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Harris sentenced to 99 yearsBy **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man accused of pummeling his mother to death in March of 2005 received a 99-year sentence late Tuesday afternoon in 118th District Court.

Preston Lee Harris, 53, was found guilty of the first-degree felony offense of injury to the

elderly, which carries a punishment range of five to 99 years, to life in prison, according to Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

"It was a solid trial and the evidence came together nicely," said Wilkerson, who tried the case for the state. "We're pleased the jury took the offense extremely seriously,

and acted accordingly."

Testimony began Monday afternoon, with the jury returning the verdict of guilty Tuesday afternoon.

"After that we moved into the punishment phase of the trial," said Wilkerson. "It took the jury about an hour and a half to come back with the sentence."

Harris was indicted in June

2005 in connection with the March 13, 2005, beating death of his 78-year-old mother, Lizzie Belle Smith.

According to police records, Big Spring Emergency Medical Response units were dispatched to the Harris residence, where they found Ms. Harris unconscious.

She was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center. Police were then called to the hospital because of the nature and seriousness of her injuries, according to information released by the Big Spring Police Department.

Smith died early the following day at Covenant Medical Center

See **GUILTY**, Page 3A**Man confesses
to sexual assault
of young female**By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested this week on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child after investigators say he confessed to abusing a 12-year-old girl over a three-year period.

Joshua Abraham Edwards, 34, was arrested Monday by the Howard County Sheriff's Office after allegations of abuse were confirmed by local investigators.

"The girl made a cry for help to a teacher or counselor at her school, at which time Child Protective Services was notified," said David

"This has been going on for a three-year period, so it began when the little girl was 9 years old. You don't really know who knew it was going on and who didn't."

—David Wood, sheriff's office investigator

Wood, in investigator with the HCSO. "They began their civil investigation and notified me because the offense occurred within the sheriff's office jurisdiction.

"The child was taken to the Child Advocacy Center in Midland. They are specially trained to

See **ARREST**, Page 3A**ANOTHER GULLYWASHER**

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

The driver of this truck found himself in deep water, as Scurry Street quickly took on the look of a river rather than a thoroughfare thanks to heavy rains.

Trustees to consider finalizing laptop pactBy **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Local school trustees will answer the \$500,000 question Thursday.

The Big Spring Independent School District board is expected to make a final decision on whether to supply laptop com-

puters to high school students and staff when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room.

Trustees voted by a 4-3 margin in April to accept a proposal from Apple Computers — pending further negotiations — to provide laptops for the high

school starting with the 2007-2008 school year. Thursday, they will vote whether to formalize the agreement.

The lease agreement with Apple would cost the district about \$500,000 the first year and approximately \$420,000 in subsequent years, said Sandra Waggoner, district business

manager.

If the district purchases the computers outright, the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$2 million, Waggoner said.

The initial \$500,000 would come from the district's \$5.4 million reserve fund. Afterward, computer costs would be an annual fixture in

the budget, she added.

"I know we can handle (the expense) over the next several years," Waggoner said.

"I don't see a problem with it. We have a healthy fund balance."

Waggoner said she believed

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TWC slates Texas Business Conference here

Special to the Herald

The dynamics of today's fast-paced, ever-changing economy can make it a challenge for employers to keep up with laws affecting their workers and businesses. That's why the Texas Workforce Commission is inviting Big Spring-area business owners and managers to the Texas Business Conference this Friday.

Employers will learn how to avoid costly pitfalls when operating a business and learn techniques to more effectively manage employees, according to Ron Lehman, TWC commissioner represent-

ing employers. Lehman and his staff will present up-to-date information and preview new high-tech tools for finding workers.

Agency attorneys and staff will discuss employee handbooks, hiring and retention, firing, workplace investigations, unemployment insurance, unemployment insurance tax credits, wage and hour laws, workers' compensation and more.

Participants will receive a TBC handbook, including the latest edition of the publication "Especially for Texas Employers."

The conference also offers general pro-

fessional credit, as well as six hours of continuing education for participating certified public accountants.

The conference will be held at Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"All employers are encouraged to attend the conference and familiarize themselves with the laws that affect them and their workers," said Lehman. "While we mailed invitations to employers, anyone who has not received one is welcome to attend."

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IN BRIEF

Area playoff schedule announced

All area softball and baseball teams still in the playoffs have now officially announced this week's schedule.

Coahoma's Bulldogs will play Blanco in a best-of-three series starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday in San Angelo. Game 2 will start at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Bulldogettes will match up against Alpine's Lady Bucks in a best-of-three series that begins 6 p.m. Friday in Odessa at OHF Field in Ratliff Complex. Game 2 starts at noon Saturday.

Forsan's Buffaloes will also be involved in a best-of-three series. They'll be playing Hamlin's Pied Pipers starting at 5 p.m. Friday in Snyder and continuing at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Lady Buffaloes will play a one-game playoff against Trent at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Snyder.

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 playres 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.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Relay for Life ragball tournament slated

The Relay for Life Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Big Spring High School's Lady Steers Softball Field.

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

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

Forsan reschedules its all-sports banquet

Forsan High School's All-Sports Banquet has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 21, at the high school.

School officials moved the event's date to accommodate tennis players who will be playing at the state tennis tournament on the originally scheduled date of May 7.

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

Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

Texas Tech University has scheduled several sports camps for this summer.

The Tim Siegel Tennis Camps are set for June 2-6 and June 17-21. The overnight camps are for players 8 to 17 of all abilities.

Bufs eye upset of Hamlin



Courtesy photo

Forsan's Cameron Parker winds up in action earlier this season against Miles. Parker and his teammates will match up with Hamlin, the state's second seeded 1A baseball team, in a best-of-three series starting Friday in Snyder.

Forsan to face second-ranked Pied Pipers

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Writer

FORSAN — Forsan's Buffaloes couldn't come into this weekend's Class 1A area baseball playoff game against Hamlin's Pied Pipers feeling much higher.

They dominated Marfa's Shorthorns, 15-2, 15-5, to become bi-district champs last week, with both games were called in the fifth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Hamlin's Pied Pipers look to present the Bufs with their first real playoff test, though. Hamlin, District 3-1A's champion, posted a 22-3 season record and is ranked second in the Class 1A state poll. The Pied Pipers had a bye last weekend.

However, Forsan won't enter the best-of-three series that

starts at 5 p.m. Friday in Snyder without weapons of its own. The Bufs tout two pitchers, freshman Evan Burton and junior Cameron Parker, who were key in the bi-district rout of Marfa.

Burton started Game 1 against the Shorthorns, dominating them over five innings.

Parker continued the dominance for the Bufs by posting eight strikeouts in just five innings of work.

Both players have also made contributions with their bats.

Burton led the Bufs during the season with a .509 batting average and 27 RBIs.

Parker stood out offensively in the bi-district playoff series. He was 4-for-8 in the two-game series, knocking in five RBIs with three doubles.

The Bufs' bats hope to stay hot against the Pied Pipers after posting 30 runs in two games against Marfa.

Also standing out for Forsan at the plate in bi-district play

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Lady Bufs confident about playoff chances

Forsan's Lady Buffaloes are proof that a team doesn't need a great regular season record in order to make a run in the playoffs.

Forsan's record was a very pedestrian 13-10 at season's end, but that hasn't mattered in the playoffs.

The Lady Bufs dismantled Class 1A's 20th-ranked Ralls Lady Jackrabbits on their way to an Area championship this past weekend, sweeping Ralls by scores of 17-6 and 5-4.

The young Lady Bufs feature four freshmen starters and no seniors, making confidence a difficult attribute to achieve, the coach said.

The Lady Bufs appeared to lack that confidence in the first two innings of their first playoff game in school history.

The tide quickly turned, however, when Shelby Jones hit a home run over the center field fence, spurring Forsan to an easy win in Game 1.

Game 2 was a different

To find out if today's game has been postponed, contact Forsan High School at 263-6571, ext. 1.

story, but the Lady Bufs battled out a close win with a run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

With so many freshman making significant contributions, Forsan's softball program could become a playoff mainstay in the seasons to come.

Jones is one of these top freshmen. Her home run in Game 1 wasn't only a game-changing hit, but could possibly end up being a season-changing hit. Hindsight could show Jones' home run as the fuel for the Lady Bufs' playoff run, if it continues, observers say.

Also leading Forsan in the playoffs is Jones' twin sister Kelsey.

Kelsey had a key hit in Game 2 that started another Forsan rally.

Big hits are not new to the twins. They were tied for the team lead with three home runs at the end of the season.

Amanda Longorio is another key freshmen contributor. She's the Lady Bufs' ace pitcher and leads the team with a district-best .697 batting

average.

Alyx Pappajohn also stepped up to perform big in a key situation in Game 2, pitching six innings of relief in Game 2, while giving up only one unearned run. She also had a key double in the game that scored the Jones sisters to give Forsan its first lead of the game.

Another key contributor for the Lady Bufs has been Head Coach

Shanna Roberts. Roberts took over a brand-new softball program at Forsan last season after being an assistant coach at Coahoma.

