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## ON TO AREA CONTEST



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Thad Loftis, left, and Jason Worthington practice a scene from "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" in the Big Spring High School Auditorium Wednesday afternoon. The BSHS Drama Department will perform the play at the University Interscholastic League Area One-Act Play Contest Friday at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

## 'Absurdist comedy' to take one-act stage Friday at Tech

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

For the fourth year in a row, Big Spring High School Drama Department students are trying to take their act to Austin, but first must find out if they're a hit in Lubbock.

The BSHS thespians will perform "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" at the University

Interscholastic League Area One-Act Play competition at the Allen Theater on the Texas Tech University campus Friday afternoon. The locals hope this is the first of two stops en route to qualifying for the state one-act play contest next month in Austin.

Big Spring qualified for the state contest in 2005, but failed to advanced past the area level of competition the following year.

Returning to Austin is an admitted goal, but everyone involved understands the subjective nature of judging.

"We think it's a state-quality show, but we're going to try not to be too upset if it doesn't happen," BSHS Drama Department Instructor Tracie Lindsey said. "We know it's only one person

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## DNA evidence led to jailer's arrest Tuesday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

DNA evidence led to Tuesday's arrest of a former Big Spring Police Department jailer for sexual assault by a public servant, according to investigators.

Lawrence Wayne Hein, 43, of 811 S. Runnels, was arrested at his home Tuesday at 3:36 p.m. and charged with sexual assault by a public servant.

Texas Ranger Don Williams, the investigator in charge of the case, said the arrest came after DNA evidence in the case was confirmed by Department of Public Safety labs.

"The complaint was received July 14, 2006,"



Williams

*"There are still a few minor investigative details to wrap up.*

*But for the most part, the case will be in the hands of the district attorney. He will have to decide where to go with the case from here."*

said Williams. "The police department requested an outside

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## Sunrise service planned Easter at amphitheater

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

Howard County residents — and those beyond the county's borders — are invited to a celebration Sunday morning in the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

The event is the Community Easter Sunrise Service, and it is open to all denominations.

The reason for the celebration is recognition by Christians of the resurrection of Christ.

"You have the Christian community coming together to celebrate the resurrection, coming as the women did, to the tomb and coming early and finding it early.

Which means we are celebrating the fact that Christ is alive and risen," said Jim Wright, music minister for the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

First UMC is organizing the event.

"We have been participating in this for the past seven years and have organized it, but it belongs to all churches," said Wright.

In fact, letters were sent to 79 churches in the Big Spring area, to let their congregations know about the event, which will begin at 7 a.m.

First UMC pastor Dr. Shane Brue will deliver the message and will be

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### MCCORMICK RECEPTION

A reception for former lady bullfighter and former Big Spring resident Patricia McCormick will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Heritage Museum. Refreshments will be served.

The event will be a come-and-go activity though persons planning on attending should be aware that a documentary on McCormick designed by Tumbleweed Smith will be shown at 6:30 p.m.

McCormick was the first American female bullfighter and the only woman ever admitted to the Matador's Union of Mexico.

### EASTER EGG HUNT SET

Laumen-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home will hold an Easter egg hunt for children ages 0-12 at 2:15 p.m. Friday on the facility's grounds. Some 60,000 plastic eggs containing candy and coupons will be placed for children to find.

Among the special prizes will be two bicycles and several Easter baskets. Free hot dogs and hamburgers will be served as long as they last.

Other activities include three fire trucks for the children to view and two trains to ride.

Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is no charge to attend the activities.

### VETERAN OF THE MONTH

A reception for Wayne Bonner, a U.S. Army World War II veteran of 1943-1945, will be held at 6 p.m. today at Hangar 25 Air Museum. Bonner is the museum's Veteran of the Month for April.

The reception will be held in the museum Briefing Room.

Veteran of the Month receptions are open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about the Veteran of the Month series or other activities at Hangar 25 Air Museum, call 264-1999.



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## IN BRIEF

### Relay for Life Volleyball Tourney

Saturday, April 7 there will be a volleyball tournament at the Goliad Gym for Relay for Life.

Registration will start at 10 a.m. and the first game will be played at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$5 per player and each team will consist of three boys and three girls.

The tournament is open to all age groups.

### Big Spring needs ump's for season

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

If interested, call Bradley Garrison at 213-1300.

### Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring Teens Baseball League is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the league this year.

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

### Astros drop three straight to Pirates

The Pittsburgh Pirates want to prove they're a good team.

If first impressions count, they've certainly helped their cause.

Jose Bautista drove in three runs to help the Pirates cap a three-game sweep of the Houston Astros with a 5-4 come-from-behind win Wednesday night.

Pittsburgh, which opened last season with six straight losses, is 3-0 for the first time since 2003 and left Houston with its first three-game sweep since way back in 1991.

### Rangers swept; 0-3 start again

Ervin Santana held Texas to four hits in seven innings, Gary Matthews Jr. robbed Michael Young of a home run with a leaping catch in center and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Rangers 5-3 Wednesday for only the fourth 3-0 start in franchise history.

The Angels outscored the Rangers 17-7 and left Texas rookie manager Ron Washington looking for his first victory.

Los Angeles took a 4-0 lead in the first off Brandon McCarthy (0-1), with two of the runs unearned because of shortstop Michael Young's error. Vladimir Guerrero singled home one run and Garret Anderson doubled in another.

Santana (1-0) gave up two runs and four hits in seven innings with six strikeouts, and Francisco Rodriguez pitched the ninth for his second save.

## Coahoma drops to second place



Donnie Garcia pitched seven innings in the Coahoma loss to Anson Wednesday night. The Bulldogs committed four errors that led to three Tiger runs in the 6-5 loss.

### Tigers take 2 game lead over Bulldogs in district race

**MIKE GRIMES**

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The highly anticipated pitchers duel between Coahoma's Donnie Garcia and Anson's Elijah Ramos never materialized. Instead, errors marred the game and paved the way for Anson to escape town with a 6-5 win and a two game district lead over the second place Bulldogs.

Trailing 1-0 in the top of the third inning, the Tigers scored three runs — two of which were unearned — and took a brief lead over the Bulldogs. Coahoma fought back — aided by two errors from Anson's infield — and tied the game at three apiece.

For the game the Tigers were able to score three unearned runs on four Bulldog errors.

"I believe that Donnie pitched well enough to win tonight," Bulldogs skipper Brad Harmon said. "Half of their runs were unearned and he held them scoreless over the final two innings. Pitching was not our problem tonight."

In the top of the fifth Coahoma had a one-run lead, but with two outs and a runner on third,

Anson got a blast to center field to tie the score. The next batter popped up to the shortstop, but an error allowed the ball to drop to the grass and allowed another run to score.

In the bottom half of the inning Ramos was replaced by his twin brother — Josh Ramos. With two outs and nobody on, Collin McMillan redeemed himself for the infield error by delivering a towering shot that cleared the left field wall. Once again the score was tied — 5-5.

"If you can't throw the ball and catch the ball — if you can't field a pop fly," Harmon fumed, "then you don't deserve to win. You are not going to win many games playing like that and we're sure not going to beat a good ball club like Anson making those silly errors. Anson made us pay for our mistakes and that's why we lost."

"We hit the ball pretty well and we pitched well. We just didn't play good defense and that turned out to be the difference tonight. Now we're in second place and two games back."

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## Bulldogettes bash Lady Tigers, 14-3

**MIKE GRIMES**

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Amy Martinez went five strong innings for Coahoma and Christie Rich went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead the Bulldogettes to a 14-3 win over the Anson Lady Tigers.

Coahoma (16-5 and 6-1 in district) is ranked No. 1 in its district and continues to play solid defense and swing the hot bats. The Bulldogettes scored one in the bottom of the first inning and eight in the second to take a commanding 9-0 lead. Martinez retired the first eight batters she faced and kept the Lady Tigers offense quiet for most of the day.

The Bulldogettes threatened to end the game after three innings, but they failed to score enough runs in the third inning to have the game called.

"We were trying to work on hitting the ball back up the middle today and not pulling the ball as much," Bulldogettes head coach Tracy Tadlock said. "Even against a weaker pitcher ... we were able to hit the ball back up the middle. That tells me that we're seeing the ball better and that we're being more disciplined in the batters box. That's what we wanted to do coming into the game and I am very



Laci Sterling hits a single to right field in the bottom of the first inning in the Coahoma victory over Anson Wednesday night. Sterling plays second base and bats clean-up for the 6-1 Bulldogettes.

pleased with our results."

