Paid obituary

Stephen Wingelman

Stephen Wingelman, 88, of Big Spring, formerly of Milwaukee, Wis., died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, in a local nursing home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He worked in the auto salvage business. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater.

He is survived by two sons, Richard Wingelman of Milwaukee, Wis., and Robert Wingelman and his wife, Yvonne, of Hartford, Wis.; one grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

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

Georgia Cross

Georgia Cross, 76, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, at a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- **KEITH HILARIO**, 23, of an unidentified location on 19th Street, was arrested Saturday on a local capias warrant.
- **JERRY RUSHIN**, 36, of 2530 Fairchild, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication, possession of marijuana and two local capias warrants.
- **GEORGE LUEVANOS**, 25, of 111 E. 16th Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication and two local capias warrants.
- **ERNEST CLARK**, 67, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.
- **MARTHA MARTINEZ**, 44, of 1512 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant.
- **RAMON PINEDA**, 33, of Mexico, was arrested Saturday and held for immigration.
- **VANESSA HOLLIS**, 33, of 615 Ridglea, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **ALISHA MCGEE**, 29, of 1403 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a dangerous drug.
- **TEKIA WILLIAMS**, 24, of 910 N.W. Fourth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **DAVID WESTBROOK**, 33, of 2527 Gunter, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **EUGENE FRANCO**, 18, of 1200 Grafa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct - fighting.
- **GENARO CASTILLO**, 18, of 2400 S. Monticello, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct - fighting.
- **AMANDA SAUCEDA**, 24, of 624 Settles, was arrested Saturday on charges of burglary of a habitation.
- **ANDY CUELLAR**, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **CARLA CUVIELLO**, 39, of 2604 Langley, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 500 block of Fifth Street.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 200 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **FORGERY** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 1800 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Highway 80.
 - in the 1300 block of Pennsylvania.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
 - in the 500 block of Fifth Street.
- **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY** was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson.

Weather

Today — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Tuesday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday — Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 17-25-30-36-38-41. Number matching six of six: None. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$13 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-25-27-35. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$13,326. Winning tickets sold in: Azle and Boerne. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 0-2-5

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 1-0-1

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 33 inmates at the time of this report.

- **LOGAN WAYNE LLOYD**, 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault/family violence.
- **MICHAEL CARDONA**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest/detention.
- **LUIS ARNULFO GONZALES**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **MARK EDWIN FORT**, 50, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery of a government financial instrument.
- **BILLY MANN KIRK**, 61, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery.
- **CLARISSA ADAMS RENTERIA**, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **CODY GENE CARLILE**, 29, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **TONY BINGHAM**, 26, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **KEVIN GLENN CATE**, 35, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **JOE OLIVIO JR.**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **BOBBY PHILLIP MASTERS**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **TIMOTHY JOSEPH MAJOR JR.**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ANDREA LEEANN HILARIO**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JOHN WILLIAM SALAZAR**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- **NICK RODRIGUEZ VALENCIA**, 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **JERRY MCGREGOR RUSHIN**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **CARLA SABRINA CUVIELLO**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **AMBER FAYE PIERCE**, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and violation of parole - blue warrant.
- **MATTHEW BROWN**, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **AMANDA SAUCEDA**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.
- **VANESSA DAWN HOLLIS**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Culp. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Stadium. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF ALBERT "BERT" CARRILLO**, who was killed in a traffic accident near Ft. Stockton Saturday. The fund has been set up at the Big Spring Education Employees Credit Union to help offset burial expenses. The Credit Union is located at 1110 Benton. Call 263-8393 for more information.

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Crimson Soul's lead singer/guitarist Brandon Tant plays Saturday at Rock the Desert in Odessa. The band, originally from Big Spring, played in the venue's Teen Tent.

Rove leaving Bush administration

By **TERENCE HUNT**

WASHINGTON — Karl Rove, President Bush's close friend and chief political strategist, plans to leave the White House at the end of August, joining a lengthening line of senior officials heading for the exits in the final 1 1/2 years of the administration.

On board with Bush since the beginning of his political career in Texas, Rove was nicknamed "the architect" and "boy genius" by the president for designing the strategy that twice won him the White House. Critics call Rove "Bush's brain."

A criminal investigation put Rove under scrutiny for months during the investigation into

the leak of a CIA operative's name but he was never charged with any crime. In a more recent controversy, Rove, citing executive privilege, has refused to testify before Congress about the firing of U.S. attorneys.

Bush was expected to make a statement today with Rove. Later Monday, Rove, his wife and their son were to accompany Bush on Air Force One when the president flies to Texas for his vacation.

"Obviously it's a big loss to us," White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino said. "He's a great colleague, a good friend, and a brilliant mind. He will be greatly missed, but we know he wouldn't be going if he wasn't sure this was the

right time to be giving more to his family, his wife Darby and their son. He will continue to be one of the president's greatest friends."