Forsan hopes to keep its playoff run alive in a regional quarterfinals match up against Trent's Lady Gorillas. A one-game playoff has been scheduled for 5 p.m. today in Snyder.

However, rains have swept across West Texas

for the second consecutive week and may effect the time, date and location of the playoff game.

Trent is coming off of a 1-0 win over Eldorado's Lady Eagles in the area round of the Class 1A state softball playoffs.

Contact Jonathan Hull by calling him at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.



Courtesy Photo

Forsan's Lady Buffaloes defeated Ralls' Lady Jackrabbits last weekend to become Area Champs. The Lady Bufs hope to continue their playoff run against Trent's Lady Gorillas at 5 p.m. today in Snyder.

Suns blast Spurs in Game 2 of series

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Yes, those usually frenetic Phoenix Suns can play defense. They proved it Tuesday night with a blowout of the San Antonio Spurs.

With Kurt Thomas assigned to guard Tim Duncan one-on-one and Shawn Marion shutting down Tony Parker, the Suns squared the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal series at a game apiece with a 101-81 victory.

Amare Stoudemire scored 21 of his 27 points in the second half to lead Phoenix.

Steve Nash, playing with a bandage over his nose after cutting it late in Game 1, added 20 points and 16 assists as the Suns beat the Spurs in a playoff game in Phoenix for the first time in five games dating to 2005.

Raja Bell added 18 points for the winners. Game 3 is Saturday in San Antonio.

The Suns' most significant contributions may have come from Marion and Thomas, who was

added to the starting lineup.

"Defensively, we were really good," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "It started with Shawn and Kurt. Their work on those two guys was really good. Finally, we started clicking a little bit offensively. It was really a good effort. We just need to repeat it three more times."

Tim Duncan scored 29 points despite foul trouble for San Antonio. But the Suns didn't double-team him, and unlike Game 1, he got little help from his teammates.

"They decided to stay out of there and let Kurt deal with me," Duncan said. "So that's how it went."

D'Antoni's decision to start Thomas and have him defend Duncan freed up Stoudemire to concentrate on offense. As a result, Stoudemire had plenty of energy to counter Duncan's one-man show in the third quarter.

"I tried to hit a couple of jumpers to bring the big guys out of the paint," Stoudemire said, "but I said forget about it. I'm just going to take it to the rack,

and that's what we did."

Thomas, meanwhile, added 12 points on 6-of-7 shooting in 28 minutes. The Suns are 8-0 with Thomas as a starter, but normally he has played a limited role off the bench.

"It's been tough on him not to play as much as he likes," Nash said. "At the same time, it's a tribute to what type of person, player and teammate he is that he can suffer a lack of playing time and then be able to step up in the biggest game of the season and play so well."

Thomas knows what he's expected to do whenever he is on the court.

"For me, I have to play defense," he said. "Especially coming into the league, playing for Pat Riley, playing for Jeff Van Gundy. If I wanted to get out there on the floor, I had to really stop some guys on the defensive end."

After scoring 32 in Sunday's 111-106 series-opening victory, Parker managed only 13 on 5-of-14 shooting.

Marion managed only five

points, but his teammates and coach praised him as a key to the victory.

"Coach told me just go out there and play defense, don't even worry about scoring," Marion said, "so that's what I did."

Bruce Bowen also scored 13 and Manu Ginobili 11 for the Spurs.

The Suns took the lead for good midway through the second quarter and were up by 12 early in the third. The decisive blow was an 11-2 surge that began with a no-look, over-the-head pass from Boris Diaw to Stoudemire for a layup and ended with Thomas' inside basket on a feed from Nash that put Phoenix ahead 84-68 with 8:07 left.

Even though Duncan was back, the Spurs never threatened seriously again.

"The game was all about maintaining a pursuit and aggressiveness," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "They did that in

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Obituaries

Robert Charles Rains Jr.



Memorial services for Robert Charles Rains Jr., 56, of Levelland will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at Cactus Drive Church of Christ in Levelland. Officiating will be Wayne Horton from the Cactus Drive Church of Christ and William Eudy from Southside Church of Christ in Mineral Wells. Memorial services will be under the direction of George Price Funeral Home. A second viewing will be held at Chapel of Hope Funeral Home in Hobbs, N.M., Thursday, May 10. Interment will be held Friday, May 11, at 10 a.m. Mountain time at Prairie Haven Memorial Park Cemetery in Hobbs, N.M., under the direction of Chapel of Hope Funeral Home.

Robert was born June 19, 1950, in Hobbs, N.M., to Bob Rains Sr. and Marcie Rains. He graduated from Hobbs High School in 1968. Robert served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. Following his discharge from the Navy, Robert married LaVena Louise Crowell on Oct. 20, 1972. Robert served on the police department in Hobbs, N.M., Pecos and Big Spring.

Robert graduated from Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock in 1986, but found his true calling serving families through his position as a funeral director in Levelland. He attended Cactus Drive Church of Christ, where he has served as an elder for the past 10 years. Robert was also a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Robert is survived by his wife of 34 years, LaVena; a daughter, Anne Flores; son-in-law, John; granddaughter, Marcie; and expected grandson, Sebastian, all of Carlsbad, N.M.; a son, David Rains of Levelland; a brother, Stephen Rains; sister, Rhonda Dunn; niece, Jeanie Whately and her husband Quintin, all of Hobbs, N.M.; and a host of extended family members and friends.

The family suggests memorials to Robert's favorite charity, The Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock 79408.

Paid obituary

Richard 'Dick' Clifton

Richard "Dick" Clifton, 81, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 8, 2007, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Daniel Shadix officiating.

He was born July 4, 1925, in Glasscock County and married Frances Crabtree on June 20, 1997, in Lovington, N.M. She preceded him in death on Oct. 19, 2003.

Dick had lived in Big Spring most of his life. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and was recalled to service during the Korean Conflict. He worked as a financial advisor and in real estate investments.

He was a member of First Baptist Church and was a past member of the Jaycees, the Kiwanis, the Life Underwriters Association, the American Legion and VFW.

Survivors include a cousin, Brenda Patton Leonard and husband, Bobby, of Odessa; and a son, R. Brent Clifton of Dallas.

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

Willis "W.G." Berry



Willis "W.G." Berry, 79, passed away peacefully at home Monday, May 7, 2007. Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church of Keller, with interment to follow at Bourland Cemetery in Keller. The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 8, 2007, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Lucas Funeral Home in Keller.

W.G. was born in Smithfield and lived in the Keller area all of his life. He was a member of the Keller Lions Club and a founding board member of the Keller State Bank.

Survivors include his wife of 15 years, Elaine Berry; a son, Ernest Glenn Berry and wife Linda; a daughter, Karla McGilvray and husband Jesse; a brother, Wendell Berry; a sister, Ruth Walker; grandchildren Cash Berry and wife Leslie, Max and Mallory Mc Gilvray; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Vesta Berry; his first wife, Johnnie Berry; and two sisters, Norma Jean Huddleston and Jessica Malone.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Lucas Funeral Home.

Walter A. Allen Jr.

Walter A. Allen Jr., 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **WILLIAM ALLEN TILLEY**, 26, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- **LEON SCROGGINS**, 33, of 1402 S. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICKY FLORES MIER**, 20, of 1203 Muir, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **GABRIEL RODRIQUEZ**, 18, of 1908 S. Settles, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 200 block of Sixth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Main Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ABEL GUZMAN**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **DAVID BRIAN WILKINSON**, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **LIZA L. RIOS OVALLE**, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of theft by check and issuance of a bad check.
- **PRESTON LEE HARRIS**, 53, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for injury to the elderly.
- **JUSTEN TEI VOGEL**, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest, search or transportation.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of W. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of Pine. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

- **COAHOMA CHOIR KIDS** spring concert will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. Admission is free.

- **NATIONAL PET WEEK is May 7-11.** During this week, male cats that are current on vaccinations will be neutered free of charge at Western Hills Animal Clinic. Call 267-5721 for more information.

- **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHT** will be held from 8:30 a.m. until noon, Saturday, weather permitting. Hangar 25 Air Museum, with the assistance of McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park, will be supporting the EAA Young Eagles program to offer area children age 8 to 17 the opportunity to experience free of charge the thrill of flight. each Young Eagles flight takes place in an FFA registered airplane flown by a licensed pilot. Children must be accompanied by their parent or a legal guardian to register. Limited seats are available. Register at the air museum, 1911 Apron Dr. For more information, call 264-1999.

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

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

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

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- 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.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.
- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- 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.

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.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Light and variable winds..

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 70s. Light and variable winds becoming north around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. North winds Around 10 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 60. Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Lottery

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$112 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$96 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 16, 24, 41, 43 and 54. The Mega Ball number was 36.

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

Winning numbers drawn: 6-16-20-28-36.

Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-4-5.

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a variety of ways. It's disappointing. You have to have five guys committed to doing the same thing. It seemed like we had three, maybe four at times, but not five."

