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Making schools safer

Big Spring, Coahoma ISDs to receive Rapid Responder grants

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring and Coahoma are two of six school districts that will be the beneficiaries of a federal grant aimed at making schools safer.

As part of the grant, those two school districts, along with Stanton and three others along the Interstate 20 corridor, will receive a technology package aimed at quickening response time to emergencies.

The \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education will allow officials to install Rapid Responder, a computer-based program developed by Prepared Responder, which will help police, fire department and other emergency personnel pinpoint vital response points on the campuses before they even arrive on scene, said officials with the Region 18 Educational Service Center, which is overseeing the program's inception.

"Say that there's a fire at the high school here," said Andy Sustaita of Region 18. "Administrators can get the information to everyone



Andy Sustaita, left, and Denise Rives, instructional consultants with the Region 18 Educational Service Center in Midland, discuss a federal education grant aimed at increasing student safety at Big Spring, Coahoma and four other West Texas school districts.

almost instantaneously ... Responders will know the quickest route to respond to the fire and they'll know if there's any hazardous materi-

al or chemicals to worry about."

Region 18 officials have already met with emergency response personnel in the

respective cities and hope to have the program up and running at all six school districts

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Courtesy photo
Members of Vocal Trash, Kelsey Rae, Steve Linder and Bruce Brock, perform on stage. The group will be at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater Saturday.

Vocal Trash will perform here Saturday

Comanche Trail Amphitheater, 5:30 p.m., free admission

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The 2007 Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off, hosted locally by Keep Big Spring Beautiful, may very well be the perfect backdrop for one Texas band coming to the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

Musical group Vocal Trash is coming to Big Spring this Saturday, in an effort to bring a very different brand of music — and message — to the Crossroads area.

Compared to such successful special-

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BSHS gears up for region contest

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A record number of Big Spring High School students will be after a spot in the state academic meet when they compete in the Class 4A University Interscholastic League Spring Regional Meet in San Angelo Friday and Saturday.

BSHS Academic Director Leland Mallett said 33 students — a school record — will compete in the regional meet, to be held on the campus of Angelo State University.

BSHS earned the record number of regional competi-

tors after swamping the competition at the recent District 4-4A Academic Meet at Howard College.

Students who place in the top two in their respective events this weekend qualify for the state UIL meet in Austin later this year.

BSHS regional qualifiers are:

- Feature writing — Nathan Booth and Andrew Lewis.
- Editorial writing — Colin Hunnicutt, Casey Moore and Nathan Booth.
- Headline writing — Taylor Parks, James Bowen

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Constable-county flap may end in suit

Winn says lack of funding for office kept him from getting certified

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Ongoing conflict between Howard County Constables and county commissioners may escalate to litigation, as Constable Mark Winn said this week he's seeking legal counsel regarding his impending removal from office.

A petition to have Howard County Constable Mark Winn removed from office was filed by County Attorney Mike Thomas a week after state officials declined to further extend Winn's deadline to become a certified peace officer.

"I am currently awaiting legal advice from counsel as to the appropriate steps to follow before

"I am currently awaiting legal advice from counsel as to the appropriate steps to follow before responding to the county attorney's filings through district court."

—Mark Winn

responding to the county attorney's filings through district court," Winn said.

Winn's qualification for the office of constable, which requires state peace officer certification within 270 days of being elected, came under fire by county commissioners last month.

According to Winn, his inability to obtain his peace officer certification is due to a lack of funding for the office, a shortfall he says violates the Texas

Constitution.

"The focus of attention recently has been on me being out of compliance with TCLOSE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards)," said Winn. "The point I have been trying to get across and the reason for me being out of compliance is that Howard County is out of compliance with the Texas Constitution by not funding the

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SATURDAY'S HAPPENINGS

- Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk at the Big Spring State Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Races start at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$18 and includes a T-shirt.
- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Free admission.
- Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off, sponsored locally by Keep Big Spring Beautiful, begins at 9 a.m. Headquarters will be at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion.
- Vocal Trash performance begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Free admission.

SHOWCASE OF BUSINESSES

The public is invited to "A Showcase of Airpark Businesses" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the airport terminal, 3200 Rickabaugh Drive West.

Businesses taking part include Cornell Corrections, Freecom, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Fiber Products, Fiberod, Big Spring Fire Dept., Gaston Racing, Hangar 25, Howard College, John Young Motorcycle Training, Lone Star Aviation, Phillips Fabrication, Senior Citizen Center, the U.S. Flight Academy, West Side Daycare Center, Western Container, Liberty Machine Shop, Parker Hannafin, West-Tex Palettes and Partee Enterprises. There will be refreshments.

ONE-ACT PLAY ON STAGE

The Big Spring High School Drama Department will hold a final public performance of its One Act Play contest entry when it stages "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" at 7 p.m. tonight in the high school auditorium.

This will mark the final performance of the play, which advanced to the area round of University Interscholastic League competition.

Admission is \$2, paid at the door.



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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers slate senior recognition

The annual "Meet the Lady Steers" event has been scheduled for Saturday at the Lady Steer Softball Complex when Big Spring takes on Lubbock Estacado.

Fans will receive free admission if they wear black and gold clothing.

Big Spring's 2007 softball seniors — Heather Witt, Amber Sides, Cortney Heinis, Brenna Phernetton, Bridgette Rodriguez, Desiree Yanez, Briana Valles and Monica Rocha — will be honored.

Lady Steers Booster Club officials invited the public to join them for food, fun, games and prizes. Festivities start at 11:30 a.m. and the game will begin at noon.

Buffs freshman earns regional tourney spot

The Forsan boys' golf team finished the second round of the district golf tournament in fourth place out of a field of nine teams with rounds of 375 and 373 for a 748 total.

Freshman Jake Moore turned in an 84-89, 173 total to qualify for regional tournament play set for April 23-24 at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course in Abilene.

Other members of the team were Seth Johnson, Justin Epley, Ryan Flores and Josh Hatfield. Competing for medalist-only recognition at the tournament were Forsan's Rick Bailey, Brantley Cahoon and Gerald Harris.

Lady Steers Boosters to meet on Monday

There will be a public meeting of the Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club at 6 p.m. Monday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Club officials noted this will be an important meeting regarding nominations for 2007-2008 school year and the upcoming spring banquet slated for May 5.

If you or know someone who would like to hold an office, please be present or contact Carrie Fox 267-6428 or Leslie Whitten 816-6764.

Teenage baseball league to begin

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

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

Baseball umpires needed for season

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

If interested, call Bradley Garrison at 213-1300.

KBSB schedules golf tournament

The Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Play will get under way with 9 a.m. tee

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Bledsoe ends 14-season career by retiring

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Football Writer

Drew Bledsoe retired Wednesday, ending a 14-season career in which he made two Super Bowls.

The top overall pick by New England in the 1993 draft out of Washington State, the four-time Pro Bowl quarterback played for the Patriots, Buffalo Bills and Dallas Cowboys. He was a starter for all three teams, but ended up as a backup with the Cowboys.

Bledsoe threw for 44,611 yards and 251 touchdown passes in his career.

"I feel so fortunate, so honored, to have played this game that I love for so long, with so many

great players, and in front of so many wonderful fans," he said. "I fulfilled a childhood dream the first time I stepped on an NFL field, and the league did not let me down one time. I retire with a smile on my face, in good health, and ready to spend autumns at my kids' games instead of my own. I'm excited to start the next chapter of my life."

The 35-year-old Bledsoe lost his starting job to Tom Brady in New England in 2001 when Bledsoe got hurt in the second game of the season, and to Tony Romo in Dallas after Game 6 of last season.

He also asked for his release from the Bills after the 2004 season, when the team informed

him it was going with J.P. Losman as the starter the next year. Bledsoe didn't want to be a backup there after he led the Bills to the brink of the playoffs.

He then signed with the Cowboys and was their starter for all of 2005 and part of '06.

In 1996, Bledsoe guided the Patriots to the AFC championship. They lost to Green Bay in the Super Bowl.

He remained the Patriots' starter until he was tackled by the Jets' Mo Lewis in the second game of the 2001 season and injured his chest. Brady took over, although Bledsoe got New England into the Super Bowl in place of the injured Brady by beating Pittsburgh in the AFC

title game.

Brady then was the MVP of the Super Bowl win over St. Louis.

The Bills acquired Bledsoe during the 2002 NFL draft by dealing their first-round pick in 2003 to New England. Bledsoe had strong first season in Buffalo, setting 10 team passing records, including single-season marks with 4,359 yards and 375 completions.

His numbers, however, began to decline drastically. In his final 30 games with Buffalo, Bledsoe never finished with more than 296 yards passing, while throwing 29 touchdowns and 27 interceptions during that stretch.

He finishes seventh all-time in yards passing.

HC Rodeo beginning tonight

Top Hawks eye spots in CNFR

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**

Managing Editor

It's rodeo time in Big Spring again.

Howard College's rodeo team will play the role of host beginning tonight as the Howard College Rodeo gets under way at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl with performances also slated for 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Hawks men's and women's teams enter into this weekend's rodeo following solid showings at the West Texas A&M University Rodeo in Canyon last weekend and the Western Texas College Rodeo in Snyder the week before. As a result, Howard coach Greg Kernick is optimistic about the showing his athletes will turn in this weekend.

Kernick noted that his Howard is competing well in one what is year-in and year-out the nation's toughest region in collegiate rodeo.

"We have 19 teams competing in the region and any time you can hang in there amongst them as individuals you are doing



Afton Caldwell, a freshman at Howard College, wrestles a steer to the ground during a rodeo earlier this season. Howard College will be hosting this week's National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Southwest Region's rodeo beginning today and continuing through Saturday.

your job," Kernick said.

And that means many of the nation's top cowboys and cowgirls will be displaying their talents during this weekend's performances.

A handful of Howard's athletes still have a chance to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo in June, with two

rodeos remaining. The top three athletes in each event qualify for the CNFR.

The Howard College women placed fifth in the team standings at Canyon with four athletes doing well in two events — barrel racing and goat tying. They enter this weekend's rodeo sixth in the

Southwest Region team standings.