Since Democrats won control of Congress in November, some top administration officials have announced their resignations. Among those who have left are White House counselor Dan Bartlett, budget director Rob Portman, chief White House attorney Harriet Miers, political director Sara Taylor, deputy national security adviser J.D. Crouch and Meghan O'Sullivan, another deputy national security adviser.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was forced out immediately

after the election as the war in Iraq dragged on.

Rove became one of Washington's most influential figures during Bush's presidency. He is known as a ruthless political warrior who has an encyclopedic command of political minutiae and a wonkish love of policy. Rove met Bush in the early 1970s.

Once inside the White House, Rove grew into a right-hand man. He is expected to write a book after he leaves.

He said he decided to leave after White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten told senior aides that if they stayed past Labor Day they would be obliged to remain through the end of the president's term in January 2009.

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increase — when added to the currently proposed tax rate of 97.3266 cents — would put the proposed tax rate for 2007-2008 at approximately \$1.05 per \$100 valuation.

The average value of a home in the city of Big Spring is estimated at \$37,165 — up considerably compared to last year, thanks to higher valuations, according to Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua. With an estimated homestead exemption of \$7,433, the average taxpayer will be looking at a \$76.40 annual increase in taxes before the proposed 7.5 cent hike, up to \$289.37 compared to last year's tax of

\$212.97.

With the additional 7.5 cents to fund the narcotics task force program, taxpayers could expect to see that total increase in their tax bill ride to \$312.18.

Despite the prospect of a rollback election, McEwen said he is willing to back the program — and the increase.

"Of all of the things the council asked the staff to look at, I really feel like this has the most merit," said McEwen. "And I feel like if we're going to move forward with it, we're going to have to just bite the bullet and do it right."

"This will give the people in the city a chance to say they don't like it by supporting a petition and a rollback election.

Maybe going above the rollback rate on this is a good thing. We feel very strongly about this, and it's as important as anything we can do in the budget this year. We're talking about our children."

In addition to discussing the tax rate, the council is also expected to entertain:

- First reading of an ordinance approving an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance including a zone change from agriculture to planned development for the Avalon Subdivision.

- Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing

the mayor to execute an agreement with Air-Evac EMS Inc. for lease of land at McMahon Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park for air ambulance operations.

- Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Jack Perry, dba Lone Star Aviation for lease of property located at the airpark for operation of fixed base operation services.

- First reading of a resolution suspending the Sept. 25, 2007, effective date of the proposal by Atmos Energy Corp. West Texas Division to implement interim grip rate

Big Spring man, 22, suffers minor wounds in Saturday robbery

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was treated for minor wounds Saturday night following an aggravated robbery in the 2500 block of Wasson Road.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, the 22-year-old victim was attacked while walking to a nearby convenience store.

"According to the victim, a car pulled up and nearly hit him," said Everett. "At that time, a single suspect got out of the car and attacked him. Shortly after, three more

suspects exited the vehicle and proceeded to assault the victim with beer bottles."

Everett said in the course of the attack one of the assailants took approximately \$100 in cash from the victim.

"One of the suspects is known to the victim, but he said he had no idea who the other three were," said Everett.

No arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing, according to Everett.

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

Consumers head to malls to buy clothes, furniture and electronics products

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers went shopping for clothes, furniture and electronics products last month, helping give a modest boost to retail sales despite continued weakness in the demand for new cars.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that retail sales edged up 0.3 percent in July after having plunged by 0.7 percent in June, the worst showing in 16 months.

Consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity, is being watched carefully now.

The fear is that the recent turmoil in financial markets combined with slumping home prices will make Americans more hesitant to spend in the months ahead, raising the threat of a possible recession.

Wall Street suffered through some stomach-churning days last week because of worries about how credit problems that began in the market for subprime mortgages

might spread to other types of loans.

The Federal Reserve and other central banks around the world sought to calm investor fears by injecting billions of dollars into the banking system in an effort to keep short-term interest rates from rising.

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John Arriola Viera, 58, of Big Spring died Thursday, August 09, 2007, at his residence. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Monday at Primera Iglesia Bautista, with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Stephen Wingelman, 88, died Thursday. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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Wonderful watermelon

Something different with Dana Jacobi

On a hot summer day, eating ice-cold watermelon can be as refreshing as a quick swim. Maybe that is why National Watermelon Day falls in August and why, throughout the month, local watermelon festivals take place in at least 14 states from Hope, Arkansas to Sunland-Tujunga, California.

Eating watermelon has gotten easier thanks to the containers of ready-to-eat cubed melon sold at supermarkets and what are called either personal or ice box melons: bowling ball-sized specimens that are usually seedless. I confess, however, to being seduced at least once each summer by Moon and Stars, an heirloom variety of watermelon that has black-green skin splashed with bright yellow markings shaped distinctly like golden suns or full moons and dot-like stars. (It was originally called Sun, Moon and Stars.) Fit for an old-fashioned church picnic, this variety can be found at many farmers' markets or roadside stands. It's studded with big, fat pits, making it the ideal ammunition provider for that rite of sloppy summer fun, the seed-spitting contest.