Krista Kerby, the Bulldogettes speedy center fielder, went 2-for-4 from the plate — including a leadoff triple that set the stage.

In the second inning Coahoma batted around and slapped four

doubles off the Anson starter.

By the fifth inning, the only question was if the Lady Tigers could keep from having the game called due to the 10 run rule. Down 14-2, Anson exploited a Bulldogettes error to trim the

lead to 11. However, with two runners on base, Martinez got the game ending ground ball to get out of the jam.

Laci Sterling had three hits and

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Ben Crenshaw watches his drive fly from a tee box at last year's Masters.

## Crenshaw has early Masters lead

By **EDDIE PELLIS**

AP National Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Ben Crenshaw woke up early and turned back the clock Thursday, taking the early Masters lead on a super-sized course that was supposed to leave oldtimers like him far behind.

The 55-year-old, two-time champion played shots he probably never would have imagined when he last won at Augusta in 1995 — an emotional week he devoted to his longtime teacher, Harvey Penick, who had died shortly before the tournament.

Gentle Ben used a 5-wood for his second shot on the 455-yard first hole, but got the ball to the green and

safely two-putted.

He used the traditional three shots to reach the par-5 second — normally a two-shot hole for the big hitters — and waited nearly 10 minutes to putt, after Davis Love III and John Kelly batted it around the green for a while.

But Crenshaw made that putt for birdie, then made par on the next two holes and was at 1-under par after four.

With about 25 players on the course — not including Tiger Woods or defending champion Phil Mickelson — Crenshaw was tied with Tim Clark for the lead.

The tournament kicked off when Arnold Palmer hit the ceremonial tee shot

from a first teebox that used to be the practice green.

Palmer's shot into the left rough, about 100 yards short and on the opposite side of the fairway from the bunker that's in play for the big hitters.

"That little draw off that first tee kept me out of the sand trap up there," Palmer joked.

For plenty of other players, that sand trap will be well in play on the first hole.

It was all part of the plan when the powers at Augusta started expanding their course — first in 1999 and again in 2002 and 2006. They got tired of watching

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# Obituaries

## Jim Thurman



My husband in love for 31 years, Jim Thurman, died Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 5:41 p.m., at Capulin, N.M., after a brief illness. His funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, April 6, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jim was born in Dallas, but lived the majority of his adult life in the Abilene and Big Spring areas. He worked in the oilfield as a driller for 25 years then worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor at the Big Spring State Hospital until he retired. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Thurman and eight children, James Michael Thurman and wife Carleen of Franklin, Tenn., Donna White of Dewey, Ariz., Barbara Driscoll and husband Patrick of San Antonio, Richard Thurman of Cheyenne, Wyo., Netha Rodriguez and husband Edward of Big Spring, Ina Bryan and husband Glenn of Tyrone, Okla., Christi Jones and husband Brant of Grapevine and Colby Thurman of Three Rivers. He is also survived by a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ina Whitaker, and one granddaughter, Barbara Jean White.

Pallbearers will be Andy Gann, Daniel Rodriguez, Heath Rodriguez, Jason Andrews, Richard Thurman and Robert Danley. Honorary pallbearers will be Richard Danley, Jason Rodriguez and Joseph Rodriguez. Paw-bearers will be Beauty, Bear, Pookie and Snickers.

The family suggests memorials to the Memorial and Honor Program-F, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

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*

# Support Groups

## THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

# Take Note

• **ANGELFOOD ORDERS** for April will be taken Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at North Birdwell Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. For more information, contact 267-2203 or 267-4082.

• **MAURICES RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM** will hold a bake sale Saturday from 10 a.m. until all items are sold. The store is located east of Wal-Mart Supercenter off FM 700.

• **A MEDICAL EXPENSE FUND** has been set up at State National Bank for Phyllis Jones, who will undergo a bone marrow transplant in Dallas on April 8. Phyllis has worked at Elrod's for the past three years. Her husband, Jerry, works at Higginbotham-Bartlett. Your prayers and financial support are appreciated by the family.

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

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

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volun-

# Police blotter

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

- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 42, of Colorado City, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn.
- **BURGLARY OR A VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION WITH INTENT TO COMMIT OTHER FELONY** was reported in the 600 block of San Antonio.

# Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 49 inmates at the time of this report.
- **STEPHEN HEATH GREGORY**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **LAWRENCE WAYNE HEIN**, 43, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of sexual assault.

# Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 900 block of Goliad.

# Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-10-27-35-42-54. Number matching six of six: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$75 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-11-14-21. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$27,375. Winning ticket sold in: Amarillo.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-8

# Bulletin Board

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

## TODAY

- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

## FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild will not meet today.
- 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.
- Texas State Veterans Home Easter Egg Hunt, 2:15 p.m. for children age 0-12.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

## SATURDAY

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

## MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

# Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the lower 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Colder. Highs in the lower 40s. Northeast winds around 15 mph.

Saturday night...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 50s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Monday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

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**Former OU lineman criticizes punishment as 'harsh'**

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A former Oklahoma football player who was kicked off the team with former quarterback Rhett Bomar says he believes his dismissal was unfair.

Former offensive lineman J.D. Quinn and Bomar were permanently dismissed from the team the day before the start of practice last fall for taking money for hours they did not work at a Norman auto dealership.

Quinn, who transferred to Montana, told the Tulsa World he didn't understand why he and Bomar were kicked off the team Aug. 2.

"All I did was take cash," Quinn said. "I didn't break any laws and I get kicked off the team, but there's people on the team that are breaking laws and failing drug tests and stuff like that, and there's nobody getting kicked off the team for that type of stuff."

Quinn declined to provide details of his allegations about other players, but said it was not neces-

sarily about players on the OU team.

"I was just saying around the country. I wasn't saying it in the context of Oklahoma. There's just people I've heard of doing things."

Bomar, now at Sam Houston State, declined comment through a university spokesman.

OU football coach Bob Stoops also declined comment, other than associate athletic director Kenny Mossman saying, "the university has turned over all of our material to the NCAA and we stand by that dialogue."

OU goes before the NCAA Infractions Committee in Indianapolis on April 14 to defend itself on an allegation that the university failed to adequately monitor the employment of athletes at the Norman car dealership.

A university investigation determined Quinn was paid \$8,137.17 and Bomar \$7,406.88 beyond the hours they actually



MCT photo/Tom Pennington/KRT  
**Texas Longhorn defensive end Brian Robison (39) sacks Oklahoma Sooners quarterback Rhett Bomar (7) in the 2005 Texas vs. Oklahoma game.**

worked.

The NCAA forbids student-athletes from receiving benefits that are not also available to non-student-athletes, including benefits from off-campus employment.

Both players were ordered to pay restitution to a charity of their choice as terms of their

reinstatement.

Quinn, of Garland, Texas, said he donated \$5,000 to the Dallas chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and will donate the remainder of his restitution to the same foundation when he gets the money.

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An earned run in the sixth inning gave the Tigers the lead for good.

Ramos, the relief pitcher, shut the Bulldogs down the rest of the way and finished off the bottom of the seventh inning by retiring the side in order with two K's. The last was a called third strike against the Bulldogs leading hitter, Dakota Teaff.

"Eight of our players on this team have been playing for me for four years now and I think I know them pretty well," Harmon added. "I have no doubt that they will pull together and find a way to get this team heading in the right direction. When everything is said and done, these seniors are going to have us right where we want to be."

"Tonight did not end like we would have liked, but this team has a lot of character and I have faith in these players. They can and will turn it around."

**COAHOMA**

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two RBI's and Megan Conley had a stand-up triple off the right field wall to drive in Coahoma's final two runs.

"Martinez was very effective today," Tadlock

added. "There are times when she has trouble with her command and with finding the strike zone, but today she looked good. I was certainly pleased with her performance."

The Bulldogettes will travel to Haskel tonight for a 7 p.m. district game.

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players drive over that trap that Palmer joked about, to say nothing of all the other holes that were being overpowered and turned into pitch-and-chip displays.

"They saw Tiger emasculate the golf course, they saw him hitting sand wedge and pitching wedge two times each on 17, and they said they didn't want people doing that anymore," two-time Masters champion Tom Watson said Wednesday.

Woods had a late afternoon tee time Thursday, while Mickelson was set to go late

morning.

They were the two most obvious favorites on a course that used to be a great equalizer — favoring flat sticks over flat bellies — but has since become a power player's track.

It was Tiger's 12-stroke victory in 1997 that helped bring about changes that have, in many opinions, eliminated all but the biggest hitters from having a real chance on this 7,445-yard course.

