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# **Board member** should resign, **Thomason says**

Others contend mayoral hopeful doesn't have his facts straight

#### **By THOMAS JENKINS**

#### Staff Writer

Mayoral candidate Shannon Thomason called for the resignation of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. Board of Directors



Shannon

able."

member Raul Marquez citing Wednesday, claims that Marquez 'has a considerable amount of unpaid property taxes."

Thomason issued a release press Wednesday morning, calling Marquez's

appointment to the Thomason Moore Board "unbeliev-

"It is unbelievable that the mayor and council would approve Mr. Marquez's appointment to the board of directors of Moore Development," said Thomason's release. "While I believe that Mr. Marquez probably does have the best interests of the Big Spring business community at heart, his inability or unwillingness to pay

#### "As for Mr. Thomason

attacking me to get at one of his opponents in the election, Mayor Raul Marquez McEwen, I think it's just a really low-down blow. I've never seen anyone do this."

currently owes \$97,440 on property located at 1010 N. Lamesa Highway.

"The taxes owed on the property date back over 20 years and two separate lawsuits have been filed against Mr. Marquez in district court in an attempt to recover the unpaid taxes," Thomason claimed in his release.

However, local attorney Drew Mouton, who handles delinquent tax cases for Howard County's taxing entities, said Thomason's description of the situation is anything but accurate. "The tax situation should not be disparaging to Raul Marquez," said Mouton. "The property he owes the \$97,440 on was deeded to him and five other relatives, and at the time it was deeded, the back taxes owed on it were a great deal more than it was worth. It's not fair at all to blame him for this."



his property taxes don't speak well of his ability to oversee the spending of the taxpayers' money.

"As such, I believe that Mr. Marquez should do the honorable thing and resign from the board. That being said though, the ultimate responsibility for appointing a delinquent taxpayer to the Moore Board falls squarely on the shoulders of Mayor McEwen and the council."

According to the Howard County Tax Assessor's Office, Marquez



" It is my opinion as an attorney that Mr. Marquez has handled these matters and done

the honorable thing Drew Mouton, in every case."

Mouton said he and the attorney representing Marquez and his five brothers, who are all named in the delinquent tax suit, are in the process of remedying the case.

"Their attorney has expressed a desire to deed the property to the taxing entities in lieu of foreclosure," said Mouton. "So that's where we're at with this.'

Thomason also alluded to a second tax suit filed against Marquez, a situation Mouton said was cleared in March.

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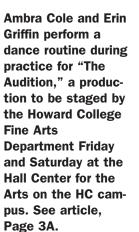
HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department personnel battle a fire at a West Texas Gas Co. plant east of Vealmoor Wednesday morning. No injuries were reported in the blaze.



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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan



## **Board approves \$3 million** letter of intent for Settles development company

#### **By THOMAS JENKINS** Staff Writer

The board of directors for Moore Development voted unanimously in favor of a \$3 million letter of intent Wednesday night, as they moved forward with funding for the

Settles

Development Company and efforts to renovate the historic structure.

After more than two hours in executive session, the board members emerged from the Moore Development conference room with a document

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267-5354.

Prizes will be awarded

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All-Sports Banquet will

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Tickets, priced at \$10

each, are availabe at the

high school office and

must be purchased by

For more information,

contact Debbie Burton

**Relay for Life ragball** 

The Relay for Life

Ragball Tournament

has been scheduled for

May 12-13 at Big Spring

High School's Lady

Teams will consist of

five male and five

female players. Entry

fees are \$10 per player.

Registration is set for

10 a.m. on Saturday,

May 12, with the first

game of the tournament

set to start at 11 that

Steers Softball Field.

tournament slated

Thursday, May 3.

**Forsan schedules** 

date for banquet

high school.

at 457-2223.

**Cancer scramble** 

set for weekend

# **IN BRIEF** HC to honor Bill Griffin Friday

#### **By CINDY SMITH**

#### Special to the Herald

Scramble has been-Bill Griffin, who led Howard scheduled for Saturday College's Hawks to the 1991 and Sunday, at the Big NJCAA national baseball championship, will be honored for his Players can form their induction into the Western own teams for the 4-per-College Junior Athletic son scramble or be Conference Hall of Fame during assigned to a team. The a ceremony set for 11:30 a.m. field will be flighted by Friday at Jack Barber Field.