Eating watermelon, which is 92 percent water, is a delicious way to stay hydrated. When you or your kids are active, it makes a nice change from reaching for the water bottle, fruit juice or iced tea, plus you get useful



vitamins and fiber in the bargain. Watermelon is also getting more respect recently because its red flesh contains lycopene, a phytochemical that displays cancer-fighting potential, which is also found in tomatoes. (Yellow-fleshed melons are good, too, but do not contain lycopene, which is a red pigment.)

When the temperature skyrockets and watermelon and tomatoes are at their peak, slices of both, alternating on a plate and sprinkled with crumbled feta, make a perfect meal. The salty cheese nicely balances the melon's sweetness. Or try this delicious Watermelon Granita for another watermelon recipe that helps beat summer heat.

Watermelon Granita

2 limes
1 tsp. sugar + 1/3 cup sugar, divided
1/3 cup water
1 1/2 to 2 pounds

cubed seedless watermelon
Mint leaves, as garnish

Using a rasp or fine grater, zest the limes. Place the zest in a small bowl. Add 1 teaspoon of the sugar. With back of a teaspoon, rub the zest and sugar together until the mixture is pale green, 1 minute. Juice the limes to equal 1/4 cup juice. Add the juice to the zest mixture, and set aside.

Place the remaining 1/3 cup sugar in a small saucepan. Add 1/3 cup water. Over medium-high heat, bring the mixture to a boil. When the hot syrup is clear, add the zest and sugar mixture. Off the heat, stir well, then set aside to cool to room temperature.

In a blender, puree the melon to make 3 cups pulpy liquid. Place the melon in a metal pan that is 9" square or larger. Mix in the cooled lime syrup. Cover with plastic

and place in the freezer. The mixture should be no more than 3/4-inch deep.

Freeze until just hardened, about 6-8 hours, then stir the mixture. To serve, scrape well and mix with a fork, then mound the granita into 6 small, clear bowls or glasses. Garnish with mint and serve immediately. (It is best served the day it is made, but the granita can hold in the freezer for 24 hours. Scrape well to loosen it before serving.)

Makes 3 1/2 cups, (4 servings.)

Per serving: 123 calories, 0 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 32 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, 0 g. dietary fiber, 2 mg. sodium.

"Something Different" is written by Dana Jacobi, author of 12 Best Foods Cookbook and contributor to AICR's New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life.

Get the most from your dental insurance

Last time we discussed the basics of dental insurance. Now, let's get personal. How do you get the greatest financial and health benefits from your policy?

As discussed last time, dental insurance pays almost all of diagnostic expenses and routine cleanings. It usually pays over half of routine fillings and 50 percent or less for more involved therapies such as crowns, bridges, partials, dentures, root canals and gum disease treatment.



DAVID WARD DDS

Also remember that all policies have a calendar year maximum of benefits that they will pay per calendar year per patient. The maximum for most plans is around \$1,000 to \$1,500 and has been for the last 25 years. Unfortunately \$1,000 doesn't go near as far as it used to.

How high yearly maximum is, what percentages are paid, what deductibles or elimination periods exist and whether you can choose your own dentist are determined entirely by how much is paid for the policy.

Now remember this! Dental insurance is far better at keeping you out of trouble than it is at getting you out of trouble. Your \$1,000 annual maximum could be spent on a single tooth with big problems. So here are my suggestions to help.

First, get to a dentist and get examined now. You won't know you have a problem yourself until it is big.

Second, go every six months! Little problems are much easier and less expensive to fix than big problems.

Third, remember each of your family members has their own yearly maximum. So make sure the kids and spouse go too.

Fourth, it's often possible to double your benefits by spreading it into two calendar years! But

Fifth, don't let your insurance dictate your dental health. What your insurance may cover is often not the best treatment for a dental problem. Remember, insurance companies are in business to make money, not to insure you have the best dental health possible. To really have excellent dental health, you are going to have to invest some of your own money.

Is it worth the investment? How important are having a nice smile and being able to chew well?

Now every one of you is a dental insurance expert. You have the tools to make wise decisions. As Dr. Laura says, "Now go do the right thing."

Dr. David Ward practices family dentistry in Big Spring. He is past president of the Permian Basin Dental Society. He is also a member of the Texas and American Dental Associations and the Academies of Cosmetic Dentistry and Gp Orthodontics.

NUTRITION WISE: Some substitutes for exercise

Q: I hate exercise! Do other ways of being physically active protect health?

A: Certainly. United States Department of Agriculture recommendations to reduce risk of cancer and heart disease and promote overall health call for at least 30 minutes a day (preferably 60 minutes) of physical activity classified as "moderate."

Moderate activity is described as activity during which you can talk but not sing, or activity that leaves you energized but not exhausted. Moderate activi-

ty can include household activity such as mopping, vacuuming, window washing, raking and lawn mowing. If you walk at a brisk pace to work or to do errands, that can be a moderate activity. Recreational activities and sports, such as leisurely cycling, lawn or indoor bowling and golf (without a cart) also fall in this category. More vigorous activities are great, too. Studies show that people have a wide range of energy they put into household and recreational activities. Some people move with enough zest that an activity is properly classified as moderate or vigorous while others take a leisurely approach that expends so little energy the activity would be classified as light. A light activity would

not count toward the 30 minutes or more recommended daily activity.