The evening didn't start out that well for the home team, though.

Phoenix shot 26 percent (6-for-23) in the opening quarter. Duncan, meanwhile, had 10 points and seven rebounds in the first, but just two points and two rebounds in his foul-plagued second.

The Spurs were misfiring, too, going 1-of-9 during an 11-2 Phoenix run to start the second quarter. Stoudemire's dunk, the Suns' first of the series, capped the spurt and put Phoenix ahead 30-27 with 7:12 left in the half.

Another Suns run, this one 9-2, boosted the lead to 41-35.

With a minute to play in the half, Duncan drew his third foul, on a charge against Nash, and Popovich got a technical in protest. Nash made the free throw to make it 46-39. The Spurs' Francisco Elson missed a dunk, leading to a three-point play for Bell to give Phoenix a 49-39 lead 25 seconds before halftime.

Bowen's 3-pointer cut it to 49-42 at the break.

Phoenix outscored San Antonio 7-2 to start the second half, taking a 56-44 lead on Stoudemire's dunk with 7:58 to play in the third.

The Spurs came back, cutting it to 65-60 on Bowen's third 3-pointer with 3:07 to play in the quarter.

Notes: The loss snapped San Antonio's five-game playoff winning streak. ... The Suns improved to 5-12 against the Spurs since Nash came to Phoenix in 2004.

Cleveland 102, New Jersey 92

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 25 of his 36 points in the second half and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the New Jersey Nets 102-92 on Tuesday night to open a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

James added 12 assists and Sasha Pavlovic scored a career playoff-high 17 points for the Cavaliers, who later this week will head to New Jersey for Game 3 with a commanding lead in the best-of-seven series.

The Nets had hoped to slip out of town with at least one win, and although they shot well enough (53 percent) to get it, they were outrebounded 49-32.

A-Rod paces Yankees past Texas

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez hit his first homer in 15 days, Andy Pettitte pitched seven sharp innings and the New York Yankees beat Texas 8-2 on Tuesday night for their seventh straight victory over the Rangers.

Derek Jeter drove in two runs and Doug Mientkiewicz started a pair of rallies from the No. 9 spot and New York improved to 6-2 since owner George Steinbrenner called his \$195 million team's 9-14 start "clearly not acceptable."

Four of those wins have come against the Rangers, including a three-game sweep in Texas last week.

Robinson Cano broke out of a 1-for-21 slump with two doubles and New York scored a pair of runs on a two-out error by center fielder Jerry Hairston Jr. in the third.

Pitching for the first time since buddy Roger Clemens announced he'll return to the Yankees this season, Pettitte (2-1) worked around some shaky infield defense in the

first two innings. He allowed one run and seven hits for his first win in five starts since April 10 at Minnesota.

Hank Blalock doubled three times and walked for the Rangers, who were coming off a three-game sweep of Toronto.

After getting hit by a pitch from starter Mike Wood (0-1) in the third, Rodriguez drove an 0-1 delivery over the right-center fence in the fifth for his 15th home run of the season. The two-run shot, which gave the Yankees a 6-1 lead, was his first homer in 47 at-bats since April 23 at Tampa Bay. It also was New York's first homer in four games.

Rodriguez has slowed down after a torrid start, but he still leads the major leagues in home runs and RBIs (39) by a comfortable margin.

Sammy Sosa's two-out RBI single in the third put Texas in front. Sosa tried to score from first on Blalock's second double, but he was thrown out at the plate on a strong relay from right fielder Bobby Abreu to second baseman Cano to catcher Jorge Posada.

Mientkiewicz, who doubled twice Monday to raise his average to .211, singled leading off the bottom half and scored on Jeter's one-out double. With two runners on, Hideki Matsui hit a liner to center that got Hairston twisted around, and the ball glanced off his glove for a three-base error that made it 3-1 Yankees.

Mientkiewicz singled again with two outs in the fourth and scored on Jeter's single. Johnny Damon, who was on second base, was cut down at the plate on the play by left fielder Nelson Cruz.

Cano added an RBI double off reliever Ron Mahay in the four-run fifth and Mientkiewicz's sacrifice fly made it 8-1.

Mientkiewicz also made a pair of fine plays at first base in the top of the fifth.

Both of Wood's starts this season have come against the Yankees. He pitched effectively into the seventh inning last Thursday.

Notes: Texas C Gerald Laird left in the seventh with a sore right side. ... The Rangers dropped to 4-12 on the road.

BUFFS

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were senior Jonathan Ochoa and junior Adam Bailey.

Ochoa went 4-for-8 in the series. He especially stood out in the second

game, knocking in three RBIs on two hits.

Bailey has been one of the most consistent offensive players for the Buffs this season, indicated by his .302 batting average. His bat stayed hot against the Shorthorns as he went 6-for-9 at the plate, finishing with four RBIs.

Forsan Head Coach

Jason Phillips will be hoping that his team continues to show great balance when they match up with the Pied Pipers.

Burton is slated to start Game 1 of the series against Hamlin, while Parker will take the mound in Game 2 at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Moffett Field in Towle Park. It's

unknown at this point if the rains that have drenched West Texas will effect the status of the games.

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City council decides to give spring a boost

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The spring the city is named for could soon be flowing with slightly more authority, as the Big Spring City Council approved first reading for the installation of a new recirculation pump at the local landmark in Comanche Trail Park.

The council unanimously approved first reading of a resolution authorizing and directing the mayor to execute a contract with Cornerstone Construction Inc. for the installation of a new recirculation pump at the

spring.

According to Todd Darden, director of public works for the city, the municipality's request for bids on the project wasn't met with much enthusiasm from vendors.

"We put out the bids and specs for the project and we only received one response, and that was from Cornerstone Construction Inc. out of Lubbock," said Darden. "They bid the project at \$115,000."

To get the project closer to its budget, however, Darden said some changes — which were

approved by the council as well — had to be made to the contract.

"The change order that is also on the agenda is for a reduction in the contract of 25 percent," said Darden. "We'll be providing some of the pipe for the project and we'll also be taking out a fountain that's currently there, which brings the total for the contract down to \$87,000."

Darden said sightseers visiting the spring once the work is completed — if the project receives final approval from the council in two weeks —

will definitely see a difference in the amount of water pumped through the city's namesake.

"The pump that was at the spring previously was rated for 100 gallons per minute," said Darden. "The new pump that will be going in is rated at 500 gallons per minute, so we're definitely going to see a difference in the flow of water."

The project is being funded through the city's Conventions and Visitors Bureau, according to Councilwoman Gloria McDonald.

"Funds from the CVB

can be used for this type of historic preservation," McDonald told the council.

Also during Tuesday evening's meeting, the council:

- Approved final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a pool operation agreement with YMCA.
- Approved final reading of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to authorize the installation of "No Parking" signs to be erected on the south side of NW 11th Street in front of business.
- Approved final reading of an ordinance approving an amendment to the zoning ordinance of a zone change from single family 2 to light commercial of a portion of the 4-acre tract located at 1902 Martin Luther King

Blvd., north of existing Knollwood Heights Apartments.

- Heard the presentation of the annual audit for Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., as presented by local accountant Mark Morgan, and accepted the economic development firm's board of director's minutes for their March 26, April 10 and April 18 meetings.
- Approved first reading of an ordinance granting a partial residence homestead exemption for tax year 2007 and granting a partial residence homestead exemption to any individual who is disabled or age 65 or older.
- Approved first reading of an ordinance providing for an additional 20 percent penalty to defray the cost of collecting delinquent taxes.



Big Spring Police Officer Wayne Wright, left, Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Hester and BSPD Chief Lonnie Smith look on as Mayor Russ McEwen reads a proclamation designating May 13-19 as National Police Week and May 15 Peace Officer's Memorial Day during Tuesday's meeting of the city council.

ARREST

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handle these kinds of cases involving very young children. They interviewed her and confirmed that the abuse, which was pretty severe, had occurred."

Wood said Edwards was then brought in for questioning.

"I interviewed the suspect and he confessed to everything. We took him into custody at that time," said Wood.

Wood said the child will most likely be placed in the care of a relative by CPS.

"In a situation like this you want to get the child out of the (environment) where the abuse has occurred," said Wood. "This has been going on for a three-year period, so it began when the little girl was 9 years old. You

don't really know who knew it was going on and who didn't."

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LAPTOPS

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the district could finance the computers and address other concerns — specifically structure stability issues at Big Spring Junior High — as well.

If trustees approve the project, teachers at Big Spring High School would receive laptops before the end of this school year and would have all summer to begin familiarizing themselves with the computers, Superintendent Michael Downes said.

Apple will provide formal training beginning in August and continuing throughout the coming school year, Downes added.

Students would receive their laptops at the start of the school year, he said.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Bids for athletic equipment and the district's depository of funds.
- Review and act on updated legal and local policies.
- Bids for electrical upgrades for Moss and Marcy elementary and for installation of air conditioning at the BSHS gymnasium.

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GUILTY

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in Lubbock of injuries sustained in the altercation between her and her son.