Howard President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks said. "He has done so much for GRIFFIN Howard College base-

ball and his WJCAC Hall of Fame induction as a

Griffin return to his certainly deserved." home field and let us Griffin, who was inducted into honor him for this the NJCAA Hall of Fame in 1983, outstanding career achievement," College

while serving as Howard's head baseball coach, compiled a lifetime record of 986-405 and a lifetime winning percentage of .708. During his tenure at Howard College, from 1982 to 1991, he led

the program to 347 wins, two conference crowns, two regional titles and a state championship "We are proud to have Coach member of the class of 2007 is in addition to the 1991 national

championship.

Following Friday's ceremony, a hot dog lunch will be available for purchase while Coach Britt Smith and the Hawk baseball team take on Western Texas College in a doubleheader beginning at noon.

Anyone needing additional information about Friday's activities can call 264-5034 or visit the Howard College website at www.howardcollege.edu.

#### Mavs win evens series to the first-, second- and third-place teams in Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus a \$20 cart fee. Private carts are For more information,

# *Terry does it all in leading Dallas to 112-99 victory*

#### By JAIME ARON

#### AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Jason Terry takes pride in being the energetic leader of the Dallas Mavericks, the guy whose actions set the tone for the entire team.

It can come from diving for the first loose ball of the game. Or from hitting the go-ahead basket and following with a crucial three-point play. And it certainly can come from keeping his cool when opponents are losing theirs.

Terry did it all Wednesday night, along with scoring 28 points, leading the Mavericks to a 112-99 victory over the Golden State Warriors and tying the series at one game apiece.

"We came out tonight with passion," he said. "That's what was really lacking (in Game 1). Going back and really thinking about that first game, we just didn't have

Stackhouse bounced back from a scoreless opener with 17 points.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 23 points and Josh Howard had 22 points and 11 rebounds. Dallas broke the game open with a 15-2 run in the third quarter.

"Everybody talked about the Xs and Os and the decision Avery made to go smaller, but it really wasn't that," Stackhouse said. "It was just the fact we didn't compete. I thought we came out and really competed tonight for 48 minutes and the game went in our favor."

Then again, it was easier with the Warriors' two best players getting ejected.

Baron Davis was tossed with 0.2 seconds left in the third quarter and Stephen Jackson was lost with 4:34 left in the game. Golden State already was trailing when the technical fouls started piling up.

"We're not good enough to lose a player to an ejec-



morning.

#### Howard to host **Region V tourney**

Howard College's Foundation Field will be site for the NJCAA Region V Softball Tournament to be held 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.

#### **Guys & Gals Tourney** scheduled at BSCC

A Guys & Gals Couples Tournament has been scheduled for May 4-6 at th Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees for the twoperson scramble are \$130 per couple, plus \$40 cart fee per team.

To enter, call the country club at 267-53-54.

#### Teenage baseball league to begin

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

If 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.

that air about us, that we're in the playoffs and we were excited to be there. That's the kind of energy we have to bring

night in and night out." Dallas had lost six straight to Golden State dating to last season. The Mavericks' search for a skid-buster included a new, smaller starting lineup in Game 1, but that only resulted in a 12-point loss.

So coach Avery Johnson went back to the formula that won 67 games in the regular season and saw his club back in synch from the start. The center tandem of Erick Dampier and DeSagana Diop proved they can hold their own against Golden State's little guys, and sixth man Jerry

tion, much less two,' Warriors coach Don Nelson said. "It hurt us when we lost Baron. I thought we had a shot at the time. It wasn't to be."

The Warriors certainly won't be unhinged by this loss, just their second in the last 12 games. Nelson won't allow it. He's kept his club loose, telling everyone they were lucky to win the opener and that there was a better chance of him being hit by lightning than of his team winning Game 2. His task now will be harnessing Jackson and Davis' emotions when the series shifts to Oakland for Game 3 on Friday night.

Davis and Jackson got their first technicals on the same play during

MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki shoots over Golden State's Jason Richardson in the first half during their NBA playoff game Wednesday at the American Airlines Center in Dallas.

Dallas' game-breaking run in the third quarter. dribbled into Terry Jackson, drawing a foul, tion, for arguing about a then kept going into foul with 0.2 seconds left Davis. exchanged and three tech- was smiling and clapping nicals were issued to try at the time, which he said

calming everyone down. Davis got another tech, and an automatic ejec-Words were in the third quarter. He

was to keep his teammates' spirits up.