Q: Is it true that ketchup supplies lycopene, just like tomatoes?

A: Lycopene is a natural antioxidant found in tomatoes that seems to help lower risk of cancer (as do many other compounds from vegetables, fruits and whole grains). Because ketchup is made from tomatoes, ketchup also supplies lycopene and in a highly available form. But usually our ketchup portions are not large enough to provide the amount that we would get from tomato sauce, tomato soup or tomato juice. One tablespoon of ketchup provides 2.9 milligrams (mg) of lycopene.

That's helpful, but foods we eat in larger portions can provide much more: a half cup of tomato sauce provides about 19 mg and one cup of tomato juice provides about 23 mg, for example. If you eat large amounts of ketchup, of course you will get more lycopene. But keep in mind that sugar and salt consumption also rises as you boost your ketchup portion. If you had 7 tablespoons (almost half a cup) of ketchup, you would get as much lycopene as in a half cup of tomato sauce and cup of juice, but you'd also be getting half a day's worth of sodium and about 6 teaspoons of sugar. Tomato juice and sauce can also provide quite a bit of sodium (if you don't get the reduced-sodium varieties), but

even they wouldn't provide that much.

Q: Are brown eggs more nutritious than white eggs?

A: The breed of hen that lays an egg determines the color of its shell. White hens lay white eggs and dark hens lay brown eggs. Shell color has nothing to do with egg quality, flavor, nutritional value or cooking characteristics.

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KAREN COLLINS

FOCUS ON HEALTHY PETS

Owners spare no expense on rabbit — including \$4,000 cataract surgery

By CONNIE BLOOM

Akron Beacon Journal

AKRON, Ohio — Harry is royalty, no doubt about it, but he doesn't live in England.

And unlike his princely namesake on the other side of the pond, this guy has eye-popping ears and a racing stripe across his hind end.

"We found him," said Donna Jasany, mother to the lop-eared rabbit. "He just hopped up to the neighbor's yard about six years ago and needed a home, so we took him in."

While Jasany, 54, didn't have to pay the usual pet adoption fee for this free-

range rabbit, the hare ended up costing \$4,000 anyway.

She explained that Harry began bumping into things.

"He had eye surgery last year," she said.

And like scores of other pet owners these days, Jasany is more than willing to bankroll her pet passion.

BusinessWeek estimates that Americans spend \$41 billion a year on their pets, more than the gross domestic product of all but 64 countries in the world. This is double the amount that Americans spent on pets a decade ago.

Bob Vetere, president of the American Pet Products Manufacturer's Association, said commerce is happy to oblige the country's 71.1 million pet households. Pet owners want more and are

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Harry the Bunny, an English Lop Ear, is having a post surgery check up for cataract operation at Eye Care for Animals in Copley, Ohio.

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No-kill shelters hurtful to animals? Sometimes, advocates say

By **ELIZABETH WHITE**

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — In the old lobby of San Antonio's Animal Care Services, a cheerful-looking sign written in neon pink, blue and yellow delivers a somber message: In a week's time, the city-run shelter took in 1,004 dogs and cats and adopted out or rescued 76. It killed 925.

The shelter wants to turn those numbers around. By 2012, San Antonio plans to become a "no-kill" facility, meaning it wouldn't kill any animal deemed healthy or treatable.

By reducing the homeless pet population through spay-neuter programs and working with other shelters to find permanent homes for animals, the San Antonio shelter believes it has learned from those that

have tried, but failed, to become no-kill.

But the pitfalls are many, animal welfare advocates say, and some aren't at all convinced that the national trend toward no-kill shelters is always in the best interest of the animals that need help.

"It sounds very good, but the reality is that it will probably leave some animals to suffer," said Daphna Nachminovitch, director of the domestic animal department at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

No-kill shelters that have worked elsewhere in the country have succeeded because they partner with other local facilities.

"We are definitely seeing a broad movement toward no-kill," said Richard Avanzino, president of Maddie's Fund in Alameda, Calif., which aims for the U.S. to be no-

kill by 2017. "And there are some isolated examples of horror stories where things have gone astray and people in their zeal have actually done harm. ... It's not something that you just flip a switch and it happens immediately."

National organizations want to reduce needless killing. The ASPCA this year launched "Mission: Orange" to increase adoption and reduce euthanasia in five U.S. communities. The American Humane Association has an initiative called "Getting to Zero."

But many no-kill shelters have no backup plan and hang onto animals for months, sometimes years, until they are adopted, causing crowding and health problems for the animals.

The practice of "warehousing" is a top concern for animal organizations

when a shelter decides to go no-kill. And animal advocates say they understand that killing the animals is sometimes the only humane way to ease overcrowding.

PETA said it routinely receives complaints that animals are stacked in kennels one on top of another and allowed water only once a day so they don't urinate in their cages. Others spin around and around in their cages because they're rarely let out for a walk.