Woods and Mickelson have won five of the last six Masters, and the shorter hitters have been left to wonder if they're only field-fillers, not true contenders.

"Since they lengthened the

golf course, the golf course plays to their advantage," said two-time winner Jose Maria Olazabal. "The longer the golf course, the better it is for the longer hitters."

On that short list would also be Ernie Els and Vijay Singh. Henrik Stenson is a popular choice this year and Geoff Ogilvy gained credibility with his U.S. Open win.

Paul Goydos and Scott Verplank? Probably not gonna happen.

"It can be done," Verplank said. "But it does put a handful of guys at a much greater advantage, and those guys all hit the ball farther than I do. I was playing a practice round

with Davis Love III, and he's launching it 300 yards to the top of the hill on the first hole. I'm just hoping I can see the green."

The only assist the little guys might get is from the weather.

Unlike some recent slogfests, where rain and muck softened things up and took away all the roll, dry, sunny and cool conditions are expected this week. Palmer teed with temperatures in the 40s.

The King at the first hole marked the return of a tradition — having former champions start the tournament — that went on hiatus after Sam Snead's death in 2002.

At first, Palmer was reluctant

to take on a ceremonial role when he called it quits after the 2004 tournament. He hadn't been competitive in years, but the saddest moment came when he realized he couldn't even keep it respectable on the expanded course. He hit driver-driver on No. 18, his last competitive hole at Augusta.

"It's a hard bullet to swallow when you see the guys hitting the ball as far as they are and playing the kind of golf they are, and to know that you're not going to do that anymore," Palmer said. "And I've known it for a number of years now."

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# HOWARD COLLEGE HAPPENINGS



**Diaken Asawaka, a ceramics artist from UTPB, held a demonstration workshop for the beginning wheel throwing students at Howard College recently. Asakasa was born in Japan and schooled in Vancouver, Canada, California, Texas, and Washington State for his master's degree. At right, Mike Abusaab presents a \$3,000 Sonic Scholarship check to Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College. The check will be placed in the college's foundation scholarship fund.**

Courtesy photos



## DNA

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agency handle the investigation, and the case was taken over by Texas Ranger Jeremy Wallace. Wallace, who was in charge of Howard County at the time, transferred out and the case was passed on to me.

"Evidence had already been sent to the DPS lab at that time, and when I received the analysis I was able to get a warrant to get DNA standards from the suspect. The

results were returned after about a month and we were able to get an arrest warrant for the suspect."

Williams said the alleged victim in the case was an inmate at the BSPD jail at the time of the assault.

"There are still a few minor investigative details to wrap up," said Williams. "But for the most part, the case will be in the hands of the district attorney. He will have to decide where to go with the case from here."

Williams said the

lengthy investigation was necessary due to laboratory analysis.

"For the most part, it takes at least a month to get results back from the state labs," said Williams. "In this case, we had to wait several times for several different results. That's why it has taken so long to wrap up the investigation."

According to Robin Orr, assistant district attorney, the charge is a state jail felony, punishable by 180 days to two years in a state correctional facility and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

## EASTER

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assisted in prayer and scripture by the Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor of the First Christian Church.

Centered in Praise, an ensemble, will provide

music and a duet will be sung by Big Spring Junior High choir director Ruth Jackson and her son, Jonathan.

Those attending will be invited to hymns. Lyrics and a schedule of activities will be handed out to those who go. The service

is expected to last about 45 minutes.

"Dress appropriately. In the past we have had some very cold weather and the forecast looks a lot better this time. This may be the warmest sunrise service we've had in Big Spring," said Wright.

## ONE-ACT

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judging our show and it might not be to his or her taste."

"I think all we can take care of ... is bringing our best show," said senior Cody Carnes, who plays Guildenstern. "If we do that, and we still don't advance, we'll be disappointed, but it's all we can do."

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern" is an absurdist comedy focusing on two minor characters in a traveling troupe performing "Hamlet," but Lindsey said that description doesn't do the show justice.

"It's very absurdist and very hard to explain," she said. "If you've read 'Hamlet,' you'll get it; it'll be a lot easier to follow ... It's a real over-the-top, physical comedy, so we

have a good chance to stand out (at the area contest)."

"It's over-the-top chaos," said senior Nick Ross, who portrays Rosencrantz. "Everything happens to these two guys who have no idea what's going on."

Admission to Friday's contest will be \$10 and no babies or small children will be admitted, Lindsey said.

BSSH will perform fifth out of six schools Friday, a schedule Lindsey and her students prefer.

"It's good to be next to

last. That way, we'll be fresher in the judge's mind," Lindsey said.

Regardless, the locals are ready to give it their best shot.

"This year, we're doing everything we can to make sure we're not denied — on any level," Ross said.

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Geronimo "Lupe" Gonzales, 77, died Monday. Funeral Services were at 11:00 AM Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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## Police: New Mexico man involved in shootout arrested in Big Spring

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A New Mexico man injured in a shoot-out with police officers in his home state was arrested Sunday afternoon after seeking medical attention at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Yrenio Carrera, 23, of Artesia, N.M., was arrested Sunday afternoon on New Mexico warrants after local police officials say he walked into the SMMC Emergency Room with a gunshot wound to the chest.

"He was incredibly lucky the bullet didn't hit anything vital," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department. "Doctors at the hospital immediately

notified us about the gunshot wound, and we found out he had been involved in a shoot-out with police in New Mexico.

"There was a warrant for his arrest, so we took him into custody immediately after he was released from the hospital. He was sent back to New Mexico later Sunday afternoon."

Carrera had traveled from the location of the shooting in New Mexico to Big Spring before stopping, according to Everett.

Everett said details concerning Carrera's altercation with New Mexico authorities was not readily available.

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- Wednesday Evening (7:00 p.m.)

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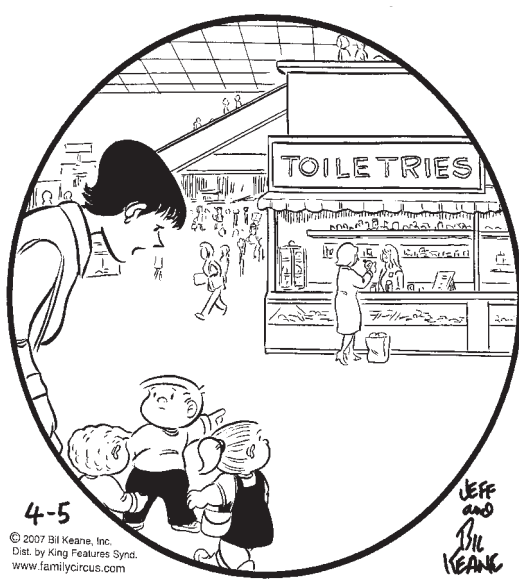
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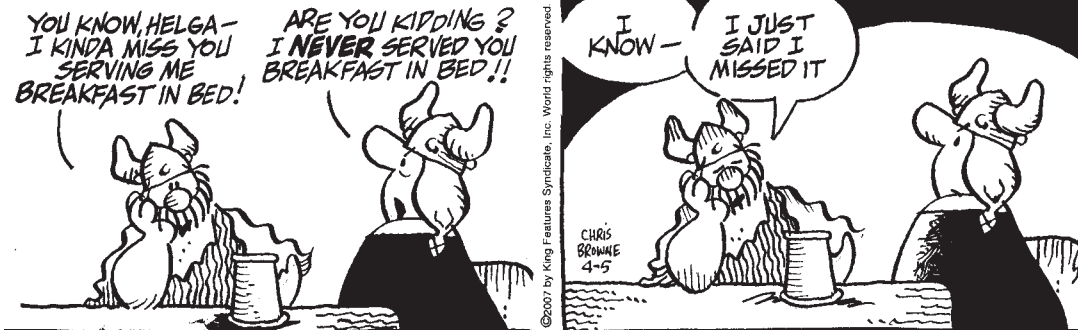
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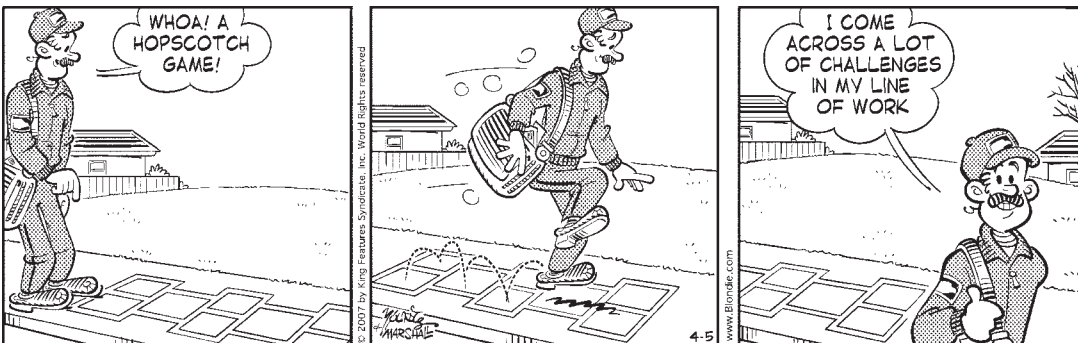