In the barrel racing, Cassidy Ogden finished third in the average after a fourth-place run in the first round followed by a three-way tie in the short round with the fastest time. She is currently fourth in the regional standings with 350 points.

She is just 75 points out of the all-important third spot in the standings.

Brittia Hollingsworth tied Ogden's time in the first round at Canyon, but was ninth in the short round to finish in a four-way tie for sixth in the average.

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Devils snap losing string, knocking off Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — A rare road win was reason to celebrate for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Carlos Pena homered in a four-run third inning, and Tampa Bay hung on to beat the Texas Rangers 6-5 on Wednesday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

Ben Zobrist also homered for the Devil Rays, just 5-36 on the road since last June 30.

Tampa Bay had dropped

the first two games of the series by a total score of 20-13, and the Devil Rays were eager to avoid the sweep.

"It was a big win in the sense that we've got to get better on the road," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "The first night we played a pretty good game, last night we got a lot of runs but didn't win. We have to get out of these road sweeps. We won one out of three. We

need to get to where we win two out of three."

Michael Young homered twice for the Rangers, who had won four of their previous five and went 4-2 in Ron Washington's first homestand as Texas manager.

Tampa Bay starter James Shields (1-0) allowed one run and two hits over the first five innings before the Rangers rallied with a four-run sixth.

Shields gave up five runs on five hits over seven innings. He had a career-high eight strikeouts and walked one.

Shields recovered from the four-run sixth, allowing only a walk in the seventh.

"I had to make some pitches in the seventh inning and shut them out," Shields said. "That was huge."

Maddon praised Shields for limiting the damage

and bouncing back from a tough inning.

"He and I have talked several times about the ability to maintain composure," Maddon said. "I really believe he's capable of winning a lot of games."

Al Reyes struck out two in a perfect ninth for his second save in as many chances. Brian Stokes retired the Rangers in

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Howard, Terry lead Mavs to win over T-wolves

By **JON KRAWCZYNSKI**

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — There's no letup in these Dallas Mavericks.

Even with the top seed in the Western Conference all sewn up and four regulars sitting out, they kept their foot on the gas on Wednesday night.

With Dirk Nowitzki and Jerry Stackhouse resting at home, Josh Howard and Jason Terry each scored 16 points to lead the Mavericks to a 105-88 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The Mavericks set a franchise record with their 30th road victory of the season. If Dallas (65-13) wins its last four games of the season, it will finish with the second-best record in league his-

tory.

"We really didn't want to come out and just waste this game," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said. "We wanted to win. These guys are competitors."

The fans in attendance at Target Center certainly didn't get what they bargained for when they purchased tickets to this game, which was more notable for the guys who didn't play than those who did.

Dallas left Nowitzki, Stackhouse and Erick Dampier at home and sat Devin Harris to rest up for what will certainly be a grueling postseason.

Not to be outdone, the Timberwolves announced shortly before game time that All-Star Kevin Garnett is out indefinitely with an injured right quadriceps.

The league's leading rebounder will miss at least two games while he gets the injury examined by doctors and could be out for the remainder of the season.

In a way, Garnett's absence could help the Timberwolves.

Minnesota entered the night tied with several teams for the 10th worst record in the NBA. If the Wolves don't have a pick in the top 10 of the draft, they have to give their selection to the Los Angeles Clippers as part of the Sam Cassell-Marko Jaric trade two years ago.

"I can promise you that is not the case," owner Glen Taylor said when asked if Garnett was shelved to help their lottery chances. "I did not shut him down."

Even before Garnett disclosed

his injury, coach Randy Wittman was giving his young players — rookies Randy Foye and Craig Smith and sophomore Rashad McCants — more minutes as the Wolves look to the future.

Smith had 14 points and seven rebounds and Justin Reed scored 17 for the Timberwolves, who lost their sixth straight home game, their longest skid since a franchise-record 14-game streak in 1994.

"Our offense was terrible," Wittman said. "That led to bad defense at the other end."

The future is now for the Mavericks, who were up 2-0 on Miami in the NBA finals last season before losing four straight.

That stunning fall has them

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Obituaries

C.V. Wash



C.V. Wash, 96, of Forsan, died Tuesday, April 10, 2007, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Mr. Wash was born May 16, 1910, in Coleman and married Mae Crumley on May 19, 1929 in Millersview. She preceded him in death on Feb. 25, 2000.

C.V. came to Forsan in 1928 to work for Humble Oil & Refining. He owned a grocery store in Forsan for nine years. In 1942, he was the founder of Forsan Oil Well Service and later Forsan Oil Company. He was a member of Forsan Baptist Church for more than 50 years and served as a deacon for many years. He also served on the Forsan Independent School District Board.

Survivors include two sons, Bob Wash of Forsan and Danny Wash and wife Paula of Waco; one daughter-in-law, Joyce Wash of Big Spring; one sister-in-law, Lura Hunter of Austin; nine grandchildren, Robert Wash and wife Beckie of Forsan, Debbie Rutherford and husband Johnny of Austin, Charla Lewis and husband Charlie of Big Spring, Renee King and husband Steve of Kerrville, Chad Wash and wife Kellie of Big Spring, Terri Strickling and husband Ashley of Houston, Jonathan Wash and wife Jessica of Waco, Merryl Jones and husband Will of Waco and Leandra Cole of Waco; 19 great grandchildren, Kassi Wash of Big Spring, De'Amberlyn Brown and husband Gary of Fort Worth, Rusty Baker and wife Jessica of Forsan, Tanya Hartman and husband James of Moran, Cameron Clinton of Austin, Brodie Wash and wife Cassy of San Antonio, Derek Wash and wife Taryn of Big Spring, Will Rutherford, Laura Rutherford of Austin, Dustin and Haley Lewis of Big Spring, Blake and Collen King of Kerrville, Kinsey and Katie Wash of Big Spring, and McKenzie Cole, Evan Cole, Grant Jones and Reid Jones, all of Waco; three great-great grandchildren, Maegan, Katie and Haden Hartman of Moran; and caregiver Dorothy Cresman.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents; one daughter, Laura Faye Wash; one son, Charles Wash; one daughter-in-law, Nita Wash; two grandchildren, Diane Wash and Billy Wash; one brother, Delan Wash; and one sister, Nettie Bob Wash.

Pallbearers will be Robert Wash, Johnny Rutherford, Jonathan Wash, Charlie Lewis, Steve King and Will Jones. Honorary pallbearer will be C.L. Gooch.

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

Paid obituary

Frank T. Parker



Frank T. Parker, 77, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, and Royce Clay, retired Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Frank was born to Al and Bertie Parker in Mooresville, N.C. He graduated from Western Carolina College in Cullowhee, N.C., with a bachelor's degree in biology. Frank served in the U.S. Army in the military police. He had been a resident of Howard County since 1958. Frank married Jean Carter on Aug. 1, 1964, in Big Spring. He retired from Cosden Petroleum Corporation and was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Frank is survived by his wife, Jean Parker of Big Spring; one son, David Carter and his wife LaLani of Lubbock; one grandson, Christopher Carter of Lubbock; one granddaughter, Kenee Carter and her fiancée Matthew Dover, both of Dallas; one brother, George Parker and his wife Hester of Cuyhoga Falls, Ohio; two sister-in-laws, Mary Hooten of Salado and Ruth Floyd and her husband Don of Ackerly; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Frank was preceded in death by two brothers: Tom Parker and Lewis Parker; and one brother-in-law, James Hooten.

Pallbearers will be Christopher Carter, Mike Kemp, Rick Kemp, Richard Cooper, Frosty Floyd and Jeff Faubion. Honorary pallbearers will be Don Floyd, Tom Ivey, Marshall Day, George Smith, Gene Ray, Hilliard Ditmore and the Wednesday Morning Coffee Club.

The family suggests memorials to the Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock 79408 or to the 14th & Main Church of Christ, 1401 S. Main, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Asa Wayne Howell

Asa Wayne Howell, 41, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

He was born March 20, 1966, in Burnet. He attended First United Methodist Church where he was a member of the Kingdom Class.

Survivors include his parents, Geraldine and William Hill of Big Spring; two sisters, Denise McVea of Odessa and Becky Powell of Big Spring; and one brother, Greg Hill of Portland.

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

Wanda Wasson



Wanda Wasson, 74, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 10, 2007. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Johnny Sevey officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 5, 1932, in Archer City to Mildred and Walter Dugan. She has lived in Big Spring since 1969. She married Ike Wasson on May 10, 1971 in Big Spring. She owned the Abundant Life Christian Book Store in the 1970s and 1980s. She home schooled her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a follower of Yeshua Jesus.

She is survived by her husband, Ike Wasson of Big Spring; three sons, David Armstrong and his wife Sheila of Vealmoor, and Wendell Armstrong and Caleb James Wasson, both of Big Spring; two daughters, Debbie Chamness and her husband Terry and Millie Armstrong, all of Big Spring; one sister, Mary Miller of Big Spring; three brothers, Randall Dugan of Wichita Falls and Larry Dugan and Johnny Dugan, both of Dallas; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one son, John B. Armstrong; father, Walter Dugan; mother, Mildred Dugan; one sister, Shirley Hodges; and two brothers, Jerry Dugan and Wayne Dugan.