"I wasn't trying to show up the refs," he said. "I was trying to keep my emotions in check.

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# Indians knock off Rangers in 11 innings

CLEVELAND (AP) — With the for the win. strikeouts piling up, Jhonny Peralta figured he might as well swing away, too.

Peralta hit the first pitch he saw for a game-winning RBI single with one out in the 11th inning to give the Cleveland Indians an 8-7 victory Wednesday night over the Texas Rangers, who fanned out a teamrecord 19 times.

"I was going to swing at anything," Peralta said. "I put it in play and it found a hole.'

Victor Martinez doubled down the right-field line to open the 11th off Willie Eyre (1-1) and took third on Kelly Shoppach's ground single to center. After Jason Michaels struck out, Peralta, in a 3-for-36 (.091) slump, hit a grounder just out of the reach of diving third baseman Hank Blalock to drive in Martinez for the win.

Fernando Cabrera (1-0), the last of seven Cleveland pitchers, struck out five over two innings two outs in the ninth that tied it

"Fernando pitched well with the game on the line," said Indians manager Eric Wedge, who didn't realize how many strikeouts his pitchers had.

"We struck out 19 guys?" he said. "This was not your usual run-of-the-mill ballgame."

The teams combined for 32 Ks. The Rangers' Blalock and Brad Wilkerson fanned four times apiece and Grady Sizemore went down on strikes three times for Cleveland.

"I don't know what led to that," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "You don't like to see it, but that many strikeouts doesn't bother me at all. We still could have won the game."

Indians starter C.C. Sabathia fanned eight over six innings, leaving with a 6-5 lead.

But Joe Borowski blew a save for the first time in 10 chances. The right-hander yielded an RBI double to Michael Young with

"It hurts to battle back like that and lose at the end," Young said. "We have to be more consistent. You can't pat yourself on the back for coming back if you didn't play well the first two innings.'

Sammy Sosa and Ian Kinsler each had three RBIs for Texas.

Second baseman Kinsler's error helped Cleveland score four unearned runs in a five-run second inning off Vicente Padilla.

With the bases loaded and one out, Shin-Soo Choo sent a grounder to Kinsler, who tried to tag Peralta running from first, but missed.

Kinsler then threw wildly to first, sending Choo to second and Peralta to third as Ryan Garko and Trot Nixon scored to make it 2-0.

"It was an inexperienced mistake," Washington said. "He'll learn from it. If he gets one out there, that's OK. He'll make that play the next time.<sup>3</sup>

Peralta scored on a groundout by Josh Barfield and Sizemore singled home Choo. Sizemore then stole second and scored on a single up the middle by Casey Blake.

The five-run inning was Cleveland's largest since the Indians scored five in the first inning of the season opener April 2 in Chicago.

Travis Hafner's RBI single in the fourth made it 6-0.

Kinsler keyed the Rangers' comeback with a three-run homer in the sixth, his eighth of the season. Sosa added a two-run double high off the left-field wall later in the sixth. Washington argued with third-base umpire Dale Scott that it was a homer. TV replays showed the ball hit the yellow home-run line atop the wall.

About an inch higher, and Sosa would have become the first player to homer in 44 majorleague stadiums.

# LOCAL **Police blotter**

# **Obituaries**

#### Gloria S. Ochotorena



Gloria S. Ochotorena, 65, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring and Lubbock died Monday, April 23, 2007, in a Dallas hospital with all of her children at her side. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born June 18, 1941, in Big Spring to Estella Fierro and Martin Sosa. She spent most of her life in Big Spring and also lived in Lubbock and Midland. She was married for over 25 years to Gus Ochotorena Jr. She worked for S.W. Bell Telephone for over 26 years before retiring in 1998. After retirement, she worked for the Texas Workforce Commission, the Better Business Bureau and Attorney Lilly Plummer of Midland. She was a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church in Midland.