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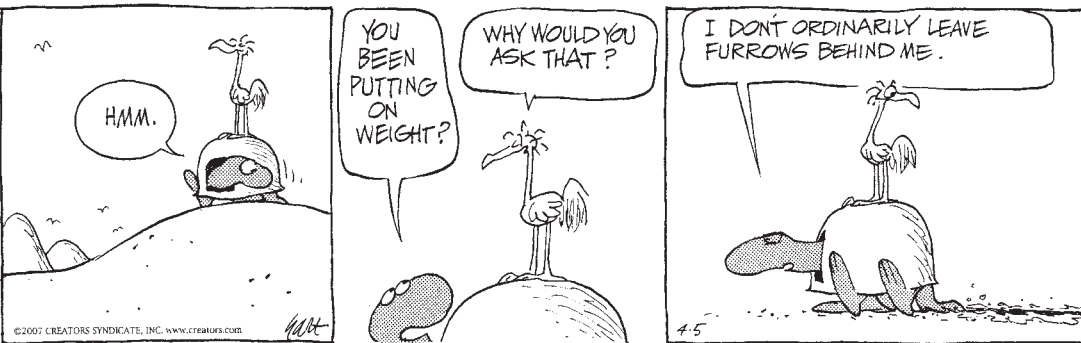
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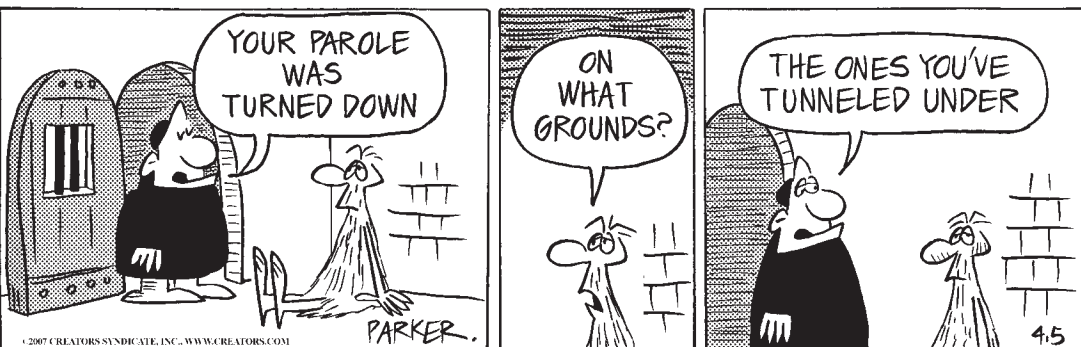
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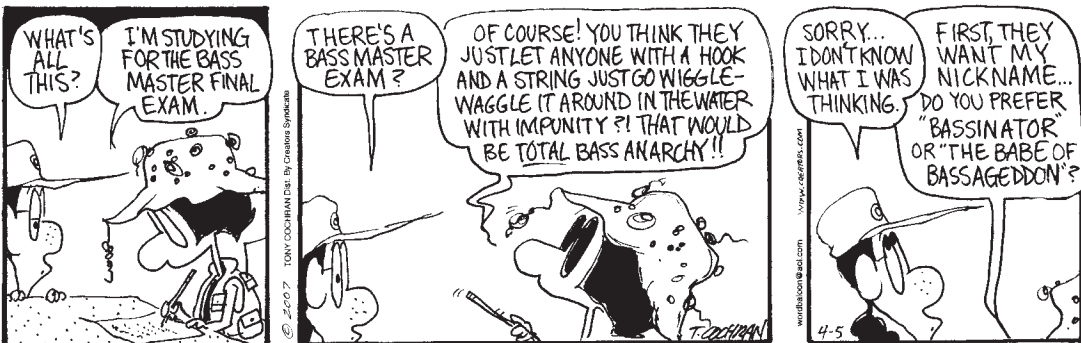
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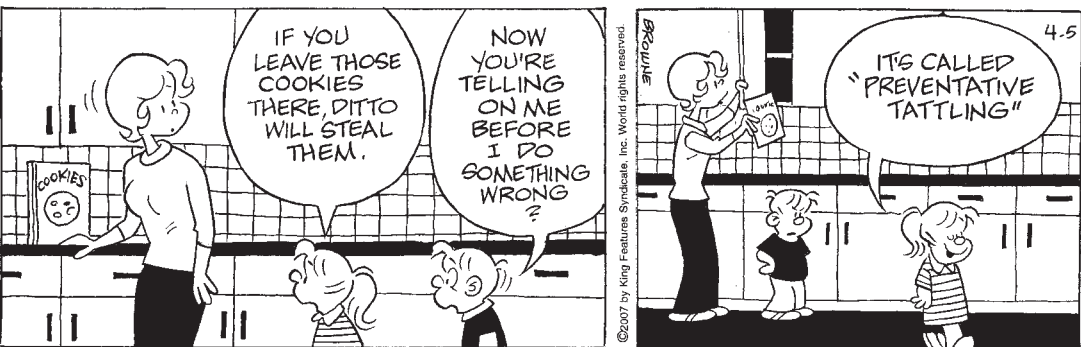
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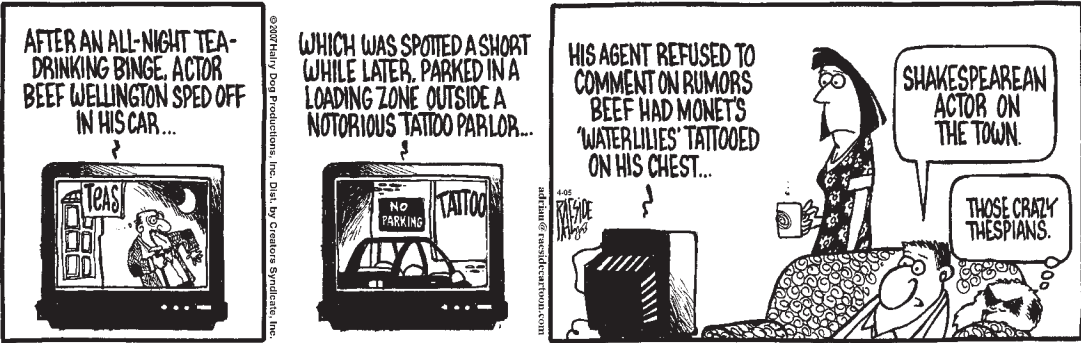
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**This Date In History**

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On April 5, 1792, George Washington cast the first presidential veto, rejecting a congressional measure for apportioning representatives among the states.

On this date:  
In 1614, American Indian princess Pocahontas married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia.  
In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, Mass., on a return trip to England.  
In 1887, British historian Lord Acton wrote, "All power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."  
In 1887, in Tuscumbia, Ala., teacher Anne Sullivan taught her blind and deaf pupil, Helen Keller, the word "water" as spelled out

in the Manual Alphabet.  
In 1895, Oscar Wilde lost his criminal libel case against the Marquess of Queensberry, who'd accused the writer of homosexual practices.  
In 1986, an American soldier and a Turkish woman were killed in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque, an incident which prompted the U.S. air raid on Libya more than a week later.  
In 1987, Fox Broadcasting Co. made its prime time TV debut by airing the premiere episodes of "Married... With Children" and "The Tracey Ullman Show" three times each.  
Five years ago: The coffin of the Queen Mother Elizabeth was carried through the heart of London on a gun carriage as Britain honored the woman whose life spanned a tumultuous century of upheaval and change.  
Today's Birthdays: Actress Gale Storm is 85. Movie producer Roger Corman is 81. Country music producer Cowboy Jack Clement is 76. Former Secretary of State

Colin Powell is 70. Country singer Tommy Cash is 67. Actor Michael Moriarty is 66. Writer-director Peter Greenaway is 65. Actor Max Gail is 64. Actress Jane Asher is 61. Singer Agnetha Faltskog (ABBA) is 57. Actor Mitch Pileggi is 55. Rock musician Mike McCready (Pearl Jam) is 41. Singer Paula Cole is 39. Country singer Pat Green is 35. Rapper-producer Pharrell Williams is 34.  
Thought for Today: "I realized a long time ago that a belief which does not spring from a conviction in the emotions is no belief at all."  
— Evelyn Scott, American author (1893-1963).

Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

**PARTS IN MOVIES** by Norma Steinberg  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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| <b>ACROSS</b>             | <b>DOWN</b>                   |
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| 5 Stumble                 | 2 Analyze grammatically       |
| 9 Bandleader Artie        | 3 Evolve                      |
| 13 "I did it!"            | 4 Sitarist Shankar            |
| 14 Witch                  | 5 Luigi's three               |
| 15 Tibetan priest         | 6 Bellows                     |
| 16 Mel Gibson film of '95 | 7 Memo line                   |
| 18 Heroic                 | 8 Place to buy birds          |
| 19 Have dreams            | 9 Tackiness                   |
| 20 Molds again            | 10 Robin Williams film of '06 |
| 22 Nonetheless            | 11 Gallic girlfriend          |
| 23 Catches on to          | 12 WWII servicewomen          |
| 25 Indistinct             | 14 Gorgonzola, e.g.           |
| 26 Kennedy mom            | 17 And so                     |
| 27 Quite sad              | 21 Brings to a stop           |
| 30 Cushy                  | 24 Ones from Waco             |
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| 35 LAX stat               | 27 Use the backspace          |
| 36 Puts into alignment    | 28 Some southwesterners       |
| 38 Time Warner div.       | 29 Lord's wife                |
| 39 Exceed the limit       | 30 Fret                       |
| 41 Poetic contraction     | 31 Three-layer cookie         |
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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 80833**

**APPLICATION** Alon USA, LP, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 80833, which would authorize Maintenance, Startup and Shutdown activities at the Big Spring Refinery located on Interstate Highway 20 at Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility will emit the following contaminants: hydrogen sulfide, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, and particulate matter. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 9, 2007. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive

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director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, and executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**INFORMATION** Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ,

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P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from Alon USA, LP, P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1311 or by calling Mr. Weinan Chen, Ph. D., Senior Environmental Engineer at (432)263-9214. Issuance Date: March 22, 2007

**COMISION DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS AVISO DE RECEPCION DE SOLICITUD E INTENCION DE OBTENER PERMISO ATMOSFERICO PERMISO PROPUUESTO NUM. 8083 DE CALIDAD ATMOSFERICA**

**SOLICITUD** Alon USA, L.P., P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas 79720, ha solicitado a la Comision de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) por sus siglas en ingles) para autorizar un Permiso Num. 80833 de Calidad Atmosferica, el cual autoriza mantenimiento, inicializacion, cierre actividad (maintenance, startup, and shutdown activities) en un Big Spring Refinery, Interstate Highway 20 @ Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard Condado, Texas. La planta existente, emitira los siguientes contaminantes atmosfericos: sulfuro de hidrogeno (H2S), compuesto organicos, SO2, (oxidos de azufre), NOx (oxidos de nitrogeno), oxido de carbono (CO) y materia en particulas (PM).

Esta solicitud se le presento a TCEQ el Enero 9, 2007. La solicitud esta disponible en la oficina central de TCEQ, para revisarla y sacarle copia, en la oficina regional de TCEQ en Midland y Howard County Library, 500 South Main, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. El expediente de cumplimiento de la planta, si existe alguno, esta disponible para su revision en la oficina regional de TCEQ en Midland.

El director ejecutivo del TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud esta administrativamente completa y llevara a cabo una revision tecnico de la solicitud.

**COMENTARIOS PUBLICOS/ REUNION PUBLICA** Usted puede presentar comentarios publicos, una peticion para reunion publica, o solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe al domicilio a continuacion. TCEQ tomara en cuenta todos los considerara todos los comentarios publicos en el decision final de la solicitud. La fecha limite para presentar comentarios publicos es 30 dias despues de que se publique el aviso en el periodico. El proposito de la reunion publica es proporcionar la oportunidad de hacer comentarios o preguntas acerca de la solicitud. Si el director ejecutivo determina que existe un importante grado de interes publico con respecto a la solicitud o si lo solicita un legislador local, se llevara a cabo una reunion publica. Una reunion publica no es una audiencia de caso impugnado. Si solamente se reciben comen-

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tarios con respecto a la solicitud, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con el aviso de la accion del director ejecutivo sobrela solicitud, sera enviada por correo a cualquier persona que presente comentarios o si se encuentra en la lista de correo para esta solicitud.

Si se presenta oportunamente una peticion para audiencia, el director ejecutivo terminara la revision tecnica, expedira una decision preliminar con respecto a la solicitud, y se publicara y enviara por correo un Aviso de la Solicitud y Decision Preliminar a aquellas personas que se encuentren en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. El aviso incluire el plazo final para comentarios publicos.

Despues del plazo final para comentarios publicos y despues de cualquier Aviso de Solicitud y Decision Preliminar que se requiera, el director ejecutivo tomara en cuenta los comentarios y preparara una respuesta para todos los comentarios publicos pertinentes y materiales, o significativos. Si se recibe algun comentario, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decision del director ejecutivo con respecto a la solicitud se enviara por correo a cualquier persona que haya presentado un comentario publico o que se encuentre en la lista de correo de esta solicitud.

**OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO** Usted puede solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado. Una audiencia de caso impugnado es un procedimiento legal similar a un juicio civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado. A menos que se presente una solicitud para una audiencia de caso impugnado dentro de 30 dias se esta notificacion, el director ejecutivo puede autorizar la solicitud. Si no se recibe una solicitud para audiencia dentro del periodo de 30 dias, no se dara otra oportunidad para audiencia. Una audiencia de caso impugnado solo se concedera con base a cuestiones debatibles de hechos que son pertinentes y materiales para las decisiones de la Comision con respecto a la solicitud. Ademias, la Comision solo concedera una audiencia sobre cuestiones que se presenten durante el periodo de comentarios publicos y no se retiraran.

Una persona que pueda estar afectada por contaminates de emisiones atmosfericas de una planta tiene derecho a solicitar una audiencia. Si se solicita una audiencia de caso impugnado, debe presentar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o para un grupo o asociacion, un representante oficial), direccion, numero de telefono y numero de facsimile si lo tiene; (2) el nombre del solicitante y numero de permiso; (3) la declaracion A[yo / nosotros] solicito una audiencia de caso impugnado @; (4) una descripcion especifica de como se veria adversamente afectado por la solicitud y emisiones atmosfericas de la planta de manera que no es comun para el publico en general; (5) la ubicacion y distancia de su propiedad con relacion a la planta; y (6) una Descripcion de como emplea la propiedad la cual puede ser impactada por la planta. Si la peticion la hace un grupo o asociaciones, el miembro o miembros que tienen derecho a solicitar una audiencia y los intereses que el grupo o la asociacion busca proteger, tambien se deben identificar. Las peticiones para una audiencia de caso impugnado se debe presentar por escrito dentro de 30 dias despues de este aviso a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe, a la direccion a continuacion.

Si se registra oportunamente una peticion para audiencia, se dara aviso adicional. Despues del cierre de todos los comentarios que aplican y los periodos de peticion, el director ejecutivo enviara la solicitud y cualquier peticion para una audiencia de caso impugnado a los comisionados de TCEQ para su consideracion durante la reunion programada de la Comision. Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estara limitado a casos debatibles de hecho relacionados a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad ATMOSFERICA que se hayan presentado durante el periodo de comentarios. Cuestiones tales como valor de la propiedad, ruido, seguridad de trafico y zonificacion no estan dentro de la jurisdiccion de la Comision para abordarse en este proceso judicial.

**LISTA DE CORRESPONDENCIA** Aparte de presentar comentarios publicos, puede solicitar que lo/ la incluyan en la lista de correos para recibir en el futuro avisos publicos para esta solicitud especifica que envia por correo la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe enviando una peticion por escrito a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe de TCEQ a la direccion a continuacion.