"I've been to good no-kills, and I've been to bad no-kills," said Jef Hale, the San Antonio shelter's director. "I was at a no-kill in Louisiana and basically what they did is they just put animals in a cage and they just continued to add animals to a cage. ... If we put them in a cage and we don't interact with them, we slowly drive them crazy."

But no-kill shelters that don't warehouse animals fill up quickly and are forced to stop taking in new ones.

"Now what's their alternative?" said Kim Intino, director of animal sheltering for the Humane Society of the United States. The animal likely ends up either in an open-admission facility that does euthanize, or worse, on the streets.

Animal Care Services has traditionally taken in 50,000 dogs and cats and euthanized 95 percent of them, Hale said. It once used a gas chamber, but switched to the more humane lethal injections about a year and a half ago.

Nationally, about 6 million to 8 million dogs and cats enter animal shelters each year. About half are killed.

"The problem of course is that 8 million animals

are being discarded," Nachminovitch said. "If it were as easy as simply stopping euthanasia, then that would have been done a long time ago."

In pursuing the no-kill label, some shelters will only take in animals they're sure they can adopt out, said Charlene Jones, founder and director of Animals at Heart in Jacksonville, Fla.. Others will adopt out potentially dangerous animals just to make space.

Another topic that has created a tense divide is the no-kill label. If one shelter is "no-kill," that makes the others "kill" shelters.

"There is no room for no-kill as morally superior," said Ed Sayres, president of the ASPCA.

On the Net:
American Humane Association:
<http://www.americanhumane.org>

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getting it.

"Wherever you are, people have tended to humanize pets, give them a higher status than ever before," Vetere said. "People are no longer satisfied to reward pets in pet terms. They have to reward them in human terms and it costs more to reward humans than pets. ... My niece spent \$10,000 on hip replacement surgery for her dog."

Among the more bizarre extravaganzas: Neuticles, prosthetic testicles for neutered dogs — a quarter million of those were sold last year. Some have even bought braces for crooked pet teeth and liposuction.

None of this is a secret to lop-eared Harry or the staff of Eye Care for Animals, a year-old veterinary ophthalmology practice based in the emerging medical corridor of Copley, Ohio.

Before Harry knew it, he was peering into the business end of Mark Bobofchak's fancy magnifying glass. The doc confirmed the hare had cataracts.

"Cataracts means the lens is no longer crystal clear," said Bobofchak, who moved to Copley when the practice opened.

Bobofchak clucked his tongue to get Harry's attention while he peered deeply into the orbs above the constantly twitching nose.

"It's looking very good," he said of Harry's left eye, cautioning that eye

surgery usually has a positive outcome but is not without its risks for bunnies, in particular, who may respond to anesthesia unpredictably. Unlike cats and dogs, rabbits can't be intubated should trouble occur.

Eye Care for Animals, based in Scottsdale, Ariz., has ridden the wave of the expansive pet economy, responding to consumer demand. It has expanded to 25 other facilities around the country. Its vets treat not only private clients, but also zoo residents and wildlife.

"We have over 1,800 clients in our database," said registered technician June Boyles, referring to the Copley practice. "All we do are eyes. We see a lot of things regular doctors may not see or have experience with. We work

on a referral basis and work hand in hand with veterinarians."

Veterinary ophthalmologists specialize in treating a wide variety of ocular problems, including glaucoma, dry eyes, retinal diseases, severe injuries, cancer of the eye and even cosmetic conditions, such as cherry eye. They may be able to treat or slow the progression of some genetic eye diseases.

"We see a fair number of cataracts, especially in dogs and cats," Boyles said.

The tab for Harry's surgery, just under \$4,000, covers a lot of territory, including the initial and follow-up exams, pretesting, retina testing, IV catheters, monitoring, the labors of both ophthalmologists and technicians,

medications and anesthesia.

Jasany's heart broke last year when she noticed Harry bumping into the furniture. He went under the knife in October to repair his left eye by aspirating the lens, Bobofchak said.

In cats and dogs, he can replace the original lens with an artificial one for a lasting result, but no one has made replacement lenses for rabbits yet.

"There are not a lot of rabbit owners who are going to do cataract surgery," the vet said.

Harry is navigating quite nicely now, even though he remains blind on his right side. The downside is that the cataract could grow back, and Harry will forever need eye drops.

Cost aside, Jasany is considering having Harry's other eye repaired, but the vet is advising caution.

"If he's getting around and doing well, you may not need to," he said.

But Jasany wants to improve the quality of life for her 6-pound fluff ball with big floppy feet the size of footballs and dramatically draped ears.

Jasany and her husband, Dennis, hand-feed him little bits of fresh parsley, strawberries, bananas and timothy hay.

She said he is no bother, really, because he used the litter box as soon as it was presented. He likes to nestle in his mom's lap while she sips coffee and reads the newspaper.