"She suffered massive subdural hematoma due to blunt force trauma to the head," said Wilkerson. "He (Harris) called for an ambulance the next day when she didn't regain consciousness, and she was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. His initial comment to police officers was that she fell."

Later that day, BSPD officers interviewed Harris. Following that interview, he was arrest-

ed on a charge of injury to the elderly with serious bodily injury.

Harris was charged with murder at the time of his arrest, but was later indicted for injury to the elderly.

Wilkerson said Harris will be eligible for parole after serving approximately one-quarter — 25 years — of his 99-year sentence.

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OTHER VIEWS

TV violence: What should the FCC do?

No one disputes that violence is pervasive on television. No one suggests that's good for children. But as to what, if anything, to do about it — well, hardly anyone agrees about that.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is proposing a major expansion of its authority over the airwaves. Not only is the commission asking Congress to give it the power to regulate violence, it also wants new authority over cable. Possible outcomes might include restricting violent programs to late evening and giving consumers the option to choose which cable channels come into their homes. The recommendations are part of a study done at the behest of Congress.

What's unclear is whether the recommendations would be effective, even if they were able to pass constitutional muster. The government's regulation on indecency has failed to prevent a coarsening of overall programming. Only the most flagrant of infractions are subject to restriction. Anyone who doubts that has only to switch on the television in the late afternoon.

Even more telling is the commission's failure to come up with a legally sustainable definition of excessive violence. Since adult access to violent programming is protected by the Constitution, the issue is what can be regulated to protect children. The commission's failure to identify what it can and would limit undercuts its argument for new FCC powers. It also underscores the fact that judgments about what is excessive are often subjective and, as such, should best be left to the determination of creator and consumer. There's no question that children should be shielded from violent images. Still, parents are the ones to make those decisions.

Technology has changed the nature of this debate. What is on television in prime time loses its meaning in an age of TiVo and YouTube. That's not to say that parents don't need help. Tools that can give parents the power to block unwanted programming have been underused. There needs to be more information on how to use the V-chip and on the boxes that block certain cable programming. TV should learn from the makers of video games and overhaul its program ratings. Parents, too, need to stop making excuses. If figuring out the V-chip truly is that hard, there's always the much simpler option of hitting the on-off button.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Real ID Act needed in every state

The 41 recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission continue to stand the test of time and remain the framework for policy debate on our national security. That is because they were derived simply and directly from the unanimous nonpartisan findings of the commission investigation, because they were nonpolitical and nonideological, and because they are all achievable in the real world.

Recommendation No. 14, on identity security, was enacted into law in 2005 as the Real ID Act. That recommendation reads: "Secure identification should begin in the United States. The federal government should set standards for . . . sources of identification, such as driver's licenses." Today, two years later, a number of state legislatures are winding up their sessions by considering whether to comply with the act's requirements. This should not be an issue when the vulnerabilities in our identification issuance systems made so painfully evident by the Sept. 11 attacks still exist. Or when 70 percent of Americans support national standards for driver's licenses, as a Zogby-UPI poll found last month.

Identity security was one of our most important recommendations because the 19 hijackers had 30 state-issued IDs, at least seven of which were obtained by fraud. Most important, they used the IDs to assimilate into the United States and to board planes on Sept. 11, 2001.

We recommended shoring up the states' ID issuance system partly to avoid the question of a national ID card, an issue beyond our mandate. We sought to respect states'

rights in balance with national security; thus, if a state declined to require proof of legal immigration status or would not check other states' data for identity or driver information, we proposed that the state be free to do so — with the caveat that that state's identification would not be acceptable for a federal purpose such as boarding a plane.

Consider the case of Sept. 11 pilot Ziad Jarrah, who crashed Flight 93 into a field in Pennsylvania. Jarrah had obtained two driver's licenses from Florida — one on May 2, 2001, and the other on May 24. In addition, he fraudulently obtained a state-issued ID from Virginia on Aug. 29. On Sept. 9, 2001, Jarrah was stopped for speeding — potentially a major glitch in the hijackers' plans — and presented the officer with one of his Florida licenses. Had the Real ID Act been in effect, Jarrah would have been limited to one active license and the officer could have checked for other violations. The officer also could have checked an immigration database, which could have shown that Jarrah had entered the United States illegally at least five times. But the officer had none of this information, and Jarrah got away with a \$270 ticket.

The hijackers could have done the same today. The issuance of multiple IDs from a single state is possible because identities aren't verified. Obtaining IDs from multiple states is also possible and even likely, because states still don't exchange information with each other regarding those holding legitimate identification. Police officers' hands are tied when they can't cross-check against any other information the ID they've been handed.

The Sept. 11 hijackers are not the only terrorists we know have taken advantage of flaws and weak spots in our ID issuance systems. One terrorist caught in 2001 on

our northern border, Nabil al-Marab, had five driver's licenses and a hazardous materials permit. Mir Aimal Kasi, who killed two people outside CIA headquarters in 1993, got a Virginia driver's license despite being in the United States illegally. These problems exist in many states, and as long as they do, terrorists will continue to benefit from them.

Current efforts to gut the law are based on two concerns: Some object to denying illegal immigrants the right to drive legally, citing safety and compassionate concerns. Others see the Real ID Act as the thin end of the wedge of a national identity card. Neither objection is valid. States still can grant such driving rights to illegal immigrants if they choose; they just cannot use that class of license for federal identification. The second objection is just not true. There will be no federal database drawn from states complying with Real ID.

One objection that is legitimate, however, is that, so far, the legislation is an "unfunded mandate." Congress should step up and fully fund the real costs that this essential program will impose on the states.

The next Sept. 11-style attack will not be stopped by grandiose bureaucratic reorganization but by the workmanlike weaving of a web of pragmatic measures such as Real ID. These measures will choke off easy access to America's vulnerabilities that have been the basis of al-Qaida planning, while safeguarding the privacy and civil liberties of all Americans and legal residents. While I respect states' right to choose, a decision not to comply is a decision that terrorists will approve. That is not a way to secure our nation.

John Lehman was secretary of the Navy in the Reagan administration and was a member of the Sept. 11 commission.



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Railroad will run this summer

I've ridden the steam train from Rusk to Palestine many times. The last time, I took half a dozen family members with me, including my 3-year-old grandson Caleb. He has been a train nut practically since he was born. He loved the train ride, the sounds, the bridges and the trees whizzing by. We walked from one end to the other and had popcorn and ice cream while we did it. The gift store, one of the best in the state, had all kinds of tempting items. Caleb went home with some.

There was a petition wanting passengers to sign it in hopes of urging the legislature to appropriate more money to the railroad. I signed it. I visited with Terrie Gonzalez, editor of the *Cherokee* newspaper in Rusk. She says funding for state parks has been cut. "Texas ranks 49th in per capita spending for state parks," says

Terrie. "Thank God for Mississippi or we would be in last place."

She says parks are in severe financial crisis right now because they don't have enough money to operate.

"This dates back to 1991 when the legislature appropriated a sporting goods tax that had never been in place before. In 1990, voters said they wanted to have better parks and OK'd an additional sales tax on sleeping bags and camp stoves and things like that.

"When you make those types of purchases, there is a sales tax that is extra for those items only. That money is earmarked for state parks. They thought it would generate around 30 million dollars a year, but it started bringing in more than 100 million dollars annually. Then in 1991, legislators started using that money for other purposes and they capped it, resulting in a shortage of funds for the parks department."

Terrie says 72 parks department jobs were terminated, including 22 at the Texas State Railroad. Plans were made to run only one train a day and it would go from Rusk to

Palestine. The folks in Palestine threw a fit and held meetings to protest. The parks department representatives said they would use some of the 2007 money designated for the railroad to keep it operating through the end of 2006. Then the Parks and Wildlife department received some unanticipated wind-fall money from oil and gas leases. The railroad now has enough money to run the train through August of 2007.

"There's going to be a proposal in this legislative session that will remove that cap and say this money was intended for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department so let's give it to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. It's my understanding that when this legislative session started, there was a 50 billion dollar surplus, so I think they would have a very difficult time explaining why the parks department is not getting proper funding."

There is talk of privatizing the railroad. I just hope it keeps on running so Texans can enjoy going through the woods on a steam train.



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"Growing up on a ranch taught lessons not found in school, like the one I learned riding naked in the moonlight." Now that I have piqued your interest, you need to come check out a charming collection of stories as told by James Bruce Frazier. Some of the old timers (no offense to anyone) may remember the Cross Ell Ranch. Mr. Frazier raised part of his family here in Big Spring in the early 1940s. Donald S. Frazier is the youngest son of James Bruce Frazier and he has collected stories that he remembered his father told. The title is "What I Learned on the Ranch" (976.406 FRA J) and you may find it on our shelves. The Heritage Museum also has copies of it for sale.