**INFORMACION** Los comentarios publicos o peticiones para una reunion publica o audiencia de caso impugnado se debe presentar a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Para mayor informacion acerca de esta solicitud para permiso o el proceso para permisos, favor de llamar a la Oficina de Asistencia al Publico, al 1-800-687-4040. Si requiere informacion general de TCEQ dirigirse al portal electronico [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us). Se puede obtener informacion adicional de USA, L.P., P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-1311, o al señor Weinan Chen en el (432)263-9214. Fecha de Expedición: March 22, 2007 #5318 April 5, 2007

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

If the Aries sun runs the show with all the fervor of a football coach, the Scorpio moon is far less obvious. The difference is in strategy. The Scorpio moon goes for the intensity of the game, analyzing



HOLIDAY MATHIS

the weak links, merging with the roaring crowd. We can drive a goal home to victory, but it's the emotional impact that lingers.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Before you self-sequester, spend some time looking for your common ground with others. Remember, you're a part of a big human family with the same desire to be loved that you have.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). When your partner demands 100-percent attention, why not give it? Even if you have to weather a few minor storms, it's a small price for delicious, enriching intimacy. You're totally worthy.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Life is a balancing act. Instead of expecting perfection every day, you're far better off knowing that you'll continually fall and get back up again over and over. Ultimately it's your attitude that keeps you balanced.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). When you feel like the lone ranger at the end of a long, dusty ride, it's time to bring a few new elements into your escapade. Get fresh with the coffee barista or wear a gardenia behind your ear. Enliven your trip.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When you're shown the secret of a happy life, it looks suspiciously like an old dying tree. The taproot is full of golden nectar and contains the key to your own vibrancy. Look past the appearances, and keep going for the gold.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Good listeners do more than listen, they empathize. Laughter, tears and squeals of joy are the currency of connection. When you have a hard time gaining rapport with someone, mirror him or her.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have designer taste on a generic-brand budget. But you're entering a high-productivity mode. Increase your output, refine your ideas and soon you'll be laughing all the way to the bank.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Let sleeping dogs lie. Or roll over, or whatever it is they want to do. You've finished making a big deal over what everyone else wants to resist, and you're plumb tucked.

Tonight, tables turn. Someone's irresistible to you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've done all the moving and shaking you need to do to make a deal work. Now it's time to be still, and wait for a sign. Give what you're focused on a little space and time to percolate.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to apologize for the practical limitations of time and resource that you encounter. The best you can offer is, plain and simple, yourself. From this perspective, anything you do is a gift.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You won't go down without a fight, but a certain ring has lost its allure. Take matters into your own hands by applying your fuss 'n' fight to something that's both more actionable and personally rewarding.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're on the brink of great personal breakthrough. The wider you open your mind to your potential, the better. Imagine yourself as a superhero. You're a magnet for your desires and a repellent for detractors.

**ASTROLOGICAL TOPIC:** Today, Jupiter, bestower of blessings and fortune, goes retrograde.

If you think this can't be good, think again. Who is this mack-daddy Jupiter, anyway? In the Greek planetary pantheon, he was Zeus, the gallant king of heaven with snow-white hair and a cherubic grin. Even as a married man, he had his way with the ladies, practically exempt from criticism, like a playboy politician. See, it's hard to pin anything negative on Jupiter — it just won't stick. He's the ruler of wealth, abundance and jolly good times. When he reverses (note, Jupiter isn't actually going backward, but it appears that way from our earthly position — hence "retro") it doesn't necessarily mean our fortunes will reverse, although there might be some unusual glitches in the channel of prosperity. Jupiter's backward action is merely an invitation to look into the belief systems we hold about how much we deserve and what price we must pay for it. Also, Zeus holds dominion over universities, travel, law, publishing, philosophy, religion and the very structures of civilized life. You may have delays in these areas until Jupiter moves direct in August, but even those delays are beneficial.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** His wild-man reputation might get more press than his movies, but if you were being chased by a group of thugs, wouldn't you want Russell Crowe on your side? With his sun, Mars and Jupiter in Aries, he's the quintessential hero, thirsty for challenge and adversity. With this much fire in his blood, if he can't find a dame to rescue from a burning building, he'll start the fire himself.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

### Motorists urged to observe all 'signs of change'

It seems like every week is designated as a special observance for some cause these days. As a result, the message seems to get lost in all the things that seem vitally important in our day-to-day lives. That's why we're reasonably sure most people are unaware this is National Work Zone Awareness Week.

That's why Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and federal transportation officials are encouraging traveling motorists to pay special attention to the "signs of change" alerting them to work taking place on Texas roadways this week.

What's more, they're urging drivers to obey work zone advisory signs not only during this week's national observance period, but throughout the year.

While Texas no longer leads all states with 154 work zone fatalities as reported in 2005, the year for which the most recent statistics are available, it does rank a close third behind California's 155 and Florida's 162 work zone fatalities for that year.

Although not leading that list is a good thing, especially considering the fact that Texas has considerably more paved roadway mileage than any other state, there's still plenty of room for improvement. Highway fatalities are never a good thing, regardless of where they occur, but they seem especially pointless when they take place in well-signed areas making it clear that hazards exist and that defenseless workers are laboring to improve the roadway.

Officials want to reduce those numbers and we can all help by following these tips:

- Slow down.
- Pay attention to the signs.
- Expect the unexpected.
- Keep a safe traveling distance — do not tailgate.
- Obey road crew workers or flaggers.
- Stay alert and minimize distractions.
- Keep up with the traffic flow.
- Prepare for delays — leave early and listen to traffic reports.
- Be patient and stay calm.

With nearly a 50 percent increase in work zone fatalities in the U.S. between 1997 and 2004, TxDOT officials say work zone safety is clearly a growing concern.

In 2004, 1,068 work zone fatalities occurred. Federal transportation safety officials estimate more than four out of every five work zone fatalities are motorists — not workers.

In all, during 2004, an estimated 115,000 work zone crashes happened, causing an estimated 49,620 injuries.

Nationally, this translates to one work zone fatality every 8.2 hours (three each day) and one work zone injury every nine minutes — that's 160 a day — and that's simply too many.

To our way of thinking, in fact, just one is too many.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May we have a positive attitude mixed with Your Love, Lord.*

Amen

# Time to confront the Democrats

I simply cannot believe President Bush withdrew Sam Fox's nomination for Belgium ambassador. When will he confront congressional Democrats with the same resolve he brings to the war on terror? He doesn't need to get down on their level of stridency and sniping, but he should scrap the illusion that they are operating in good faith and want to work collegially or constructively with him.

If the last six years prove nothing else, they show that Democrats are unwaveringly hostile to this administration. Bush's cordiality in return has only emboldened them to new heights of incivility.

With their victory in November it has gotten much worse. With congressional control and their subpoena power they're like spoiled, malicious children with a new toy. According to the L.A. Times, they've already held over 100 oversight hearings.

These are the people — with the help of their militant base — who have mercilessly and effectively demonized some of the finest public servants to grace this nation with their time and talents in years, including Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. No, I haven't lost my mind, and yes, I know the conventional wisdom commands that we believe these decent and honest people are devils incarnate. It's a crying shame that it's even necessary to vouch for their character, but it is.

Let's I be misunderstood, I'm not suggesting the president reciprocate in kind and treat Democrats as disrespectfully and unfairly as they've treated him and his cabi-

net. I'm not advocating that he employ the same abusive and underhanded tactics they've employed against him.

That would require him to level false charges of misconduct and criminality against them, to demagogue every imaginable issue and to place his and his party's interests above the national interest and our national security. It would require him to misrepresent their intentions, statements and actions and to be bitterly partisan and consistently nasty. It would require him to make preposterous, grassy-knoll charges against them like "war for oil, WMD lies" and repeat them every day until people who know better begin to abandon their sound judgment.

But I am suggesting he stand up to these politicians who have made him their sworn enemy and that he go on the offense in getting his message out — as passionately, unapologetically and relentlessly as the Democrats have. I am suggesting he challenge every one of their lies with the indignation they deserve.

Unless he devotes some energy toward making his case and defusing the Democrats' propaganda and slander, he'll make less headway in Iraq and the war on terror, and on domestic policy across the board. He'll do little to regain credibility with those who have bought into the lies about him, he'll further dispirit the conservative base, and the foundation for a conservative victory in 2008 will continue to erode.

For starters, the president could unsheathe his uninitiated veto pen and strike down the destructive bill requiring that he prematurely withdraw our troops from Iraq, lose the war there, ensure that our troops have died in vain there, bolster the cause of terrorism worldwide and virtually donate

Iraq to the jihadists as a base for international operations. He should use his bully pulpit to shout out that his cynical political opponents are proposing to rob the public treasury to bribe fellow members into voting for that disgraceful bill.