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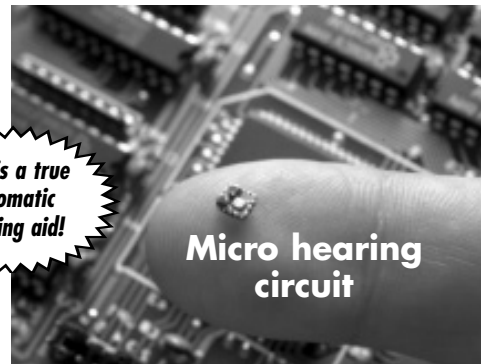
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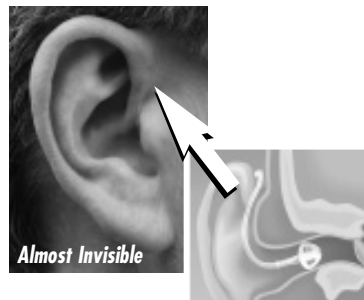
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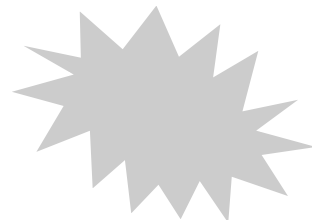
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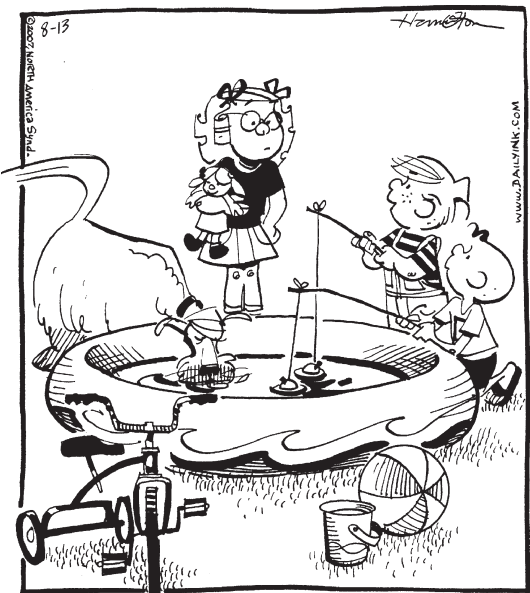
ALL HEARING AID BRANDS AND STYLES



MONDAY

	WFAA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports	SCIFI (64) Science Fic.
6 :PM	News (CC) Entertainment	News Wheel-Fortune	Yo Amo a Juan	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Entertainment	Dame Chocolate	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Van Impe Pres John Hagee	News-Lehrer (CC)	Survivorman (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) Hell Date	Han. Montana Zack & Cody	The Bronx Is Burning (CC)	Monday Night Countdown	Star Trek: Enterprise
7 :PM	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	Amar sin Limites	You Can Dance	How I Met Old Christine	Madre Luna	Thank God You're Here	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Charles Scott	Antiques Roadshow	Conspiracy Files (CC)	Movie: Insomnia	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Heartland (CC)	Access Baldwin Hills	Movie: Stuck in the Suburbs	Little League Baseball:	NFL Preseason	Star Trek: Enterprise
8 :PM	Fat March (CC)	Fat March (CC)	Destilando Amor	Hell's Kitchen (CC)	Two/Half Men Engagement	La Esclava Isaura	Heroes (CC)	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	History Detectives	Conspiracy Test	(CC)	Movie: Rocky III	The Closer (CC)	Run's House SOB	That's-Raven	World Series	Denver Broncos at	Star Trek: Enterprise
9 :PM	Supernanny (CC)	Supernanny (CC)	Cristina	Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	Amor Mio (CC)	Dateline NBC (CC)	My Boys Sex and-City	The Standard of Perfection	Dirty Jobs		Movie: Meet	Saving Grace (CC)	Soul Food (CC)	That's-Raven Life Derek	MLB Baseball: Houston	San Francisco 49ers (CC)	Star Trek: Enterprise	
10 :PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias 12 Corazones	News Tonight Show	Sex and-City Seinfeld (CC)	Update/Israel Y. Salamanc	Charlie Rose (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Joe Black (CC)	Madden NFL	Cold Case (CC)	Take the Cake (CC)	Zack & Cody Han. Montana	Astros at Los Angeles	SportsCenter Tokko (CC)	Noein (CC) Tokko (CC)
11 :PM	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman Late Late	IAI Rojo Vivo!	Late Night- Tonight Show	Movie: Anaconda	Uri Harel Scrivner	Sign Off	Conspiracy Files (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	The Closer (CC)	Hell Date Jamie Foxx	Replacements Kim Possible	Dodgers (CC)	NFL Live Baseball	Street Fighter Street Fighter
12 :AM	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Trivita	Salome (SS)	Malcolm-Mid. My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien News	Update/Israel Curt Landry			Conspiracy Test		Star Trek: Voyager	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Emperor New American Drgn	Mix Tape Tour Mix Tape Tour	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

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"IT DON'T MATTER IF THERE'S NO FISH IN THE POOL, 'CAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY BAIT ANYHOW."