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Many of you watch Paula Deen's cooking show. Now read how she became a star. "It Ain't All About the Cookin'" (B DEE P) by Paula Deen. I have browsed through it and can just hear her voice as I read. It's an excellent read and some super recipes are included. Now on the opposite end of the spectrum, an biography of Albert Einstein. Walter Isaacson, who also wrote "Benjamin Franklin: An American Life," turned his energy on one of the greatest scientists in the world, Einstein. Painstakingly researched, "Einstein: His Life and Universe" (B EIN A) is a true picture of the man who changed our view of the world and universe. How many of you remember the phrase "Why don't you come up and see me sometime, big boy?" Or "I used to be Snow White, but I drifted?" If you do, then you will know of whom I am writing about. Simon Louvish brings Mae West to vibrant life in this new biography. He charts her amazing seven

decades in show business, from early years in teenage summer stock to her last reincarnation as 1960s gay icon and grande dame of Hollywood survivors. "Mae West: It Ain't No Sin" (B WES M) is the first biography to make use of Mae's recently uncovered personal papers, offering an unprecedented view into the endless creative drive and daring wit of this legendary star. Another legendary screen star is portrayed in "Ingrid Bergman: A Personal Biography," (B BER I) written by Charlotte Chandler. Chandler offers a straightforward account of one of the more intriguing Golden Age stars. Bergman died of cancer on her 67th birthday in 1982. Her husbands, lovers, children and the directors and actors with whom she worked have been generous in granting interviews. While there's not much new or exciting, there's a lot of warm reminiscences. Some new non-fiction has arrived: "From the

Heart: Seven Rules to Live By" (158 ROB R), by Robin Roberts; "Complete Idiot's Guide to Social Security and Medicare" (368.430 EPS L), by Lita Epstein; Joyce Meyer's "The Power of Simple Prayer" (248.32 MEY J); and "Organic Lawn Care Manual" (635.964 TUK P), by Paul Tukey. A couple of diet books are in: "The Beck Diet Solution" (613.25 BECJ), by Judith S. Beck and "The Sonoma Diet Cookbook" (641.563 GUT C), by Dr. Connie Gutterson. One of the latest buzz words is chick lit. *Red Dress Ink* and *Down Town Press* have pretty much cornered the market on publishing books that sound like "Sex in the City." Some new examples are in: "Pink Slip Party," by Cara Lockwood; "Love You to Death," by Melissa Senate; Jennifer Sturman's "The Key;" and "Passion, Betrayal and Killer Highlights," by Kyra Davis. These books won't tax your brain as you decompress beside the pool. Another important biography we have

received is "Crazy Horse: A Lakota Life" (B HOR C), by Kingsley M. Bray. Deborah Donovan, in a review from Booklist, writes that Crazy Horse has been a favorite subject for decades. However, many key aspects of his short life have remained enigmatic. In this extensively documented account, Bray utilizes a diverse array of primary sources, including contemporary Indian agent reports, personal military diaries, annual reports of the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and surprisingly detailed oral histories recorded in interviews with Crazy Horse's contemporaries nearly 50 years after his death. Bray documents not only the chief's well-known battles but also some of the more personal elements of his life, including his mother's suicide, his marriages, his visions and his initiation into the Strong Hearts, a Lakota isolationist group that eschewed all contact with Americans. Crazy Horse's belief in the importance of the Black

Hills to Lakota survival eventually leads him on the path to the Little Bighorn in June 1876, and to his death a year later. Bray's account not only traces the major steps taken by this remarkable chief, but also places them within the context of Lakota culture, past and present. New books on CD have arrived: Anne Perry's "Slaves of Obsession" — it runs 13 and a half hours; "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" (four hours, 45 minutes) is by Mohsin Hamid and has very good reviews; and a light-hearted mystery by Joan Hess, "Damsels in Distress." Howard County Library hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sun and Saturn meet for a talk about what's really bugging you. They ask: Is it better to make peace with our limitations or push the river? The former seems like a defeatist attitude, while the latter is downright frightening. The winning answer may be to accept your limitations as temporary, while you consider that they may also be illusory.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Repeat after me: "You are not the boss of me!" Say this three times in the mirror before you go to work so you won't actually say it to your boss. There's something liberating about acknowledging who the real boss is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're having a conversation in two different languages. But it's not a language barrier. You're both telling two versions of an old story that loops on repeat until you get it. Your understanding bridges differences.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in a tight spot, heading down the court with no one to throw a

pass to. It's all a matter of timing, and you're on it. You have to shoot for the hoop like Charles Barkley, and you may miss. But what a game!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The best things in life are free, right? Ugh. Not that one again. Such truisms may annoy you, but nonetheless, hopefully you won't be shopping indoors, missing the beautiful sunset.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You stub your toe on something that's been there all along — metaphorically, at least. Sometimes you need to make contact with a hard object just to get directionally oriented.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everyone's got their weakness, like fear of failure, or second-guessing themselves. But no one in the course of history has accomplished anything by letting those weaknesses stop them. And you won't either.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may not feel like making a big deal over what you want (because it's against your nature), but if you're not worth a big deal, who is? Be fair — not just in regard to everyone else, but also to yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People will show up to support you. None of this makes a lick of difference if you can't

particularly Gemini, my sign?"

I've been imagining the sun signs through the eyes of kids, the time of life when our character is most pure and simple. I think some of the best examples can be found in a nursery, playground or park! Aries through Libra was covered earlier this week. Here's Scorpio through Pisces: **SCORPIO** would like a playmate, but is terribly shy, so sits alone. When she offers a toy to Taurus, they both learn valuable lessons about sharing, trust and making lifelong friends. **SAGITTARIUS** is swinging from the monkey bars outside and making far too optimistic promises about where he's going to land. (Gemini doubts it and says so.) **CAPRICORN** can't believe Sag is so immature. She's already building a popsicle-stick model of her dream home and weighing her career options at age 10. **AQUARIUS** is surrounded by friends. He's organizing a protest against the pledge of allegiance, and for longer lunch hours. **PISCES** lies

self-validate. You're OK — really, you are. Give yourself a gold seal of approval.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You say you should be further along in your journey and have more tangible measures of success to show for your efforts. Relax. Put down the yardstick. Where you are and what you have are perfect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Excess pride has boondoggled heroes and love relationships. Yes, feelings of superiority won't get you anywhere, but neither will denying your ambition. There's no shame in wanting to be the best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A relationship challenges you to own your inconsistencies of character. Everyone has them, but frankly, yours are so adorable to the ones who love you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Poor little Cinderella wondered as she put on her ragged clothes whether she would ever be queen of the ball, and then someone saved her. You're better off behaving like the winning prince — with certainty and action.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "You mentioned that, 'as the first sign of the Zodiac, Aries is like a perpetual child.' Where do the rest of the signs fall in line,

in the grass naming the cotton-candy cloud formations drifting by — bunny rabbits and magicians.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Thirty-something girls warmly remember Melissa Gilbert's character, Laura, in "Little House on the Prairie." Her Aries moon is the quintessential pioneer — she's great at playing strong women facing hardship. In one Lifetime movie role, she searched for her adoptive parents. Gilbert was adopted in real life. Her real lifelong quest is to find her true identity and home inside herself.

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FCI Big Spring hosts annual Volunteer Banquet

Special to the Herald

Approximately 50 guests, including members of the executive staff and Mayor Russ McEwen and his wife Laura, attended the Federal Correctional Institution in Big Spring's annual Volunteer Banquet.

The appreciation dinner, held April 20, was prepared and served by members of the vocational training culinary detail from the camp. Tom Land, vocational training instructor with Howard College, received a certificate of appreciation from the Religious Services Department for his contribution to the event.

Twenty inmates participated in the program through the preparation of the meal, serving of the meal and clean up after the event.

A survey was distrib-

uted at the end of the banquet, providing feedback to the culinary program on their efforts.

Mayor McEwen, guest speaker, focused on the unselfish sacrifices made by the volunteers in our community and surrounding area to provide for those in need. He reiterated that the volunteers' theme of "Inspire by Example" was truly evident in the volunteers of FCI Big Spring.

Many of the volunteers expressed that their feelings of giving gave them a gift worth more than the time they had volunteered.

Certificates of appreciation were also awarded to the volunteers present and a Special Act Award given to Tim Roberts, Religious Services counselor, for his role in the volunteer program.