With due respect to some conservatives urging otherwise, I would exhort President Bush not to cashier Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, even if Gonzales has mishandled the perfectly kosher U.S. attorney firings. He cannot give in to the bloodthirsty politicians who will use that capitulation to validate their false claims of impropriety against the administration. Sen. Patrick Leahy has already promised to continue the investigation even if Gonzales resigns.

And, notwithstanding the regrettable recommendation of Defense Secretary Robert Gates, President Bush must not close down the Gitmo terrorist detention facility. Why on earth would he even consider such foolishness, unless he wants to concede as true the Democrats' torture fabrications, bolster Al Qaeda's propaganda against us and saddle himself with the significant problem of deciding what to do with these killers? Enough of this hand-wringing insanity.

Why can't we all just get along, you ask? I don't know, but I suggest you direct that question to the Democratic leadership.

In the meantime, I pray the president will have the strength and support to overcome his domestic opponents so that he can continue to lead us effectively against our terrorist enemy.

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# Late 'Swift Boat' ads backlash

"Senator Kerry," Sam Fox said at his confirmation hearing to be ambassador to Belgium, "I very much respect your dedicated service to this country. I know that you were not drafted — you volunteered. You went to Vietnam. You were wounded. Highly decorated. Senator, you're a hero."

Unfortunately for Mr. Fox, that isn't what he said when someone — he can't remember who it was — asked him for a contribution to support the independent group that was attacking Senator Kerry with the infamous "Swift Boat" ads during the 2004 campaign. Mr. Fox can't remember who asked, but he said yes to the tune of \$50,000.

It cost him the ambassadorship last week.

The question is whether it will do any good.

There's nothing really unusual about Mr. Fox's story except the ending. He's the biggest Republican donor in Missouri and one of the biggest nationally. He was a top supporter and fundraiser for George Bush both in 2000 and 2004, and so were his sons. He chairs the Jewish Republican Coalition, and the president reportedly calls him "Foxie." He has given close to \$1 million in soft money to Republicans. No one ever suggested that Mr.

Fox didn't have whatever qualifications are required to be ambassador to Belgium. In fact, he had the support of a number of powerful Democrats, including his home state Senator, Claire McCaskill, and Joe Lieberman.

But Kerry decided to make an issue of Fox's Swift Boat contribution, and Fox's effort to justify it on the "everybody does it" rationale fell on deaf ears. "Mr. Senator, when I'm asked, I just generally give. I did it because politically it's necessary if the other side's doing it."

"Tough politics I accept," said Sen. Chris Dodd, Kerry's fellow Democrat, a committee member and current presidential candidate. "Strong partisan views I accept. But he went over the line."

The White House, watching Democrats get in line against Fox, announced it was withdrawing his nomination. "A great shame," Arlen Specter called the demise of the Fox-to-Belgium bid. "I think that kind of political retribution is out of line."

The issue is not retribution, but responsibility. Guys like Sam Fox finance the worst of politics, but don't take responsibility for it. Just saying yes to someone, they explain later. Can't even remember who — although it must have been someone with enough clout to command a \$50,000 yes.

So long as that explanation works, they'll keep saying yes. So long as the funnel stays open, the garbage will keep flowing. Unless there is a price to be paid for supporting it, the price will be paid by the targets and the voters. If

the candidates aren't going to be held responsible for the mud thrown on their behalf, at least the people paying for the mud should be.

The Supreme Court has put independent groups beyond the reach of regulations aimed at candidates, based on the fiction that these groups really are outside the candidate's control. But the reality is that most of these groups depend for their financial support on people whose real ties are to the candidate, and who write them checks hoping and expecting that the candidate will be grateful. You can bet that when Sam Fox wrote that check for \$50,000, he figured he was helping himself with the White House and Republican insiders, not making himself unconfirmable.

Would he have written the check if he knew what it would cost him? Of course not. That's the point.

"Sam Fox had every opportunity to disavow the politics of personal destruction and embrace the truth," Sen. Kerry said in a statement after the withdrawal of the Fox nomination. "He chose not to. The White House made the right decision to withdraw the nomination. I hope this signals a new day in political discourse."

Whether it signals a new day in discourse remains to be seen, but Sam Fox's fall should at least make it a little more difficult for the next round of Swift Boaters to tap the usual suspects for funds.

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# TOYOTA TUNDRA

*A whole lotta 'wow!'*

By **MARK GLOVER**

McClatchy Newspapers

Seemingly everyone with an interest in pickup trucks has been awaiting the arrival of the extensively reworked 2007 Toyota Tundra.

Now that I've had a week behind the wheel of a rear-drive Tundra Double Cab, let me just start by saying ... Wow!

As in: Wow, this Tundra is beautifully laid out, has massive components that are seemingly bulletproof, accelerates like a scalded cat and brakes like a Nike-shod panther.

But there are other reasons to say "wow."

As in: Wow, I'd sure hate to buy gas for this thing.

And: Wow, I wouldn't want to park this truck in those oh-so-tiny parking spots.

Bottom line on the new Tundra: It's a fabulous work-site pickup and a ranch worker par excellence. But in my world of urban commuting, I'd no more pick a Tundra than I would navigate the rock-laden Rubicon Trail in a Porsche 911 Turbo.

When the tested Tundra Double Cab was delivered, it was handed over to me with a warning: "Be careful when you park it. It can be interesting."

I love it when someone who drives hundreds of vehicles as part of their job says something like that. It's sort of like the doctor telling you "this might hurt a little bit."

I think I got the Tundra parked between the lines in a cramped parking lot on the eighth try. I figured it must be 300 inches long, but in truth, the tester came in at 228.7 inches. And coincidentally, when it was parked next to a 2007 GMC Sierra 1500 Extended Cab pickup at one point, their rear bumpers lined up perfectly even.

So, maybe I was just intimidated by the Tundra. From passersby to a random sampling of dedicated pickup drivers, everybody said it looked huge, especially from the front end. Even the folding exterior mirrors looked like they were transplanted from an 18-wheeler.

And yet, everything that made me feel like a nervous urban dweller was all but forgotten when I took the Tundra out on the open road.

Its nearly 5,300 pounds rolled with silky smoothness. Steering was amazingly responsive. The Tundra's suspension swallowed the jolt of potholes, with only the sound reaching the interior cabin.

With the 5.7-liter, 381-horsepower V-8, acceleration from a standing start was admirable. Acceleration from the 2,000 to 4,000 revolutions per minute range was spectacular. No wonder Toyota is touting the Tundra's muscle from 40 to 70 miles per hour in its relentless TV commercials.

As stunning as it was to

feel this big truck moving so fast, it was equally stunning to feel how quickly the big, four-wheel, ventilated disc brakes slowed it down or brought it to an abrupt stop.

A short sojourn in the dirt about an hour north of Sacramento wasn't really a test. The Tundra handled my mild off-road excursion like a gorilla slapping down a pesky mosquito.

For all the Tundra's brute strength, the interior was most civilized. Big, easy-to-operate controls were on the dash; seats were sizable and supportive. Leg and headroom were ample. Cupholders and power outlets were plentiful.

Predictably, fuel economy ratings on the tester were truck-like — 16 miles per gallon in the city and 20 mpg on the highway — but regular gas is the recommended fuel.

Auto industry analysts raised an eyebrow when Toyota announced that its Tundra would be priced slightly higher than similar trucks made by General Motors and Ford. But the tested Tundra Double Cab delivers a lot of truck for \$32,553, a price that included nearly \$4,000 in optional equip-



Toyota's 2007 Tundra Double Cab

ment, including a \$695 camera/monitor for backing up with a small screen conveniently installed near the rearview mirror. Without all the extras, its starting price of \$28,110 seemed entirely reasonable.

One could go on and on: The Tundra has numerous storage compartments, generous cargo beds, a tailgate that can be maneuvered by fingertips, and 31 trim configurations.

Overall, the Tundra is a player in the monster-competitive full-size pick-

up market, and American automakers have every right to be worried about it.

It will be interesting to see how the Tundra plays in the heavily brand-loyal truck segment.

There are longtime Ford/Chevy/Dodge truck buyers who insist they will never buy a foreign-made pickup. And there are Ford pickup buyers who won't even look at a Chevy or a Dodge, as well as the other way around.

But know this: The new Tundra is too big to be ignored.