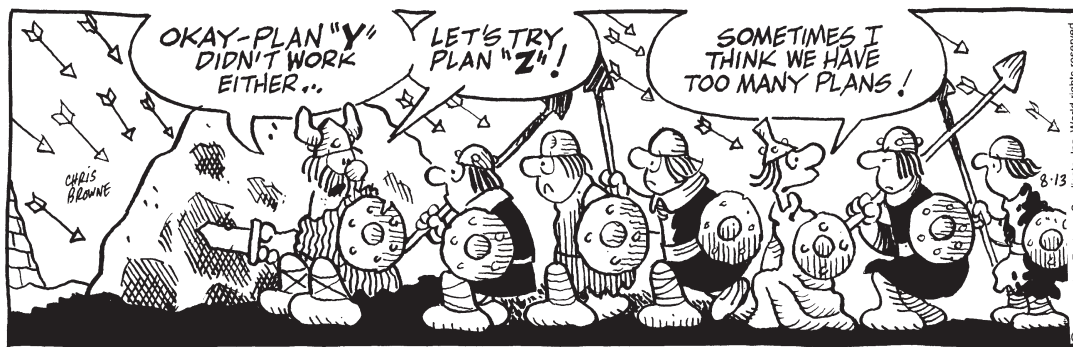
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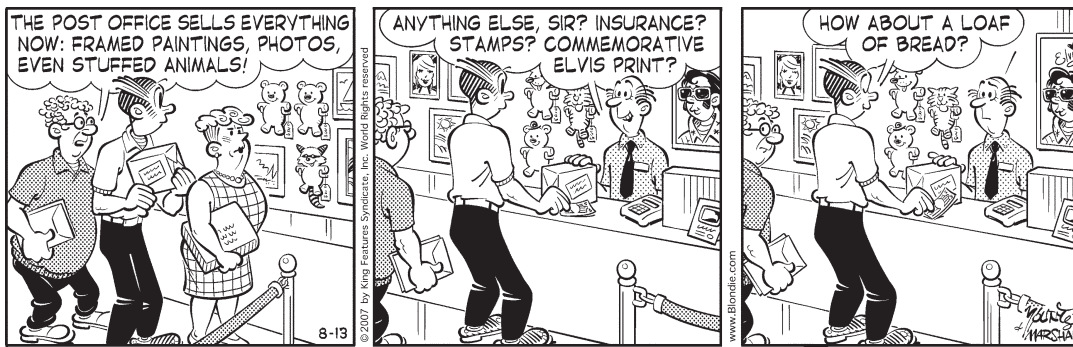
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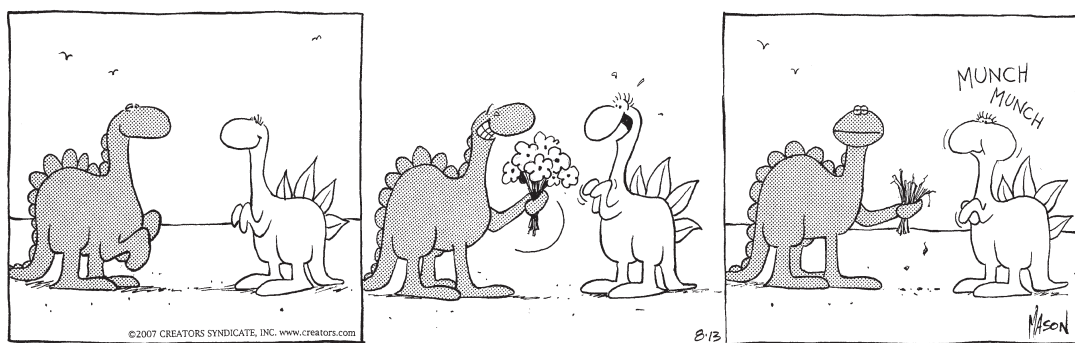
Today is Monday, Aug. 13, the 225th day of 2007. There are 140 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 13, 1961, Berlin was divided as East Germany sealed off the border between the city's eastern and western sectors and began building a wall in order to halt the flight of refugees.
On this date:
In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured Tenochtitlan from the Aztec Indians.
In 1624, French King Louis XIII named Cardinal Richelieu his first minister.
In 1704, the Battle of Blenheim was fought during the War of the Spanish Succession, resulting in a victory for English and Austrian forces over French and Bavarian soldiers.
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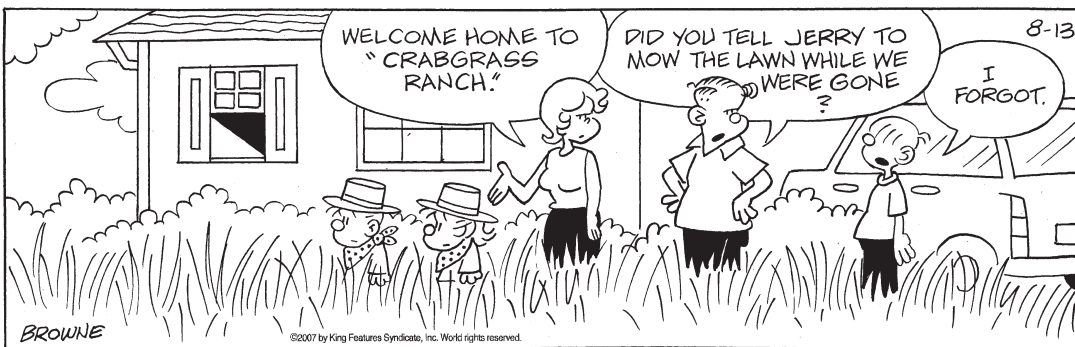
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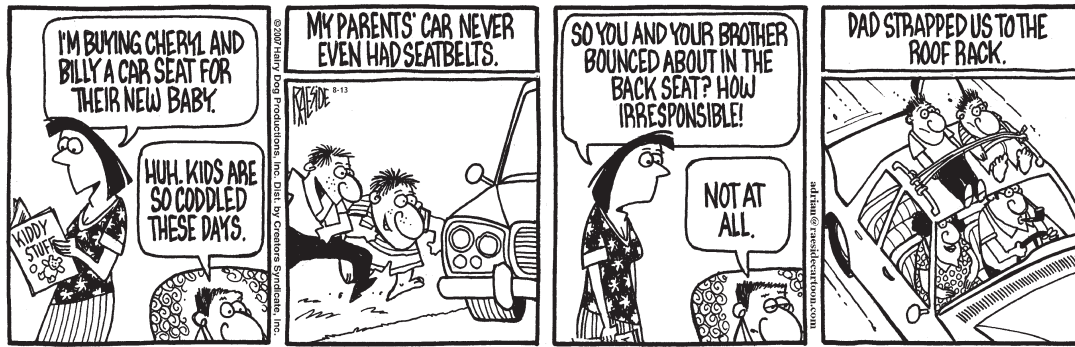
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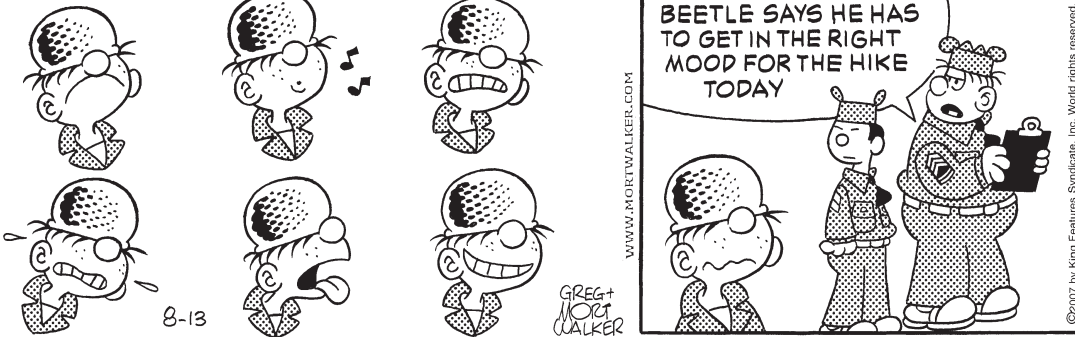
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- ACROSS
- 1 Sharp taste
- 5 Witch-trial locale
- 10 Urban pollution
- 14 Moisturizer ingredient
- 15 Auto-tire pattern
- 16 War honoree
- 17 Grocery shopper's aid
- 18 Gather up
- 19 Sign of things to come
- 20 Typist's action
- 22 Not tight