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

Pedro Ramos

Pedro Ramos, 78, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at his residence. His 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 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- **SALITTIA BREHM**, age not provided, of 1501 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid and held for the HCSO.
- **AMELIA COLLINS**, 34, of 2516 Chanute, was arrested Wednesday on six local warrants and a Howard County warrant.
- **ANTHONY TREVINO**, 20, of 1301 Mesquite, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ROCKY SANCHEZ**, 19, of 1408 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **BRODDERICK BRADLEY**, 24, of Lubbock, was arrested Wednesday on a local citation.
- **TAVORIS BOZEMAN**, 19, of Lubbock, was arrested Wednesday on a Lubbock County warrant.
- **HENRY CASTILLO**, 38, of 503 N. Goliad, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

Note: An activity log was not available at press time.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 51 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ELADIO ZUBIATE**, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit a sexual offense.
- **TINA LOUISE RAYMOND**, 29, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **WILLIAM SCOTT SIMPSON**, 44, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **SALITTIA LATOSHA BREHM**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **AMELIA COLLINS**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- **ANASTACIO SANDOVAL ESPARZA**, 42, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault - physical contact.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 5200 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4000 block of Vicky. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Scurry. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 1800 block of Industrial.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- 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

- Pickup up trash bags between 9 a.m. and noon at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for Saturday's Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off.
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. 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.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. No admission fee.
- Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk, 9 a.m. at the Big Spring State Park on Scenic Mountain. Those who have not registered can do so at 8 a.m. at the park.
- Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off, sponsored locally by Keep Big Spring Beautiful. Headquartered at the Old Settler's Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park, the Trash Off officially begins at 9 a.m. and continues for however long volunteers want to work. There will be a free lunch at the pavilion for those who participate. Call 263-4607 for more information.
- Vocal Trash concert at the Comanche trail Park Amphitheater, sponsored by the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau. Pre-show at 5:30 p.m., main event at 7 p.m. Free admission.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe in the evening. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Windy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 25 to 35 mph with gusts to around 50 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Windy...Colder. Lows around 40. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 15 to 20 mph after midnight.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Sunday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

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

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the mid 70s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-13-14-15-27-52.
Number matching six of six: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-14-20-31-37.
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-3-0

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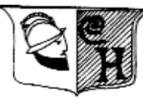
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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for April 11.

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 64 degrees; 2.01 low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse/white spinnerbaits and chartreuse crankbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on Lil Fishies and live minnows. Crappie are fair on Lil Fishies and live minnows. Channel catfish are very good on frozen shrimp and shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLEMAN: Water stained; 4.10 low. Black bass are fair on soft plastic worms and lizards and striped jigs. Hybrid striper are fair on striped jigs. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 67 degrees; 3.35 low. Black bass are excellent on shad type lures, black/white spinnerbaits and soft plastics, and avocado colored crankbaits. Striped bass are excellent on shad colored lures, shrimp, shad, and minnows. White bass are excellent on shad colored lures, shrimp, shad, and minnows. Crappie are excellent on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are very good on shrimp. Yellow catfish are good on shrimp.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 66 degrees. Black bass are very good on grape shad Bomber Fat Free Shad, royal shad XCalibur XR75 rattle baits, pearl ayu Staysee 90s, and natural shad 5" hula grubs rigged on 3/4oz. football jigs along main lake and secondary points in 2-20 feet. Striped bass are fair on surface action throwing bone Reaction Innovations vixens off main lake points and drifting hybrid bluegills in 10-30 feet. White bass are good on Bomber slabs and split shooting minnows upriver. Catfish are good on Lewis King catfish bait and hybrid bluegills in 6-30 feet.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 26.5 low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored spinnerbaits and crankbaits, and live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits and live bait. Catfish are good on cut and live baits.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 6.18 low. Black bass are fair on slow-rolled spinnerbaits and live baits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are good on live baits.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 57 degrees; 33.45 low. Black bass are slow on shad-colored crankbaits and live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on live bait and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on jigs and live bait. Channel catfish are good on cut baits.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 47.2' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Channel catfish are fair on live baits.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees. Black bass are fair on along brush lines on crankbaits, white spinnerbaits, and dark soft plastics in brush. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 4.9 low. Black bass to 10 pounds are good off rock points, and crankbaits or swim blade baits and

black/blue jigs 4-7 feet deep with some caught in backs of coves. Crappie are good on minnows in shallows and jigs near state park and Henrietta Bridge; Crappie are spawning. White bass to 17-inches are good on shad-imitation lures off deeper points. Catfish are good along upper west side on punchbait or juglines baited with cut shad or carp.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 62 degrees; 3.2 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 61 degrees; 7' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 11.35 low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, firetiger crankbaits, black/blue jigs, and live baits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass and hybrid striper are good on live baits. Catfish are good on cut and live baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on live baits. Catfish are good on live baits and cut shad.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 58 degrees; 2.92 low. Black bass are fair on dark jigs and live baits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on cut and live baits. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on dirt road near the dam.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 21.2 low. Black bass are good on live baits, white spinnerbaits and crankbaits, and dark jigs along brush lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live baits. Smallmouth bass are good on crankbaits and live baits. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 61 degrees; 1.5 low. Black bass are fair in lower half of reservoir near docks and back of coves on heavy jigs or shad imitation crankbaits. White bass are fair near deeper points jigging with silver slabs with striped bass being caught. Catfish are fair on set lines baited with shad in upper end of reservoir.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 49.18 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Striped bass and hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 61 degrees; 3.22 low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are fair on live baits. Catfish are fair on live baits.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; 35.56 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Catfish are slow.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; 25.12 low. Black bass are fair on live baits, and dark soft plastics or jigs along buck brush, and crankbaits along brush and timber. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Channel catfish are good on cut baits.

WICHITA: Water clearing; 57 degrees; full at spillway. Crappie to 12-inches are fair near flooded brush. White bass and hybrid striped bass are excellent on artificial lures, minnows or live shad and bobber north side and near dam. Channel catfish are good in shallows along north side of the upper end of reservoir using punchbait.

Bearkats qualify for regional golf

Lady Kats finish third in district

Special to the Herald

Garden City's Bearkats turned in the best team score on the second day of the District 11-1A golf tournament Monday with a 327 and took second place in the team standings.

The boys' team — Marcus Cook, Taylor Niehues, Sam Long, Eric Hirt and Chase O'Brien — started the day five strokes behind the Bronte Longhorns and 15 behind Robert Lee.

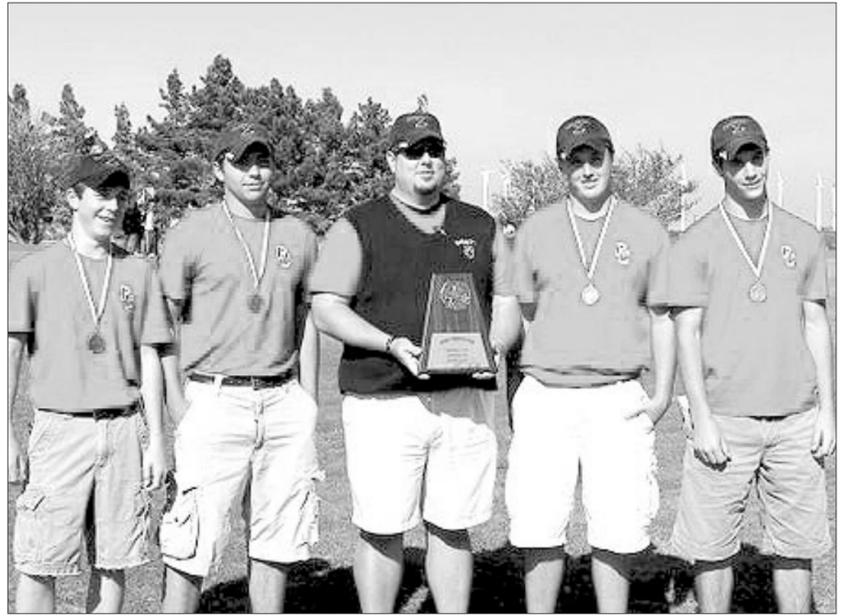
The Bearkats' 327, allowed them to pass Bronte and close the gap on Robert Lee. The second-place finish earns them a spot in the regional tournament in Abilene, April 23-24.

Cook led the way for the Bearkats with a 74, tying for second place in the individual medalist standings, and took the second-place medal by birding the first playoff hole.

Hirt shot an 81, finishing tied for eighth; Long had an 85, finishing tied for 10th; O'Brien posted an 87; and Niehues had an 89 to round out the Bearkats' effort.

In girls' play, the Lady Kats finished third behind regional qualifiers Robert Lee and Sterling City.

The Lady Kats were led by individual regional qualifiers Kate Halfmann, who finished third in the medalist standings, and Brooke Halfmann, who finished tied for fifth. Other Lady Kats varsity members were Mikela Barton, Amy Multer and Erin Hirt.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Garden City Bearkats golf team pose with their medals and runner-up trophy from the District 11-1A golf tournament played at the Big Spring Country Club. From left are: Marcus Cook, Eric Hirt, Coach Koby Abney, Sam Long and Taylor Niehues. Not pictured is Chase O'Brien.



Courtesy photo

Here are the members of the Garden City Lady Kats golf team who finished third in the team standings at the District 11-1A golf tournament played at the Big Spring Country Club. From left are: Erin Hirt, Brittney Chudej, Kate Halfmann, Brooke Halfmann, Laura Halfmann and coach Ken Hoskins. Not pictured are Mikela Barton and Amy Multer.

RANGERS

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order in the eighth to give the struggling Devil Rays bullpen a lift.

Texas' Ian Kinsler led off the sixth with his fourth homer, Kenny Lofton followed with a

single, and Frank Catalanotto hit a grounder to Zobrist at shortstop for what appeared to be an easy double play.

But Zobrist threw wildly to second baseman B.J. Upton for an error and Young delivered his second homer of the game, a

three-run shot that narrowed the deficit to 6-5. Young's first homer of the season in the first inning gave Texas a 1-0 lead.

Zobrist, the game's second batter, homered off Rangers starter Robinson Tejeda (1-1) to give the Devil Rays a 1-0 lead.

After Michael Young's first-inning solo shot tied the score, Tampa Bay took a 2-1 lead in the second on Dioner Navarro's RBI single.

Pena was added to the roster when Greg Norton was placed on the disabled list with a torn knee ligament on March 31.

MAVERICKS

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taking all this regular season success with a grain of salt. They know all these wins look good on paper, but don't mean a thing when the playoffs start. To that end, Johnson pushed his team hard for most of the night, calling two quick

timeouts after a slow start and prodding his team to stay focused.

"We weren't going to float through the game, and we reminded them of that at halftime," said Johnson, whose Mavs were down by three at the break.

DeSagana Diop pulled down a season-high 15 rebounds and scored 10 points, Austin Croshere

had 19 points and six boards and Devean George added 14 points for Dallas.

"I think a lot of guys who don't play a lot still have a lot to prove," Croshere said. "My real goal is to show Coach that I can contribute in the playoffs."