## Contract Bridge

*Like a Hole in the Head*

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 8 6 2  
♥ K 7 5  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A K 10 3

**WEST**  
♠ Q J 10 4  
♥ 6 3  
♦ K Q 9 6  
♣ Q 7 4

**EAST**  
♠ K 9 5  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ 8 3  
♣ J 9 6 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 7 3  
♥ A Q J 10 9  
♦ A J 10 5  
♣ 8

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

Opening lead — queen of spades.  
**The longer you play the game,** the more you come to realize that success at bridge depends more on plain common sense than on anything else.

**For example,** take this deal where West led the spade queen against four hearts. Declarer won with the ace, cashed the A-K of clubs, discarding a spade, then led a diamond and finessed the ten.

**West won with the queen** and returned the queen of clubs, ruffed by South. Declarer then led the ten of

trumps to the king, returned a diamond from dummy and finessed the jack, losing to West's king.

**Back came the spade jack,** which held, and another spade that declarer ruffed. By this time, South had lost three tricks, and his last four cards were the A-Q of trumps and A-5 of diamonds. Whether South pulled East's last trump before playing the ace of diamonds or played the ace first, he had to lose another trick and so finished down one.

**However,** declarer missed a practically certain way to make the contract. There was no good reason to take any diamond finesses at all, since he needed them like a hole in the head.

**All he had to do,** after playing the A-K of clubs, was to lead a diamond to the ace at trick four and return a diamond. The defenders would have been unable to stop South from eventually ruffing his fourth diamond with dummy's king of hearts to produce his 10th trick. His only losers would have been a spade and two diamonds.

**Expressed differently,** South's 10 winners would have consisted of the ace of spades, ace of diamonds, A-K of clubs, his five natural trump tricks and the fourth-round diamond ruff in dummy. The diamond finesses South attempted created a risk that was not justified by the circumstances.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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**Senate approves bill mandating booster seats up to age 8**

AUSTIN (AP) — Children under age 8 will have to be secured in a booster seat when riding in a passenger vehicle under legislation approved on Wednesday by the Texas Senate.

Current law requires booster seats for children under 5 and less than 3 feet tall. The bill approved Wednesday would raise the height requirement to 4 feet 9 inches and put Texas law in line with federal guidelines.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, the bill's sponsor, said seat belts do not fit children properly and can injure or kill them in an accident. But parents may not realize how important booster seats are because they're not required by law to use them, the Laredo Democrat said.

Starting in June 2008, people who don't follow the law would face a \$25 fine, which would be used to buy booster seats for low-income families.

The bill, approved by a 26-4 vote, now goes to the Texas House.

**Self-defense claims differ from affidavits in Shaver case**

LORENA (AP) — A man shot and wounded by country singer Billy Joe Shaver outside a bar has told police the attack was unprovoked, an account that

differs from his attorney's claims of self-defense.

One witness said Shaver followed the victim, Billy B. Coker, 50, out of Papa Joe's Texas Saloon in Lorena Saturday night and asked, "Where do you want it?" before shooting him in the face, according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

Another witness said that after hearing gunfire, she went outside and heard Shaver say to Coker, "Tell me you are sorry," and "Nobody tells me to shut up," according to the affidavit signed by acting Lorena Police Chief John Moran.

Coker told police that he and Shaver had been talking inside for an hour or more and discovered that Shaver's wife was the widow of Coker's cousin. Coker said Shaver later asked him to go outside and then said, "Where do you want it?" before shooting him in an unprovoked attack, according to the affidavit.

Coker was released Tuesday from a Waco hospital.

Shaver's attorney Joseph A. Turner has said Coker was drunk, aggressive and had a knife and that he followed Shaver outside. Turner said that while witness accounts in any incident will differ somewhat, especially when people have been drinking, he is surprised that the documents do not mention the knife.

"Clearly the witnesses did not see the whole thing if they didn't see the knife," Turner told The Associated Press on

Wednesday.

On Tuesday afternoon Shaver surrendered at the McLennan County Jail in Waco and posted \$50,000 bond. Shaver, 67, of Waco is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawfully carrying a handgun on the premises of a business with a license to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption.

**State leaders work to settle potentially expensive lawsuit**

AUSTIN (AP) — State leaders spent hours behind closed doors Wednesday trying to hammer out a settlement in a 14-year-old children's Medicaid lawsuit before lawmakers get stuck with an unfavorable and expensive court ruling.

State Rep. Warren Chisum said the state would make every effort to settle the case before it goes before U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler, who has a history of making aggressive demands of the Legislature.

"We don't feel very comfortable relying on Judge Justice to give us any slack," Chisum said, after emerging from the closed-door meeting with plaintiffs attorneys and state policy experts.

An April 9 hearing before Justice is scheduled in the case, which stems from a class-action lawsuit filed in 1993 claiming the state did not provide adequate

care for children enrolled in Medicaid.

Susan Zinn, an attorney for the plaintiffs in the case, said she had hoped to have an agreement Wednesday, but would continue planning for a trial.

**O'Connor says she's concerned about attacks on judges**

DALLAS (AP) — Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said Wednesday that she has grown weary of partisan attacks on judges, criticisms that she believes are causing citizens to lose faith in the judicial system.

O'Connor detailed plans to establish a Web site to teach schoolchildren about the judicial branch of government during a speech to law students, lawyers and fellow judges at a judicial conference at Southern Methodist University.

O'Connor, 77, said she finds troubling the "increased number of attack on judges that are coming out of the halls of Congress and out of state legislatures across the country." Single-issue advocacy groups are tagging judges with labels such as "activist judges" or "godless, secular humanists" to win passage of propositions or amendments to state constitutions, she said.

"The founders of our country did not intend that Congress or the legislative branch dictate results in specific cases," O'Connor said.

**House bills on electricity deregulation derailed for now**

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House agreed Wednesday to allow regulators to reduce prices for some residential electric customers, but the legislation was derailed before lawmakers could vote on whether the state can review the proposed record buyout of TXU Corp.

After more than two hours of debate, the whole bill by Rep. Phil King, a Weatherford Republican, was halted because of a technical point raised by a fellow Republican.

Lawmakers were moving toward a vote on whether to allow state regulators to review the pending \$32 billion sale of Dallas-based TXU to private equity firms. King opposed that attempt to change his bill.

"We weren't going to give the government more authority over business because that's what kills business," King said later. "Folks wanted to create a big law to deal with one little situation, and that law would have been there forever."

There are already federal reviews of the pending TXU sale, he said.

The Senate last month voted to allow state regulators to review the power

company buyout. Private equity firms Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Texas Pacific Group have offered \$32 billion for TXU Corp.

The deal would be the highest-priced private takeover in U.S. corporate history.

Once King's bill was blocked, it was sent back to a House committee and likely will be brought up again in the full House later this month.

Earlier, King teamed with some Democrats to add a provision to his legislation allowing the Public Utility Commission to lower electricity prices for residential customers under a specific formula if their prices rose above a certain level.

"This is your only chance to vote for real rate relief for your constituents," Rep. Rene Oliveira, a Brownsville Democrat who proposed the rate reduction, told House members.

That addition passed overwhelmingly with bipartisan support.

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, wanted to allow the PUC to review the proposed TXU sale before it closes, but during that debate the entire

bill was blocked by the parliamentary move from Rep. Robert Talton, a Pasadena Republican. Talton said the committee's report on the bill was inaccurate.

Turner insisted he wasn't targeting the TXU sale with his proposed change.

"This amendment is absolutely clear," Turner said. "This is not about TXU."

But many lawmakers centered their arguments on the TXU sale, and TXU opposed Turner's amend-

ment. KKR and Texas Pacific have pledged to provide information on how their purchase of TXU would affect the only regulated part of TXU's business, its electric-transmission service.

King said the intent of his legislation was to encourage more competition in the state's deregulated electricity market.

Electric deregulation won approval in the Texas Legislature in 1999, and the state has been phasing it in since then.

**TXU threatens plant shutdowns over penalty**

DALLAS (AP) — TXU Corp. said it could be forced to shut down some of its power plants if it can't come to terms with the state Public Utility Commission over charges that the power company manipulated the wholesale market.

Mike McCall, chief executive of TXU's wholesale division, wrote to the commission that its proposed penalty of \$210 million raises doubt that the Dallas-based utility could afford to operate older natural gas plants.


TXU, the largest power generator in Texas, rejects the commission's accusations that it manipulated the Texas electric market in 2005 by selling power to the market at inflated prices and causing electricity prices to rise 15.5 percent during a four-month summer stretch.

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

Alon USA, LP has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 80833, which would authorize Maintenance, Startup and Shutdown activities at the Big Spring Refinery located on Interstate Highway 20 at Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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