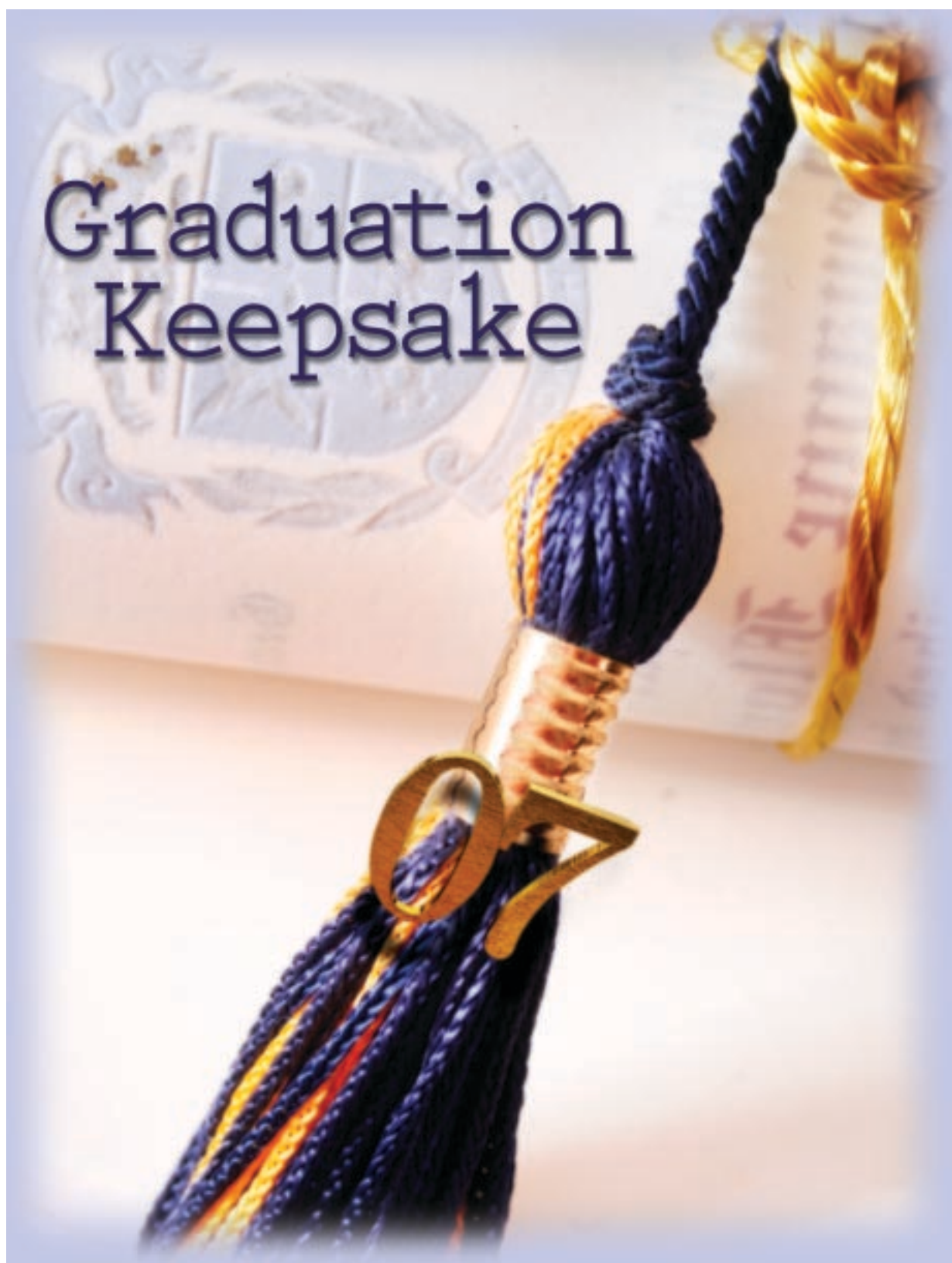
Some 50 people attended FCI Big Spring's annual Volunteer Banquet in April.

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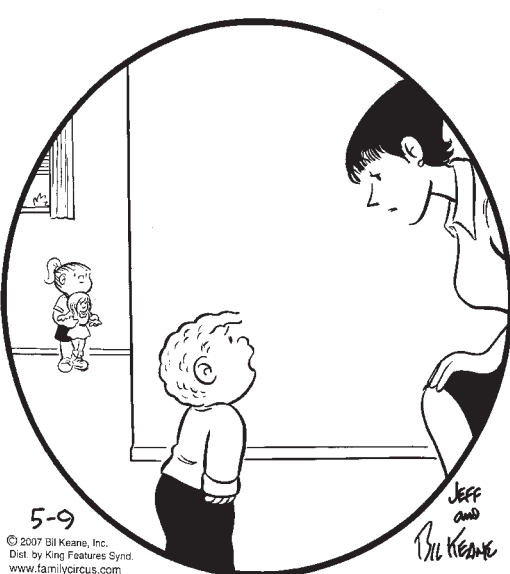
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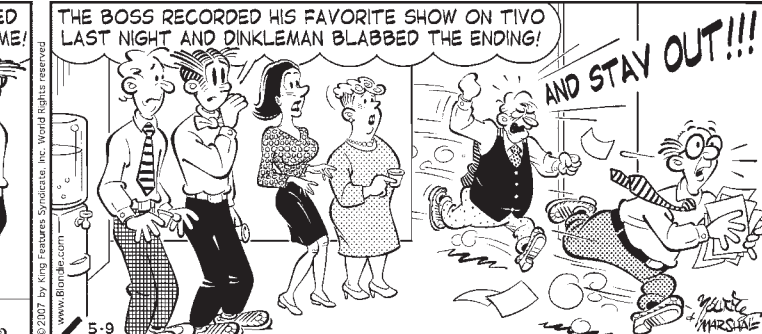


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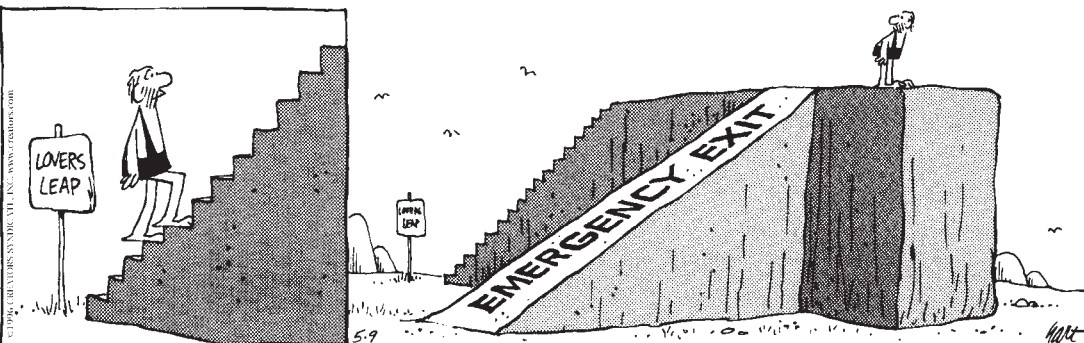
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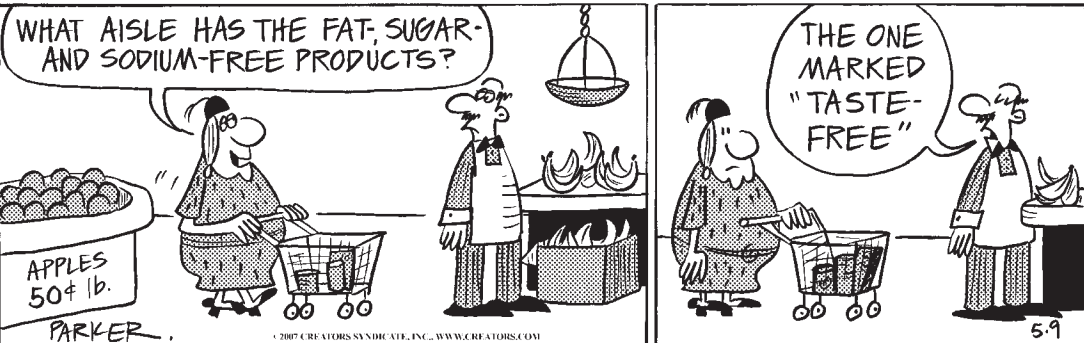
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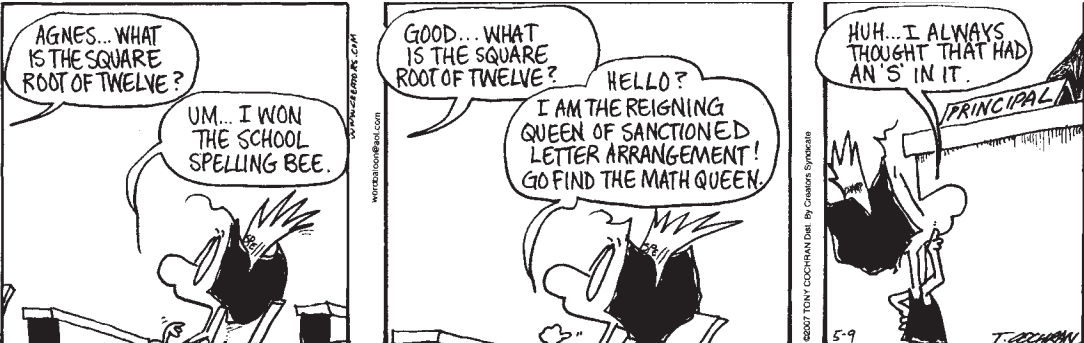
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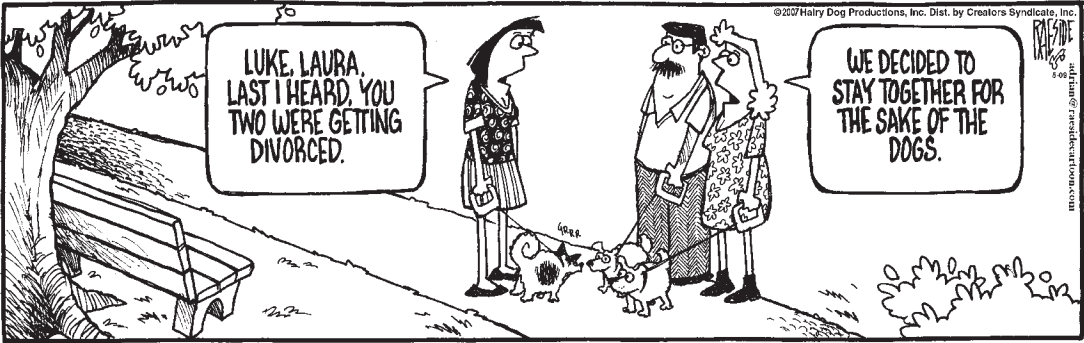
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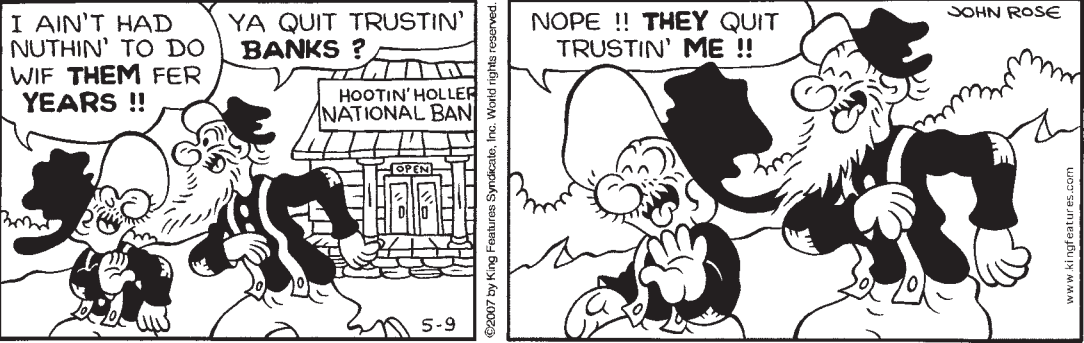
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 9, the 129th day of 2007. There are 236 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 9, 1961, Federal Communications Commission chairman Newton N. Minow condemned television programming as a "vast wasteland" in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters.