- 23 Fret
- 24 Moose relative
- 25 Airline's prime concern
- 28 Granted permission
- 31 Make a speech
- 32 Necklace components
- 34 Place to apply gloss
- 35 Lower, as headlights
- 36 Turnpike charges
- 37 Commotion
- 38 "Just thought!"
- 39 Breakfast bread
- 40 Solitary one
- 42 Compromise one's integrity
- 44 Leave stranded
- 45 Calendar span
- 46 Diamond unit
- 48 Paid to play poker
- 50 Mankind
- 54 Wild animal's home
- 55 Absorb, as gravy
- 56 Misfortunes
- 57 Silent performer
- 58 Self-assurance
- 59 Applaud
- 60 Snow vehicle
- 61 Did some arithmetic
- 62 Song of praise
- DOWN
- 1 Have a chat
- 2 "That's ___!" ("Not true!")
- 3 Apt to snoop
- 4 Takes a walk in the rain
- 5 Like a bright night
- 6 Knight's suit
- 7 Faulty, as a faucet
- 8 Make simpler
- 9 Prescription writers: Abbr.
- 10 Chased away
- 11 Nostalgic "location"
- 12 Mine deposits
- 13 No longer around
- 21 Large bag
- 22 Hawaiian garlands
- 24 June honorees
- 25 Bottled soft drinks
- 26 Get out of bed
- 27 When parents and kids are together
- 28 Pretzel topper
- 29 Comforter filling
- 30 Volleyball or soccer
- 32 Canoe, for one
- 33 Overhead trains
- 36 Guided vacation
- 39 Frog relative
- 40 Low in fat
- 41 Large flightless bird
- 43 Looked impolitely
- 44 Hung in folds, as banners
- 46 Valentine's Day archer
- 47 Entertain
- 48 Charitable donation
- 49 Carpenter's fastener
- 50 Parka part
- 51 Comrade
- 52 Chowder ingredient
- 53 TV sports channel
- 55 Fitness center