Howard scored 12 of the Mavs' 38 points in the third quarter and Dallas

hit eight of its nine 3-pointers in the period to pull away. Jose Juan Barea's long-distance shot capped a 23-3 run for Dallas to close the period and give them an 86-66 lead going into the fourth.

"When we're hitting shots, we play 'D,'" Foye said. "When we're not hitting shots, we don't play 'D.' That's been our M.O. all year."

RODEO

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Kendra Watts tied for fourth in the average in goat tying at Canyon with a sixth-place time in the first round, followed by a fourth-place finish in the short round. Teammate Shelly Combs tied for fifth in the first round and finished eighth overall in the average.

Combs finished ninth in

the first round of barrel racing in Snyder and is currently eleventh in the regional standings with 185 points. Kasey Kramps is 12th with 175 points after earning first place at the Odessa College Rodeo.

Howard's men enter tonight's opening round of their own rodeo ranked 11th in the Southwest Region.

Laramie Hall continued to climb the regional standings with a strong

performance in steer wrestling last week. Hall was fifth after the first round and finished third in the average at Canyon. Cody Heiner was sixth after the first round and ninth overall.

Currently the Hawks' Jamon Turner, a freshman, is tied for third in bull riding with 340 points, just 40 points out of second place. A trio of Howard steer wrestlers are currently in the Top

12. They're led by Hall in fourth place with 360 points, only 20 points out of third place. Wayne Schaffeld is seventh with 270 points and Afton Caldwell is 12th with 185 points.

The Howard College Rodeo begins tonight at the Rodeo Bowl at 5:30 p.m. The action on Friday and Saturday will begin at 9 a.m. with slack, while each night's performance will begin at 7.

BRIEFS

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times.

Entry fees for the four-person scramble are \$60 per player.

Contact the Big Spring Country Club to sign up.

Immediately following play, prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place teams, longest drive man and woman and closest to the pin man and woman.

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Howard to host Region V tourney

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May 5-6.

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

Cancer scramble set for April 28-29

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

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

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

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Help Wanted

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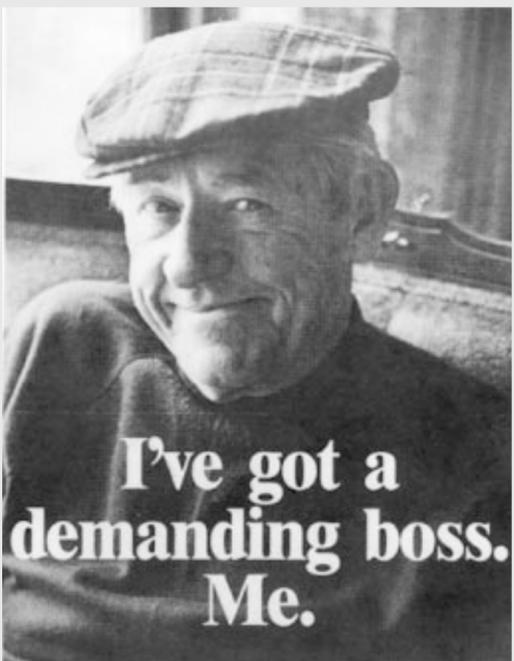
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The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 2:00 p.m., April 20, 2007, on the following:

Depository
Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3640. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on May 10, 2007, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. #5316 April 5 & 12, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 4:00 P.M., April 23, 2007, on the following:

Swimming Supplies
Boys Basketball Supplies
Girls Basketball Supplies
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Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
39863-C
TO: Johnny Rodriguez
Respondent
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of **AMBER BARBER**, Petitioner, was filed in the 326th District Court of Taylor County, Texas on **04/04/2007** against **LAURIE KONZE**, Respondent, **GREGG KONZE**, Respondent, and **JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ**, Respondent, and numbered **39863-C** entitled **IN THE INTEREST OF BRADIE ALAN KONZE A CHILD**

The Suit requests: This suit is brought by Amber Barber, Petitioner. Respondent is Laurie Konze. Respondent is Gregg Konze. Respondent is Johnny Rodriguez. Petitioner is the mother of the child the subject of this suit. Child Bradie Alan Konze, born 03/30/2007 is the subject of this suit. The father of the child is Johnny Rodriguez. The parents of the child are or will be separated. The appointment of the parents as joint managing conservators would not be in the best interest of the child. It is in the best interest of the child that Respondents Laurie Konze and Gregg Konze be appointed sole managing conservators of the child. Petitioner prays that citation and notice issue as required by law and that the Court enter its orders in accordance with the allegations contained in this petition. Petitioner prays for general relief.

The date and place of birth of the child or children who is /are the subject of this suit: Bradie Alan Konze, born 03/30/2007

"The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's or children's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship the determination of paternity and the appointment of conservator with authority to consent to the child's or children's adoption".

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at Abilene, Texas this day of April 04, 2007

ISSUED AT THE REQUEST OF:
Tamil Ratliff Sims
641 Hickory Street
Abilene, Texas 79601
Patricia Henderson,
DISTRICT CLERK
TAYLOR COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
ABILENE, TEXAS 79602
By: Jackie Mclean, Deputy
#5332 April 12, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY BRYAN MUSGROVE, Deceased
Case No. PB-2006-980
NOTICE OF HEARING
RETURN OF SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that Beverly Straub, as Personal Administrator of the Estate of Henry Bryan Musgrove, deceased, has filed and presented for confirmation in this Court a Return of Sale (Lease) of oil and gas minerals as follows:

- On February 21, 2007, Personal Administrator received an offer to lease oil and gas minerals on the following described real property:
Block 31, Township 1 North, T&P R.R. Company Survey Section 9 and 10, Howard County, Texas.
- Personal Administrator intends to lease said minerals under the terms set forth in the amount for \$175.00 per acre for the 256 net acres owned by the Estate, for a total amount of \$44,800.00. In addition, the lease provides for a three (3) year primary term with an option to extend for an additional three (3) years at the same price of \$175.00 per acre and also contains a 1/5 royalty.

3. The Return has been set for hearing in Court Room 111 of the Tulsa County Courthouse, 5th Street at Denver Avenue in the City of Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma on the 24th day of April, 2007, at 9:00 A.M., reference is hereby made to the Return of Sale for further particulars.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2007.
LINDA G. MORRISSEY
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
Wilma Jones
Deputy Court Clerk
#5335 April 12, 2007

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The moon in Aquarius is chill, like the cool sound of a saxophone echoing down Bourbon Street. This moon's no mama's boy. Don't expect to get your emotional needs met without appealing to the ever-so-cool mind of reasonableness. Temperaments are even-keeled, making it easier for everyone to just get along.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The team's counting on you to drive a project home, and you're counting on you, too. You can muster your inner authoritarian for brevity, but the whole deal hinges on a humorous light touch. Keep it loose to keep it tight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Communication is strained by, well, straining. You don't have to try so hard to prove a point, especially with family. Imagine everyone praising you, agreeing with you, and it happens. It's really that simple.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Negotiations ease a financial face-off. A third party provides a solution, and maybe that propitious person is your partner. Work occupies your attention tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're seeing the pattern to someone's cranky behavior. But you realize when you don't participate in this pattern you don't contribute to the mutual torture. For instant gratification, put your energy into your work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can feel like you're carrying everyone else's weight. It's this mythos you have about the world going to chaos without your guidance. Ironically, when you relinquish the burdened mind, someone shows up to help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're totally focused on getting through the pile of papers on your desk, but hey, work is strangely fun for you. Regarding office-talk: Go for the story behind the story, because you won't be satisfied with anything less.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When it comes to what you want, you can be quite the chameleon. So don't fault the world for laying stones across your path. Someone needs your compassion. You've just completed the lesson they need to learn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A higher-up demands the best from you, so give it all you've got to knock their socks off. Later, allow self-doubts to surface then fizzle — they're only the energetic after-effects of moving through resistance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't bamboozle yourself with unrealistic expectations. You can only give what you have to give, nothing more. You're the summation of your experiences, and more than good enough, you're brilliant!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). If you've asked for help from your partner and it hasn't worked, change your question. They may not be able to cover the rent, but maybe the insurance bill. They have something to give; it's just a matter of finding it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Certainly we're all guilty of projecting our own judgments out there. Take the opportunity to plug a leak in your self-perception by using your relationship as a two-way mirror. From both sides, all is revealed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If anyone can do it, you can make practical, concrete 100-percent organizational sense out of an impossible scenario. It's the power of the slippery Fishes. Tonight, slip away into a fantasy world of your own design.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Gemini woman, born May 31, 1963. My life keeps randomly intersecting with an amazing Libra male, born Oct. 23, 1956, despite the fact that we live in different countries. When we do happen to connect, there's effortless synergy and great things happen. Are these connections strictly random?"

First of all, your Libra man is actually a Scorpio! He was born on the cusp of Libra/Scorpio. (The sun changes signs around the 21-23 of every month, a reminder for cusp folks to check the astrological calendar year they were born.) I can see your attraction for this glamorous Scorpio man who makes you feel like a million bucks when you're together! This relationship brings one exciting possibility after another.

I'm so glad you mentioned synergy. When alchemists combine different elements, they blend to produce a totally new matter. The alchemy of love is kind of like that. Sometimes we don't know what we're capable of until we meet someone whose energy combines with ours to attract one-of-a-kind circumstances. The energy of any relationship attracts all kinds of new opportunities or conflicts. The randomness of this affair is a thrill for you, Gemini. Have fun with it!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Francis Ford Coppola keeps two things in the family: movies and wine. His daughter, Sofia Coppola, is the first American woman to ever be nominated for best director. Nephews Nicolas Cage and Jason Schwartzman are successful actors. His Niebaum-Coppola Winery has been successful for decades. Aries are aggressive leaders, but Coppola embodies the best parts of Aries in charge.

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Convicted killer executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer James Lee Clark was executed Wednesday evening for the rape-slaying of a Denton high school honors student just days after Clark was paroled from prison almost 14 years ago.

When asked by the warden if he had a final statement, "I don't know," Clark said with a chuckle. "I don't know what to say."

Several seconds passed and Clark noticed witnesses watching him through a nearby window and blurted out, "Oh I didn't know anybody was there. Howdy."

The drugs were taking effect and he was unable to say anything more.