On this date: In 1754, a cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette showed a snake cut into sections, each part representing an American colony; the caption read, "Join or die."

In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to fly over the North Pole.

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia.

In 1945, U.S. officials

announced that a midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.

In 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approved the pill Enovid as safe for birth control use.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

In 1978, the bullet-riddled body of former Italian prime minister Aldo Moro, who had been abducted by the Red Brigades, was found in an automobile in the center of Rome.

In 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section to collapse.

In 1982, the musical "Nine," inspired by Federico Fellini's film "Eight and a Half," opened on Broadway.

In 1987, 183 people were killed when a New York-bound Polish jetliner crashed while attempting an emergency return to Warsaw.

Today's Birthdays: CBS

News correspondent Mike Wallace is 89. Actress Geraldine McEwan is 75. Actor-writer Alan Bennett is 73. Actor Albert Finney is 71. Actress-turned-politician Glenda Jackson is 71. Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 70. Producer-director James L. Brooks is 67. Singer Tommy Roe is 65. Singer-musician Richie Furay (Buffalo Springfield and Poco) is 63. Actress Candice Bergen is 61. Pop singer Clint Holmes is 61. Actor Anthony Higgins is 60. Singer Billy Joel is 58. Blues singer-musician Bob Margolin is 58.

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Answer to previous puzzle

PAPA	COLT	ASSET
ALAS	ARIA	STARE
LANSING	MICHIGAN	
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Lawn cover
- 6 Robin Cook thriller
- 10 Crooner Perry
- 14 Like haunted houses
- 15 Lena of Chocolat
- 16 Kind of exam
- 17 Devilfish
- 18 Doll's word
- 19 Unimportant
- 20 Part of some addresses
- 23 Cove's big brother
- 24 Yoko
- 25 Supple
- 29 Magician's prop
- 31 Poker prize
- 34 Messages on a screen
- 35 Contained
- 36 Speak unclearly
- 37 Travel-agent offering
- 40 Swelled heads
- 41 Signs of approval
- 42 Supple
- 43 Author Deighton
- 44 Catch sight of
- 45 Train stations
- 46 Wrestling surface
- 47 Santa __, CA
- 48 An essential ingredient
- 55 Sidewalk border
- 56 Type of tide
- 57 Yuletide tune
- 59 " __ Wanna Do" (Sheryl Crow tune)

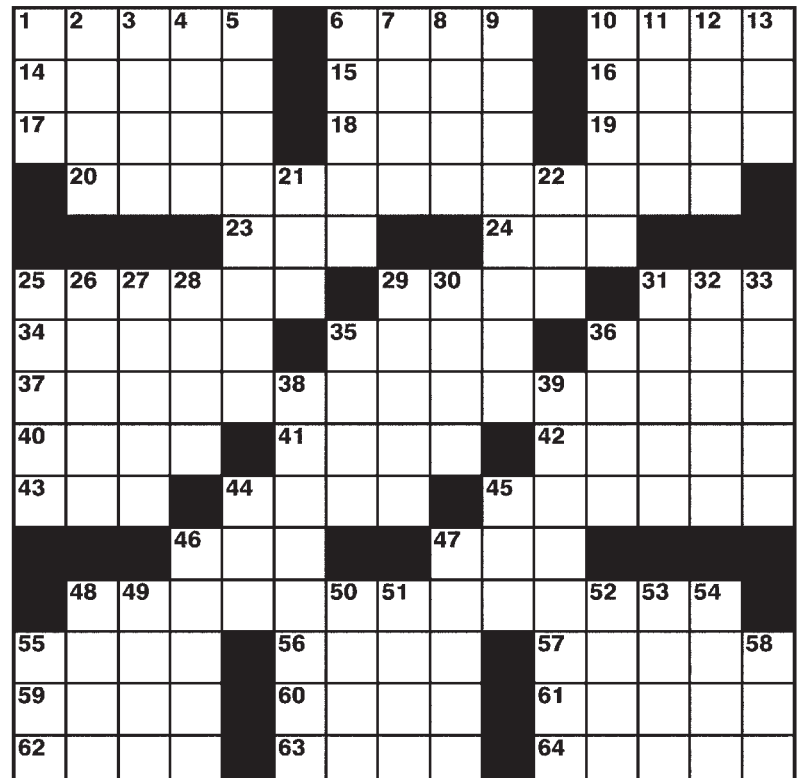
- 60 Engage in telemarketing
- 61 Join forces
- 62 Online journal
- 63 Novelist Wiesel
- 64 On pins and needles

DOWN

- 1 Amethyst, e.g.
- 2 Harvest
- 3 River to the Ligurian Sea
- 4 Poses
- 5 Passenger restraint
- 6 Warm and snug
- 7 Norwegian saint
- 8 Actress Rogers

- 9 Snake of the Amazon
- 10 Jazz group
- 11 Billion-selling cookie
- 12 Duck Soup surname
- 13 Corrida cheer
- 21 Boat propeller
- 22 Extremity
- 25 Carpenter's device
- 26 Publicist's concern
- 27 Peach State city
- 28 Partiality
- 29 Peter Pan girl
- 30 Sound of Music scenery
- 31 Student of Socrates
- 32 Should, with "to"

- 33 Kilmer poem
- 35 Free-throw target
- 36 Leave out
- 38 Example
- 39 Quite definite
- 44 Consume
- 45 Some forensic evidence
- 46 Crime boss
- 47 Still-life fruit
- 48 Skeet-shooter's shout
- 49 Singer Guthrie
- 50 Patricia of Hud
- 51 Surrealist Salvador
- 52 Short staff
- 53 Green land
- 54 A whole bunch
- 55 Metered vehicle
- 58 Golf pro Trevino



VA MEDICAL CENTER GETS NEW BUS



Members of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and representatives from the Big Spring VA Medical Center cut the ribbon on a new handicapped-equipped bus for the facility.

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Ed Meiser, left, first junior vice commander of the Texas Department of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) hands over the keys to a new bus to Big Spring VAMC Director Michael Bell. The handicapped-equipped bus will be used to transport veterans in the West Texas area.



Ward wins flute competition

Crystal Ward, a junior at Big Spring High School and a member of the Honor Band, was honored at the Texas Tech School of Music Flute Festival on April 21. She won the Master Class competition and was asked to perform for the top students and flute instructors.

She was honored to receive the award for Outstanding Soloist. Ward performed the first movement of the Sonata for Flute and Piano Allegro Malinconico by Francis Poulenc. She was accompanied on the piano by Susan Wass of Lubbock.