Bill would put student sex offenders into alternative classrooms

AUSTIN (AP) — Students who are registered sex offenders and are under court supervision would have to spend at least one semester in an alternative education program before entering a regular classroom under a bill the Texas Senate approved Wednesday.

The legislation also clarifies that law enforcement agencies have 24 hours to notify school district officials that a registered sex offender has enrolled and districts have 24 hours to pass that information on to teachers and staff.

The proposal was prompted by an October incident at an Austin high school, when an 18-year-old student held a pair of scissors to his teacher's throat, threatened to kill her, groped her breast and asked for sex. She shoved him away and he fled the room.

After the attack, the teacher learned Nathan Manuel Mendoza was one of three known registered sex offenders who are also students in the Austin Independent School District.

Texas Baptist leader announces he will retire next year

DALLAS (AP) — Charles Wade, who directs the largest Baptist state convention in the nation, announced Wednesday that he will retire in January.

Wade, 66, took over the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 2000. His tenure as executive director of the moderate group has seen increased ethnic diversity in leadership positions.

A statement issued after he met with staff said the convention, under his guidance, has expanded financial support through its Cooperative Program to ministries worldwide. It also became a member of the Baptist World Alliance.

Wade's term has included strained relations with the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant denomination in the country.

Texas State University moves forward with 'body farm' facility

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Texas State University plans to begin construction this summer of a research facility to study human decomposition, despite objections from some neighbors.

The so-called "body farm" will provide a place for students and law enforcement personnel to study how bodies decompose in varied conditions, officials said.

At a Wednesday meeting on campus, several residents raised concerns about the possibility of bad smells, scavenging animals, polluted rain runoff and diseases spread by insects.

They also said the facility would have a negative impact on property values in the area.

Anthropology professor Jerry Melbye said the center poses no health risk to the community.

Officials said the facility, which is being added to the school's horticulture center, will be surrounded by both a 10-foot razor wire fence and a parameter fence.

Romney criticizes Pelosi trip to Middle East

DALLAS (AP) — Presidential candidate Mitt Romney criticized House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday, telling an audience of Dallas County Republicans that he was disappointed in her recent foray into foreign policy and her trip to the Middle East.

"It stands as one of the most partisan, divisive and ill-considered actions of any national leader of this decade," said Romney, who is running for the Republican nomination. "I think it was an extraordinary mistake on her part."

"When it comes to facing the world we do not have, as the chair of her foreign policy committee said, two strategies — a Republican foreign policy and a Democratic foreign policy. We have an American foreign policy."

Pelosi, D-Calif., met with Syrian President Bashar Assad in Damascus last week against President Bush's wishes. She has said she thinks the mission helped Bush because it showed the United States is unified against terrorism despite being divided over Iraq.

Romney said he felt Pelosi misrepresented her position and the level of commitment Americans have in the fight against terrorism.

"She is the Speaker of the House. She is not a foreign minister. She is not a secretary of state," Romney told reporters after his speech. "Representing herself in the capacity she has done is very misleading and confusing to people around the world. It suggests a level of disunity that does not exist."

Romney said he had also heard Pelosi was considering a visit to Iraq, a trip he said he hopes she reconsiders.

During a question-and-answer session with audience members, Romney addressed his universal health care plan in Massachusetts, suggested ways to improve border security and tried to address perceptions that he has flip-flopped on significant issues such as abortion and same-sex marriages.

SAFETY

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by May, Sustaita said.

The respective schools were chosen for the grant because of possible vulnerabilities to disasters — both natural and man-made, said Denise Rives of Region 18.

"Big Spring, for example, was chosen because of the interstate and the railroad being nearby.

Also, you have the refinery and five prison facilities in the area," Rives said.

"With the world we live in, we need to be proactive," she added. "We've learned that terrorists are going to attack the most vulnerable targets that will garner the most attention, and schools are prime targets for those kinds of attacks."

Other school districts involved in the project are Midland, Monahans and Pecos.

Big Spring Independent School

District Superintendent Michael Downes welcomed the new program.

"We have an emergency response program in place, but this takes that to a whole new level," Downes said. "This provides much more safety in the form of response time."

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CONCERT

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ty acts as Stomp, a popular drum act of which the members are known to play everything from trash cans to kitchen sinks, and legendary acapella group Nylons, Vocal Trash takes and combines both genres into one fun-filled show, according to creator and group leader Steve Linder.

"We wanted to come up with something completely different from the norm," said Linder, one half of the longtime musical production team of Linder and Brock. "Everyone has a band, but nobody's doing this."

According to fellow

group owner and band member Bruce Brock, Vocal Trash's show is designed to combine tight vocal harmonies with the grit of "street instruments," delivering a unique blend of oldies and rock and roll with contemporary beats to achieve a sound not soon forgotten by spectators young and old.

"It's all about fun," said Brock. "No one leaves the show with a frown, it's a rule."

Band member Kelsey Rae said the show features horns, acoustic guitars and a touch of comedy, the right recipe for fun for the entire family.

"We play to all ages," said Rae. "Good music appeals to everyone, and the kids love the drumming theatrics. It's a lot of

fun."

"Updating these tunes is a real treat for the audience," said David Cleckler, the "rocker" of the group. "Maybe that's because these classic oldies have been re-treaded with hip hop grooves and renewed enthusiasm."

Vocal Trash is accompanied by longtime Linder and Brock drummer Chris Beck.

The concert, which is sponsored by the Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau, is to get under way with pre-show entertainment at 5:30 p.m. at the amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park. Vocal Trash is expected to take the stage at 7 p.m.

"If you've never had a chance to see this band, it really is amazing," said



Wegman

Debbie Wegman, director of the CVB. "They just have so much energy throughout the show, and you just can't help but be

inspired by what they do. It's the perfect compliment to the Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off and what Keep Big Spring Beautiful is trying to accomplish locally."

Admission to the show is free with concessions available.

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and Colin Hunnicutt.

- Accounting — Erick Tapia.

- Calculator Applications — Matthew Callison.

- Computer Applications — Malle Carrasco.

- Computer Science — Shilo Rawls, Apollo

Dunlap and Sarah Amentrout.

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offices of constable.

"I have given many hours of service in answering calls, assisting with accidents and serving as a back-up officer with the sheriff's office with no operating budget for expenses including fuel, equipment, office supplies and others, at a salary of \$240 a year. I have asked the Howard County Commissioner's Court to provide the funds, which is required by the Texas Constitution, to operate this office. If those constitutionally justified requests had been granted, it would have allowed me to use my personal funds to complete the required courses, take the TCLOSE exam and be in compliance."

Winn said commissioners are attempting to do away with the constable's office through the lack of funding.

"To this date, my budget requests have not been granted," said Winn. "In effect, they have attempted to abolish the office through lack of funding, which is expressly prohibited by law, according to multiple Attorney General opinions."

According to Thomas, the question as to whether Winn should be removed from office has nothing to do with funding.

"I certainly sympathize with Mr. Winn's plight,"

said Thomas. "However, I feel like whether he should be allowed to stay in office is a separate issue from questions of funding. His request to be removed from office then reappointed to start the 270-day period over again just seems tricky, and I don't feel like that was what the legislature had in mind when they passed the laws governing the office. However, that's just my personal opinion, and if the commissioners had wanted to pursue that course, that's what I would have done."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore and County Judge Mark Barr both said during previous meetings they have a problem with funding Winn the \$800 requested to complete required courses because it sets a bad precedence for the county.

"We don't pay for certification classes for any of the deputies we hire," said Kilgore. "They have it already. And if we pay for the remainder of your classes so you can get your certification, then I think we're setting a bad precedence for the future."

According to Barr, recent attempts to have TCLOSE further extend Winn's deadline to become certified were unsuccessful.

That question was recently answered, according to Barr.

"I contacted TCLOSE to see what we could do on this, and they told me they had already given

him (Winn) a 30-day grace period," said Barr. "At the end of that period, they were going to ask the State Attorney General to file the petition to have him removed from office."

"I talked to Mike (Thomas) about it, and he said it would be best for us to go ahead and file the petition," said Barr.

"If TCLOSE is going to ask the AG to file the petition, they're basically asking him to do my job for me," said Thomas. "I didn't feel like that was appropriate."

Winn said he has received a copy of the filings and has been officially served on the matter.

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Frank T. Parker, 77, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 6:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Wanda Wasson, 74, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Saturday with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's make sure Health Fair 2007 is in our plans

Do you know how healthy or unhealthy you are? Well, that's something every one of us ought to be interested in. We have several times in this space noted that nothing is as important than one's health. Old sayings on the subject are too numerous to mention. And for good reason, because anything else, with the exception of one's spiritual condition, pales in comparison.

Unfortunately, far too many of us fall woefully short of being conscientious when it comes to making sure we're in good health.

We're too busy, we too often tell ourselves, to schedule a doctor's appointment for a check up. Worse still, in some cases we ignore symptoms of potentially life-threatening conditions.

That's why it's important that we all make plans to take advantage of free health screenings that will be offered Saturday at Health Fair 2007.

Doors to Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and there will be numerous booths supplying free screenings and information.

The theme for this year's fair is "Good Health — Now and For Our Future."

Corporate sponsors for the fair are Alon USA, Caring Hearts Home Health, H-E-B, Interim Healthcare, St. Joseph's Home Health, Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation, Parkplace Retirement Living, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Warren Chiropractic, embroideryco.com, Big Spring Physical Therapy, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home, Mountain View Lodge, the *Big Spring Herald* and radio stations KBST and KBYG.

Perhaps Alon USA and H-E-B deserve even more recognition, because their cash donations help provide the free screenings that will be available during the Health Fair.

United Blood Services will have its' mobile unit on hand, and the partial list of screenings available include: blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, PSAs, Pulse/Ox testing and weight. Fluoride treatment for children will also be available, as well DNA identification kits for children.

We encourage everyone — from our community's healthcare professionals to the average man, woman or child on the street — to make plans to stop by the Health Fair on Saturday and pay a little attention to healthy living.

What's more, it wouldn't be a bad idea to take part in Saturday morning's "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Walk at the Big Spring State Park.

Put all that together, and it just might be the best and most important fun you've ever had.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Thank You, Lord, for being patient with us.

Amen

Gen. Pelosi's gift to our enemies

It is frankly astounding to me that people aren't making a bigger deal of the colossal impropriety of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's unauthorized trip to Syria. Where is the outrage?

I realize Democratic leaders and those they answer to have unmitigated contempt for President Bush. I realize they believe the public rewarded their hatred and their antiwar posturing in the November congressional elections.

But according to the latest news reports, President Bush is still in office. This means he is still commander in chief and primarily in charge of U.S. foreign policy.

Democrats have long been opposed to the administration's stern policy toward terrorist-sponsoring states like Iran and Syria. They apparently believe their evil tyrants mean well, and if we will just open a dialogue with them, we can build a lasting peace. After all, the vaunted Iraq Surrender Group recommended that very thing.

But the president has emphasized he does not want to negotiate with Syria, a nation that is supporting our enemies in Iraq, sponsoring Hamas and Islamic Jihad organizations, provides weapons to Hezbollah, is a proxy of Iran and is dedicated to the destruction of our ally, Israel.

President Bush strongly urged Pelosi not to go. But in keeping with her flagrant disrespect for President Bush and, manifestly, for the presidency itself, she openly defied him and went anyway.

Her action is indefensible. She was not legally representing the United States, since the president refused to authorize her mission. And if she wasn't purporting to represent the United States, her trip was pointless. But she was.

Pelosi and her delegation were clearly attempting to influence American foreign policy by pressuring the Bush administration to open a dialogue with Syria.

What's wrong with that, you ask? What's wrong is that she didn't just lobby the president to begin diplomatic talks. She conspired with the Syrian regime to alter the president's policy toward that regime. Is it beginning to sink in out there?

If you believe the Pelosi delegation was merely "fact-finding," which characterization is laughable, listen to its own post-trip assessment. Delegation member Tom Lantos boasted that the meeting "reinforced sharply" the potential benefits of talking to Syria. "This is only the beginning of our constructive dialogue with Syria, and we hope to build on this visit."

Translation: "Despite the president's direction that we not go and especially not hold ourselves out, in violation of the Constitution, as representing the United States, we did go, and we did purport to represent the United States and we did open a dialogue with Syria, and we do intend to build on it."

Under the Constitution, President Bush is in charge of U.S. foreign policy.

In that capacity, he has attempted to isolate Syria and has persuaded our allies to do likewise. Pelosi, in direct contravention of presidential authority, directly contradicted the U.S. policy toward Syria by sending the unmistakable signal that Syria is part of the international mainstream when it is our policy to discourage that notion. As the highest-ranking member of the House of Representatives, she included with a terrorist tyrant to humiliate the commander in chief and countermand his foreign policy.

Democrats are always accusing the president of overstepping his

constitutional authority, but look at them now. Democrats are always talking about President Bush harming America's image in the world. But consider the damage to our image Pelosi's trip caused.

Pelosi not only undermined the United States through her unconstitutional usurpation and contradiction of executive authority. She also intermeddled with Israeli policy and caused great harm there, too, by misrepresenting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert in implying he had softened Israel's stance toward Syria and wanted to renew peace negotiations. This reckless blunder incensed the Olmert administration, which strongly denied it had changed its position. Olmert said that until Syria changes its sponsorship of terrorism, peace talks will be meaningless.

If there is any doubt about Pelosi's collusion with Syria to weaken the president and thus the United States, or if there is any doubt about the poisonous fruits of that infernal collusion, hear the words of Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al Moallem following the Assad-Pelosi meeting. He said, "These people in the United States who are opposing dialogue, I tell them one thing: Dialogue is the only method to close the gap existing between the two countries. We are happy that Mrs. Pelosi and her delegation had the courage and determination to bridge these differences."

Pelosi has caused enormous anxiety to our allies, but has given great comfort to our enemies who seek to divide and conquer us, by doing the dividing part for them. Her actions were disgraceful.

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Let's call it 'Iraq for dummies'

Let me see if I've got this straight. The world of Islam is divided into two mainstream groups — Shiites and Sunnis. They disagree on who is the legitimate heir to Mohammed's sovereignty over the Muslim world, a disagreement that has been going on for the past 1400 years, give or take a few weeks.

Most Muslims, and there are a lot of them in the world, are Sunnis, BUT the majority of Iraqi Muslims are Shiite.

DESPITE THAT, Iraq was ruled for many years — rather brutally — by a Sunni minority. (Saddam Hussein, while a nominal Sunni, lived a lifestyle, along with his sons, that was quite secular, in the sense that Las Vegas is secular.)

UNTIL we invaded Iraq, deposed Saddam, uprooted the Sunni ruling class and engineered an election that installed a Shiite majority government.

UNDERSTANDABLY, the Sunni minority was totally ticked off at being shunted aside and began attacking U.S. and Iraqi government troops, as well as Shiite civilians.

PREDICTABLY, the Shiites responded by attacking Sunnis wherever they found them and, backed by a private Shiite militia called the Mahdi army, began driving Sunnis from their homes in traditionally mixed neighborhoods.

STUBBORNLY, our government refused to call it a civil war, preferring the term "war on terror." INEXPLICABLY, in an effort to

see that our Shiite-sponsored government succeeded, we attacked the Mahdi army, which was the only thing propping up that government.

UNSURPRISINGLY, this made Iran, Iraq's neighbor, exceedingly happy since it also happens to be a Shiite-majority state. It began sneaking arms into Iraq to help the Shiite government (whom, you'll remember, we were also trying to help).

ODDLY, this infuriated us, apparently because we wanted a monopoly on protecting the Shiites from the Sunnis. We and the rest of the Incredible Shrinking Coalition of the Willing threatened Iran with sanctions even more severe than the sanctions we threatened it with because it won't stop trying to build an atomic bomb.

INFURIATINGLY, Iran retaliated by capturing 15 British sailors and marines at sea, claiming that they had violated Iranian waters. When the British government denied this, the Iranians produced confessions in which all 15 apologized for trespassing.

NATURALLY, this did not satisfy either Britain or the United States, who felt the confessions were obtained under duress.

IRONICALLY, we had just produced a member of al Qaida who, after four years of interrogation at Guantanamo, had confessed to masterminding every terrorist crime of the past 10 years and we accepted his word as gospel. (Apparently, with current interrogation methods, you can get a ham sandwich to confess to kidnapping the Lindbergh baby.)

EMBARRASSINGLY, the King of Saudi Arabia, a Sunni state and traditionally our firmest Arab ally, cancelled a Washington state

dinner in his honor and denounced the U.S. occupation of Iraq as "illegal."

DEFIANTLY, Sen. John McCain, a staunch supporter of the war, announced that the Surge in Iraq is working. He'd just returned from a trip to Baghdad, he said, where he'd found neighborhoods that were as safe as Lux soap, filled with "welcoming Iraqis."

UNFORTUNATELY, "The New York Times" went into those neighborhoods a few days later and found them still dangerous and the "welcoming Iraqis" cynical. It seems McCain and his party had been escorted by 100 soldiers in armored Humvees while attack helicopters circled overhead. "He is just using this visit for publicity," a Baghdad merchant said. "They'll just take a photo of him at our market and they will just show it in the United States. He will win in America and we will have nothing."

So there you have it. We have made our greatest enemy stronger in the region, alienated our allies there and made the country all but uninhabitable.

And that's why we're in Iraq — UNENDINGLY.

(Correction: Last month I made light of conservative Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul's brag that he had raised \$50,000 for his campaign. The actual figure was \$500,000. I apologize for not making light of that.)

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► News in brief

Suicide bombing on a major bridge in Baghdad kills 10 and injures 26

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide truck bomb exploded on a major bridge in Baghdad early Thursday, collapsing the steel structure and sending cars toppling into the Tigris River below, police and witnesses said. At least 10 people were killed.

Hospital officials said another 26 were injured, and police were trying to rescue as many as 20 people whose cars plummeted off the al-Sarafiya bridge.

Waves lapped up against twisted girders sinking into the water, as police patrol boats searched for survivors. Scuba divers donned flippers and waded in from the banks of the Tigris, as U.S. helicopters whirred overhead.

Farhan al-Sudani, a 34-year-old Shiite businessman who lives near the bridge, said the blast woke him at dawn.

"A huge explosion shook our house and I thought it would demolish our house. Me and my wife jumped immediately from our bed, grabbed our three kids and took them outside," he said.

Don Imus holds fundraiser after cable channel pulls the plug on his simulcast

NEW YORK (AP) — Even as advertisers defected and politicians piled on, it was an internal mutiny within NBC News about Don Imus' racial slur that was key to pulling the plug on his MSNBC simulcast.

About 30 angry NBC News employees, many of them black, met with news division president Steve Capus less than 24 hours before Capus decided that a two-week suspension of Imus' morning telecast wasn't enough.

They said they'd had it with Imus' brand of coarse ethnic humor, capped with last week's reference to the Rutgers female basketball players as "nappy-headed hos."

"Within this organization, this had touched a nerve," Capus said Wednesday. "The comment that came through to us, time and time again, was 'when is enough going to be enough?' This was the only action we could take."

Despite being banished from the NBC family, MSNBC faces the embarrassing problem of having the just-fired host broadcast his annual radio charity fundraiser from its studios in New Jersey. The 18th annual Radiothon, which has raised more than \$40 million since 1990, began Thursday morning and ends Friday.

Satirical novelist Kurt Vonnegut, author of 'Slaughterhouse-Five,' dies at age 84

NEW YORK (AP) — Kurt Vonnegut, the satirical novelist who captured the absurdity of war and questioned the advances of science in darkly humorous works such as "Slaughterhouse-Five" and "Cat's Cradle," died Wednesday. He was 84.

Vonnegut, who often marveled that he had lived so long despite his lifelong smoking habit, had suffered brain injuries after a fall at his Manhattan home weeks ago, said his wife, photographer Jill Krementz.

The author of at least 19 novels, many of them best-sellers, as well as dozens of short stories, essays and plays, Vonnegut relished the role of a social critic. Indianapolis, his hometown, declared 2007 as "The Year of Vonnegut" — an announcement he said left him "thunderstruck."