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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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	7	6	8		3	2	4	

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It's Easy to Self-Destruct

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q
♥ Q 2
♦ Q 10 8 6 3
♣ J 7 5 2

WEST
♠ J 9 6 4
♥ J 10 9 6 3
♦ 4
♣ K 4 3

EAST
♠ K 10 8 5 3
♥ 8 7 5 4
♦ J
♣ Q 9 8

SOUTH
♠ 7 2
♥ A K
♦ A K 9 7 5 2
♣ A 10 6

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♦ Pass
3♦ Pass 5♦
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Consider this deal where South twice had the opportunity to make a game. First, he could have bid three hearts at his second turn, inviting North to bid three notrump if he had stoppers in spades and clubs. At that contract, North would have had no difficulty scoring 10 tricks against any lead.

But then, having elected to bid five diamonds instead, South should have found the way to score 11 tricks. Unfortunately, he failed that test also.

After taking the heart lead with the ace, declarer cashed the ace of

trumps and then led a spade to the queen. East won with the king and exited with a heart. Declarer won, crossed to the ace of spades and led a club to the ten, losing to the king. When West returned a club, South could not avoid losing another club trick and finished down one.

Declarer could have assured five diamonds with more careful play. His downfall can be directly attributed to the spade finesse he took at trick three. In fact, had dummy not held the queen of spades, South would probably have found the winning route to 11 tricks without difficulty.

After drawing trumps, declarer should have cashed the heart king and then played the A-Q of spades. Regardless of which defender won the trick, South would have been certain to make the contract.

Suppose East has the king of spades, as in the actual deal. He cannot effectively return a heart or a spade, which would allow declarer to discard a club while he ruffed in dummy, so he leads a low club. South ducks this to West, who, upon winning the trick, must yield a ruff-and-discard or return a club, either way handing South the game-going trick.

The outcome is the same if West holds the king of spades. After his forced club return, South cannot lose more than one club trick, and again the contract comes sailing home.

Tomorrow: Diagnostic defense.
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In Sunday's
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Looking for the light

Country music star and actor Billy Ray Cyrus is experiencing deja vu as he watches his daughter, Miley, rocket to success in her leading role in the Disney Channel runaway hit show *Hannah Montana*. His advice to her is to "look for the light." Plus, the doll doctor and chicken curry.

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NATIONAL NURSES WEEK



Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen reads a proclamation in honor of National Nurses Week — May 6 through May 12 — while Councilwoman Stephanie Horton and local nurse Sue Hodnett look on during Tuesday's meeting of the city council.

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State hospital fund-raiser earns largest profit

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

A new meditation garden will be built with money raised during last week's Cars and Stars fund-raiser.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council earned more than \$34,000 — their most successful fund-raising venture to date.

"Every dollar we brought in will go toward our patients," Cars and Stars co-chair Stacy Barr said. "And we are especially excited that this year the money will be used to construct a meditation garden for our patients."

Big Spring State Hospital treats people with mental illness in the hospital's 200-bed comprehensive psychiatric facility. The state of Texas provides basic care for the patients but volunteers work year-round raising money for many of the extras to improve patients' treatment.

Volunteers revamped the long-running Denim and Diamonds Gala, which for 20 years traditionally earned \$20,000 a year for the hospital's patients. Cars and Stars, which sold out in advance of the event, increased profits by more than \$14,000.

"It's always difficult to change something that is so successful and is deep-

rooted in tradition," Barr said. "But our volunteers are so enthusiastic and with the support of the community, we sold all 600 tickets and had people asking for more the last few days."

Tickets were available for \$100 apiece and gave ticket-holders a dinner for two at the Big Spring Country Club and a table-side seat to see who would receive a new car or truck provided by the Big Spring New Car Dealers Association.

Guest drawers, including St. Rep. Joe Heflin, D-

Crosbyton, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, KOSA-TV Anchor Jay Hendricks, entertainer Jody Nix and members of the Howard College sports teams, began pulling tickets at 5 p.m. Those persons whose tickets were drawn earlier were given an opportunity by auctioneer Cash Berry to bid on an opportunity to continue.

Just after 10 p.m., Sherri Key's ticket remained in the hopper and she received the choice of a new car from one of three dealers:

Pollard Chevrolet, Bob Brock Ford or Shroyer Motor Company.

"Plans are already under way for next year," said Billie Christie-Morgan, Big Spring State Hospital director of community relations. "All our committees are meeting to evaluate and start planning for the second Cars and Stars and see what will best serve the event as far as location, activities, input from the community."

Howard County high schools receive \$350 grant for Project Celebration

Special to the Herald

Big Spring and Forsan High Schools are once again recipients of a \$350 mini-grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Called Project Celebration 2007, the high schools are among 29 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in TxDOT's graduation program. Each school will receive a \$350 mini-grant for graduation activities.

"As the Abilene District's traffic safety coordinator, I am delighted that TxDOT has once again decided to support high schools across the state with their organized and chaperoned graduation activities. By approv-

ing these funds, we are assisting communities to provide a safe and sober occasion for their graduating students," Brenda Mitchell said.

Mitchell visited each of the 29 participating high schools in the district and presented the Project Celebration chairperson mementos for each of the graduates who attend their high school all night event. One of the mementos is a colorful backpack that bears a safety slogan.

According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students.

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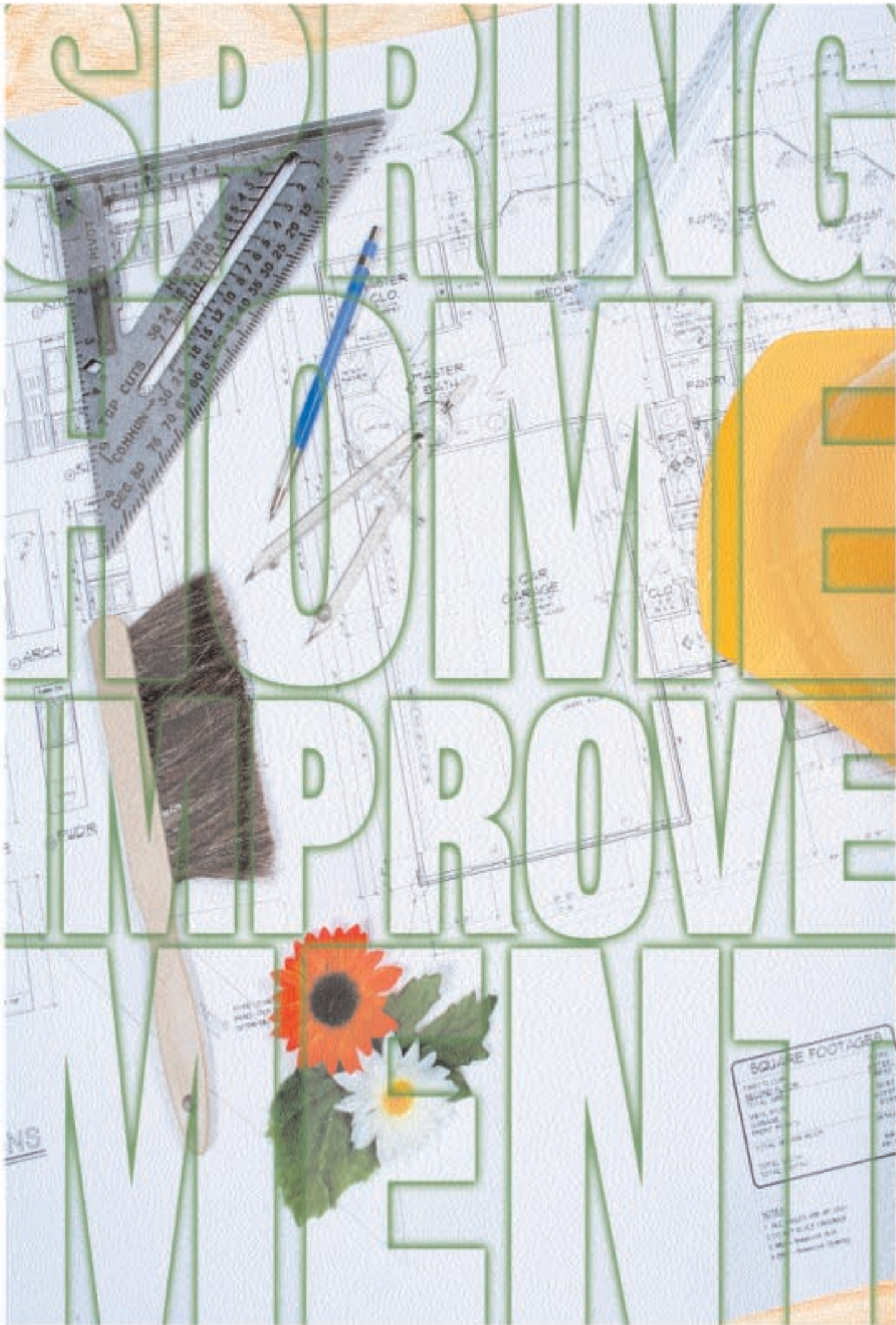
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