He lectured regularly, exhorting audiences to think for themselves and delighting in barbed commentary against the institutions he felt were dehumanizing people.

"I will say anything to be funny, often in the most horrible situations," Vonnegut, whose watery, heavy-lidded eyes and unruly hair made him seem to be in existential pain, once told a gathering of psychiatrists.

35 suspected Taliban killed in clashes, airstrike in southern Afghanistan, official says

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan security forces clashed with suspected Taliban insurgents in southern Afghanistan, and a subsequent airstrike in the area left 35 militants dead, an Afghan official said Thursday.

The clash in southern Zabul province occurred as



Former Duke lacrosse player Dave Evans, right, speaks with new Blue Devil lacrosse coach John Danowski, left, and Sue Pressler, wife of former Duke coach Mike Pressler after a press conference on Wednesday in Raleigh, N.C. The North Carolina Attorney General's office dismissed rape charges against Evans and former teammates.

NATO military leaders met in Canada to ask for more resources for their fight in the volatile south.

Afghan security forces were ambushed and clashed with militants for about an hour in Zabul's Shahjoy district late Wednesday before an airstrike was called in on militants positions, said Ali Kheil, a spokesman for the Zabul governor.

Authorities recovered the bodies of 35 dead militants, Kheil said. There were no casualties among Afghan security forces.

Senate passes stem cell research bill, ignoring President Bush's threat of a second veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — A stubborn Senate voted Wednesday to ease restrictions on federally funded embryonic stem cell research, ignoring President Bush's threat of a second veto on legislation designed to lead to new medical treatments.

The 63-34 vote was shy of the margin that would be needed to enact the measure over presidential opposition, despite gains made by supporters in last fall's elections.

"Not every day do we have the opportunity to vote to heal the sick," said Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., a senator less than 100 days following a tough 2006 campaign in which the stem cell controversy played a particularly prominent role. "It is a noble cause," she added.

"We're going to use federal money, indirectly or directly, to destroy embryos," countered Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., echoing Bush's argument against the measure. Coburn said claims of imminent scientific breakthroughs from embryonic stem cell research are unsubstantiated and that adult stem cells have been shown to be useful in a variety of cases.

The House, which passed similar legislation earlier in the year, is expected to adopt the Senate's version in the next several weeks for Bush's veto.

U.S. and South Korea urge North Korea to start moving to dismantle nuclear programs

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The U.S. and South Korea urged North Korea to move toward dismantling its nuclear weapons programs now that its frozen bank accounts have been freed, pressing the North to meet a Saturday deadline to shut down its nuclear reactor.

"We certainly have confirmed that the bank accounts are open. So we have truly fulfilled our role in this and now it's up to" North Korea, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said in Seoul.

Hill said he had yet to hear a response from North Korea to the release of \$25 million held in a Macau

bank. Macau authorities said earlier this week the money is available for account holders to access, but it remained unclear when North Korea might do so.

"This is about (North Korea's) willingness with respect to denuclearization," Hill said.

Although time is running short before a Saturday deadline set in a February agreement in which North Korea pledged to take initial steps to disarm, Hill maintained it was "possible to get going on this process in the next two days."

'As innocent today as we were back then': Yearlong Duke rape case collapses

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Nearly a year after calling the rape accusations he and two Duke lacrosse teammates faced nothing but "fantastic lies," David Evans again stood before the cameras and proclaimed his innocence.

This time, there was no room for doubt. A few hours earlier, North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper hadn't just dismissed all the remaining criminal charges against Evans, Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty. He took the extra step of declaring the players innocent — the victims of a "tragic rush to accuse" by a rogue prosecutor who could be disbarred for his actions.

"This case shows the enormous consequences of overreaching by a prosecutor," Cooper said.

The attorney general took over the case in January from Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong, after the state bar charged Nifong with several ethics violations tied to his handling of the case. On Wednesday, Cooper said the state's investigation into a stripper's claim that she was sexually assaulted at a team party last spring found nothing to corroborate her story.

Midwest snowstorm closes Minnesota schools, grounds flights at Chicago airports

CHICAGO (AP) — Hundreds of airline flights were grounded Wednesday, a major league baseball game was called and six people were killed in accidents on icy roads as yet another spring snowstorm hit the upper Midwest.

"It's kind of flying sideways," hardware store owner Harvey Neu said in Menomonee Falls, Wis. "It's not like a gently falling snowfall."

The storm temporarily knocked out power for tens of thousands of households and businesses in the region.

More than 550 flights were canceled at O'Hare International Airport because of poor visibility.



Vonnegut

Ohio man charged with joining al-Qaida, alleged bomb plot

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A federal grand jury indicted a U.S. citizen on charges of joining al-Qaida and conspiring to bomb European tourist resorts and U.S. government facilities and military bases overseas.

Christopher Paul, 43, of Columbus, trained with al-Qaida in the early 1990s, the indictment issued Wednesday says. The indictment says he told al-Qaida members in Pakistan that he was dedicated to committing violent jihad.

Paul is charged with providing material support to terrorists, conspiracy to provide support to terrorists and conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction.

Fred Alverson, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Columbus, said Thursday that he couldn't comment further on the case.

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Spur puts a giddy-up in your ultralux saddle

By JIM MATEJA

Chicago Tribune

It can rocket from zero to 60 mph in less than 5 seconds and reach a top speed of 195 mph.

Slap sponsor decals all over the body panels and this thing could compete on the NASCAR circuit.

Well, maybe.

It's the Bentley Continental Flying Spur, the world's fastest sedan thanks to its 6-liter, 552-horsepower, 48-valve, twin-turbo V-12.

With the V-12 and 6-speed automatic and paddle shifting to manually whip through the gears if you like, the Flying Spur can outrun almost anything on the road, except, of course, a Lamborghini, Ferrari or gas pump.

That brings us to the 11 mpg city and 18 mpg highway mileage rating and the Flying Spur's \$3,700 gas-guzzler tax. Anyone who shops for a car with a \$169,990 base and a \$185,250 sticker when loaded with options probably wouldn't ask to see the gas/electric version.

The Flying Spur, according to Bentley spokesman Dave Reuter, is a machine created for celebrities, athletes, actors and CEOs and entrepreneurs to whom the car is "a reward for hard work and not meant to be flashy, showy or to broadcast their wealth."

The Flying Spur we test-drove was finished in — how should we say it? — "army green," a shade neither flashy nor showy. In fact, some looking at the wire-mesh grille thought it was a Chrysler 300, and others looking at its oval headlamps thought it was a Jaguar.

While it didn't broadcast its wealth, it also didn't let people know what the heck it was, which isn't too much to ask considering its \$185,250 sticker before tax.

Reuter said the typical buyer is 40 and earns about \$3 million annually. Men favor it for its speed, women for the back seat that allows them to haul friends or family.



When slipping behind the wheel to check out the cabin, there was a glaring problem, the Breitling timepiece (don't call it a clock, please) didn't work.

When informed that the Breitling was stuck at 11:15, Reuter said that, though regrettable, it was understandable.

"When you drive a Bentley," he said, "time stands still."

If the Bentley job doesn't work out, Reuter can always try out for America's Funniest Comic.

As for the car, needless to say, the 6-liter V-12 has power akin to a missile, necessary to muscle two tons, plus roughly the weight of a Sumo wrestler, away from the light or down the merge ramp. Thanks to standard electronic stability control and full-time all-wheel drive, there's no trouble controlling the weight.

There is a traditional ignition, but rather than turn a key, you push a starter button in the dash and the engine springs to life — providing you have the magical fob on you. If, however, you need to valet park, you can get a

separate key — for a mere \$290 — to leave with the attendant to slip into the ignition. That prevents him from using that magical fob, which also opens the massive trunk — oops, boot.

The suspension is appropriately regal, though it helps that the leather seats have roughly the same amount of cushion as a king-size bed.

The car tested had an optional \$8,940 Mulliner package. Mulliner is the name of the coach works that customizes the car for Bentley. For that bargain \$8,940, it replaces the 19-inch radials with 20-inch all-seasons and adds alloy gas/brake pedals, custom gearshift lever and diamond-stitched, quilted leather seats.

For \$290 more Mulliner went wild with a customized fuel filler cap, noteworthy for its price and the fact that it is so heavy that if dropped on a toe when refueling, you are going to spend the

next few weeks in the passenger seat, not the driver's.

The Flying Spur bowed for the 2006 model year. Sales topped 2,000, making it the highest-volume vehicle in the Bentley lineup. For 2007, sales are expected to range from 1,600 to 1,800 as the new 2007 Bentley Continental GTC convertible takes up the volume mantle.

Noteworthy touches include what Bentley calls "picnic tables" built into the backs of the front seats. Though called tables, they are fold-down slats of veneered wood just big enough to hold a cheeseburger, fries and shake.

Rear-seat room is limo like. The fold-down armrest comes with two slide-out cupholders so you don't have to use the tables and risk spilling during panic braking. There's a small, felt-lined stowage compartment under the armrest and a pull-open trunk, er, boot, pass-through above so

your skis can ride inside.

A few gripes. The power mirror controls are way off to the right of the center console, making them difficult to reach.

Another is that you can open the boot — we're getting the hang of this — by pressing the icon on the fob or the button in the door. However, those buttons won't get it to close. So you have to get out and press the button on the boot lid. Manual labor at \$185,000?

Standard equipment includes air suspension, performance tires, four-zone climate control, DVD navigation, 12-speaker audio system, Bluetooth hands-free phone system, CD player with six-disc changer in the glovebox, anti-lock brakes, side-curtain air bags and tire-pressure monitor.

2007 BENTLEY CONTINENTAL FLYING SPUR

Wheelbase: 120.6 inches

Length: 208.9 inches

Engine: 6-liter, 552-h.p., 48-valve, twin-turbo V-12

Transmission: 6-speed automatic, with manual shift paddles

Fuel economy: 11 mpg city/18 mpg highway

Price as tested:

\$185,250 *

The sticker

\$169,990 Base

(Add \$3,700 for gas-guzzler tax and \$2,595 for freight.)

\$8,940 Mulliner driving specification with 20-inch wheels and tires, drilled alloy pedals, custom gearshift lever and diamond-stitched, quilted leather seats

\$2,140 Veneered picnic tables on backs of front seats

\$1,040 Power sunroof \$990 Contrast stitching on seats, fascia and door panels

\$590 Boot (trunk) carpet

\$490 Deep pile carpet

\$490 Two-tone hide trim on steering wheel

\$290 Mulliner alloy fuel filler cap

\$290 Valet parking key

Pluses:

Oh, sooo fast.

Oh, sooo smooth ride

and sure-footed handling.

Electronic stability control

and full-time AWD standard.

Minuses:

Wire mesh grille looks a

bit like a Chrysler 300,

oval headlamps a little like

a Jaguar, so doesn't flaunt

being a \$200,000 wannabe.

The \$3,700 guzzler tithe.

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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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Contract Bridge

It's So Easy to Self-Destruct

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 7 3
 ♥ A Q 8 5 2
 ♦ J 9 4
 ♣ 6 5 2

WEST
 ♠ A Q J 9 5
 ♥ 6
 ♦ K 8 6 3
 ♣ J 10 7

EAST
 ♠ 10 8 4 2
 ♥ 9 7
 ♦ Q 10 7 2
 ♣ Q 9 4

SOUTH
 ♠ K 6
 ♥ K J 10 4 3
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ A K 8 3

The bidding:
 South 1♥ West 1♣ North 2♥ East Pass

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Assume you get to four hearts on the bidding shown and West leads the jack of clubs. How would you play the hand?

When the deal occurred, declarer won the club with the ace, drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and led a low club. When East produced the nine, South took it with the king (if he hadn't, East's nine would have won the trick). Then, for want of anything better to do, declarer exited with a club to East's queen.

East's spade return was covered by the king and ace, whereupon West

cached the queen of spades and shifted to a diamond. South still had to lose a diamond trick and so finished down one.

Declarer would have made the contract had he played more carefully. He could see at the outset that he had a club, a diamond and two spades to lose, except in the unlikely event that East had the ace of spades.

His only real hope, therefore, was to find the clubs divided 3-3, in which case a spade loser could eventually be discarded from dummy on South's fourth club. Even this would not succeed, though, if East gained the lead while the long club was being established.

To neutralize this threat, declarer should have allowed West's jack of clubs to hold the first trick! Having done this, South would have had no difficulty emerging with 10 tricks. His only losers would have been a club, a spade and a diamond.

Note that as the cards lie, no defense can defeat four hearts after the jack of clubs is led. If East plays his queen on the jack, South wins with the ace, draws trumps and leads a club from dummy.

If East follows with the four, declarer plays the eight to achieve the winning position. If East instead plays the nine, South wins and concedes a trick to West's ten to bring the contract home.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

The recent rain reminds us that water is important. Plants, animals and people must have water in order to survive. A shortage of water leads to unhealthy life; an absence of water leads to death.

We need water in order to survive spiritually. While speaking to a woman at a well, Jesus said, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. (John 4:13-14)

What about you? Is your heart parched? Does your attitude need refreshing? Is our outlook on life drying up? Why not come to Jesus and drink deeply of the living water? It really is the difference between life and death.

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11:30 PM	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman Late Late	12 Corazones IAI Rojo Vivo!	Late Night-:40 Movie: Conan O'Brien Apex			Sign Off	Man vs. Wild (CC)		Wild World	In Living Color	In Living Color That's-Raven	Phil of Future Kim Possible	NASCAR Now	Baseball Tonight	
12:30 AM	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Paid Program	El Privilegio de Amar	Malcolm-Mid. My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider			Update/Israel Light-World			Man vs. Wild (CC)	:45 Movie:	Live at Gotham	Inside the NBA (CC)	BET After Dark (CC)	Proud Family Sister, Sister	U.S. Poker Championship	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

DENNIS THE MENACE



"GEE, YOU'D THINK I WAS THE FIRST KID TO EVER SPILL GRAPE JUICE ON A BRAND-NEW CARPET."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Jeffy accidentally hit me, so I accidentally hit him back."

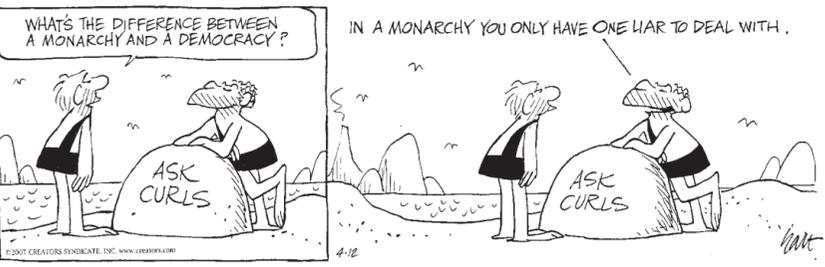
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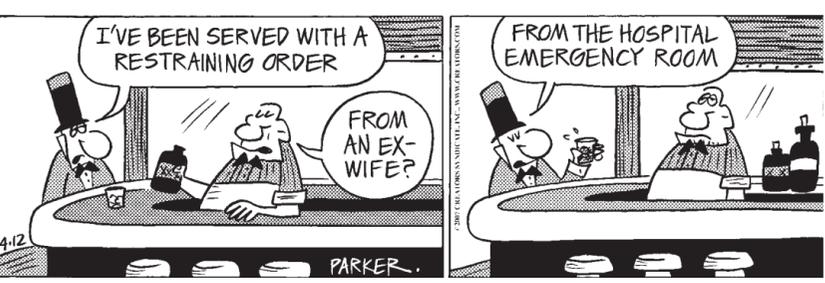
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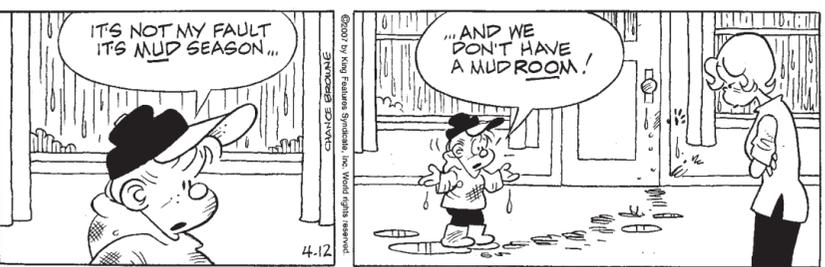
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 12, the 102nd day of 2007. There are 263 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 12, 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

On this date:

In 1606, England's King James I decreed the design of the original Union Flag, which combined the flags of England and Scotland.

In 1776, North Carolina's Fourth Provincial Congress adopted the Halifax Resolves, which authorized the colony's delegates to the Continental Congress to support independence from Britain.

In 1862, Union volunteers led by James J. Andrews stole a Confederate train near Marietta, Ga., but were later caught. (This episode

inspired the classic Buster Keaton silent comedy "The General.")

In 1877, the catcher's mask was first used in a baseball game, by James Tyng of Harvard in a game against the Lynn Live Oaks.

In 1934, "Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published in book form by Charles Scribner's Sons (it had been serialized in Scribner's Magazine).

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral on its first test flight.

In 1983, Chicagoans went to the polls to elect Harold

Washington the city's first black mayor.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Ned Miller is 82. Actress Jane Withers is 81. Opera singer Montserrat Caballe is 74. Actor Charles Napier is 71. Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 67. Actor Frank Bank ("Leave It to Beaver") is 65. Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 63. Actor Ed O'Neill is 61. Author Tom Clancy is 60. Actor Dan Lauria is 60. Talk show host David Letterman is 60. Author Scott Turow is 58. Singer David Cassidy is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer JD Nicholas (The Commodores) is 55. Singer Pat Travers is 53.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

COLLECTIBLES by Randall J. Hartman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Coal containers
 - 5 Sign of healing
 - 9 Wild
 - 14 Garfield's pal
 - 15 Israeli dance
 - 16 Spin doctor's concern
 - 17 Marcel Marceau, e.g.
 - 18 Geologic divisions
 - 19 Locations
 - 20 Finalizes one's itinerary, maybe
 - 23 Pigs' place
 - 24 Capote, to friends
 - 25 Country crooner Greenwood
 - 26 Put down, in the 'hood
 - 29 Director Craven
 - 30 Wine region of Italy
 - 32 Actor Davis
 - 35 Support
 - 36 Draft rating
 - 37 Lets into the country, perhaps
 - 40 Summer destination
 - 41 Some nest eggs
 - 42 Does damage to
 - 43 Tropical bugs
 - 45 Baby boxer
 - 46 Spanish king
 - 47 Inventor's monogram
 - 48 ___ Alamos, NM
 - 49 Trophy shape
 - 52 Creates memorable words

- 55 Large quantity
- 58 "Phooey!"
- 59 Syndicated DJ Don
- 60 Clear thinking
- 61 Biblical twin
- 62 Furniture wood
- 63 Lorna ___
- 64 Roan's restraint
- 65 Fellow fighter

- DOWN**
- 1 Performs poorly
 - 2 Dostoyevsky title character
 - 3 Spock portrayer
 - 4 Search for
 - 5 They make the cut
 - 6 Greek island
 - 7 Asia's ___ Sea
 - 8 Important churches
 - 9 Caught porgy and bass
 - 10 Send forth
 - 11 Stool pigeon
 - 12 Geologic division
 - 13 Guitarist Paul
 - 21 Like the face of El Capitan
 - 22 Nerds
 - 26 Blood-drive participant
 - 27 Nonreactive
 - 28 GNP and CPI
 - 29 Namby-pamby
 - 30 Pablo's potatoes
 - 31 Finish
 - 32 One of a Katharine Hepburn quartet
 - 33 Fixed look
 - 34 Pal of Frank and Dean
 - 35 Boilermaker maker
 - 38 Egyptian peninsula
 - 39 "Be quiet!"
 - 44 Right now
 - 45 Toy with a cork
 - 48 Hawaiian island
 - 49 Saharan transport
 - 50 Quite ordinary
 - 51 Troublesome
 - 52 Something to raise
 - 53 Enclosure with a MS
 - 54 Singer Coolidge
 - 55 Former
 - 56 Whisper sweet nothings
 - 57 It may be inflated with hot air

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