She is survived by one daughter, Teri Rubio and Robert Klein of Midland; four sons, Gus Ochotorena III of San Antonio, Vince Ochotorena and his wife Lee Ann of Lubbock, Gary Ochotorena and Greg Ochotorena, both of Dallas; four grandchildren, Christopher Rubio of Lubbock, Jonathan Rubio of Midland and Victoria Ochotorena and Isabella Ochotorena, both of Lubbock; father, Martin Sosa of Springlake, Mich.; two sisters, Margie Palacios of Big Spring and Jeannie Stuthard of Springlake, Mich.; one brother, Martin Sosa Jr. of Michigan; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Estella Fierro Gonzales; one brother, Joe Gonzales; stepfather, Emilio Gonzales, grandmother, Francisca Rios Fierro; and two uncles, Antonio R. Fierro and Aniceto R. Fierro.

Pallbearers will be Christopher Rubio, Jonathan Rubio, Joseph Klein, Joe Franklin Gonzales, Rocky Torres and Gus Ochotorena III.

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

#### Elmer 'Skipper' Oaks

Graveside services for Elmer "Skipper" Oaks will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Ackerly Cemetery in Ackerly with Bro. Henson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Elmer passed away at his home Tuesday, April 24, 2007. He was born in Arapaho, Okla., on June 29, 1909. He married Beatrice Bryson in Ackerly in February 1933. He lived in Ackerly for 75 years and was an equipment operator for the county. He built the Klondike football field after he retired. He had numerous friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice; a daughter, Dell Clayton; six brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include three daughters, Naomi Williamson of Westbrook, June Ritchie and husband H.F. of Big Lake and Patsy Painter and husband Gary of Midland; three sons, Leon Oaks and wife Shirley of Water Valley, Jerry Oaks and wife June of Celina and Rodney Oaks and wife Beverly of Ackerly; two sisters,

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

• ROBERT DUANE BUCK, 37, of 1514 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on four local warrants and charges of violation of a protective order and assault/family violence.

• JEREMY CHAD MEADOR, 27, of Odessa, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• DIMAS ANGUIANO, 48, of 4009 Vicky, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• EARNEST CLARK, age not provided, transient, was arrested Thursday on charges of public intoxication, criminal trespass, resisting arrest and harassment of a public servant.

• ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 24, of 2525 Gunter, was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to identify.

• TEDIA D. WILLIAMS, 24, of 300 S. Owens, was arrested Thursday on charges of failure to identify and possession of drug paraphernalia,

• VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

• RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-PORTATION was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES **OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

• EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of Stanford.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

Note: The Big Spring Police Department is investigating an alleged drive-by shooting that occurred Tuesday. According to police reports, a vehicle was shot at.

# 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.

• TERRY LYNN DARDEN, 54, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• SAMUEL GARCIA, 45, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• CLAYTON WIGINGTON, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of theft of services, resisting arrest, search or transportation and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• KEITH EMMANUEL ROMANOU, 47, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• KENNETH RAY WILLIAMS, 47, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

# **Bulletin Board**

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

#### TODAY

• Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. • Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center 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.

• "The Audition" at the Hall Center for the Performing Arts on the Howard College campus. The 7:30 p.m. production, involving more than 50 students, is free to the public.

#### **SATURDAY**

• "The Audition" at the Hall Center for the Performing Arts on the Howard College campus. The 7:30 p.m. production, involving more than 50 students, is free to the public.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

#### 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.

• 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.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

#### TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.



#### 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,

Mary Webb of Ackerly and Faye Brown of Lawton, Okla.; 20 grandchildren; 39 great grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Hospice of Big Spring or a charity of choice.

Paid obituary

#### Lela Clay



Lela Clay, 96, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 25, 2007, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28, 2007, at the Nallev-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Elder George Johnson of Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church and Elder James Taylor of the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church of Big Spring officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

The family will receive friends Friday, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born Aug. 18, 1910, in Falls County and married John "Dick" Clay on Dec. 9, 1929, in Vealmoor. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1996.

Lela had lived in Big Spring and surrounding areas since the late 1920s. She had been a member of the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church since 1974.

Survivors include one daughter, Helen Metcalf of Coahoma; four grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, one son-in-law, Jesse Lee Metcalf Sr., one great grandson; four brothers; and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

#### Jay Cunningham

Jay Cunningham, 80, of The Woodlands, formerly a longtime Big Spring resident, died Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# **Take Note**

• A FAJITA COOK-OFF, sponsored by the American Legion Post 506 Ladies Auxiliary, will be held Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Entry is \$10 for beef or chicken (three pounds for each). Judging will be at 11 a.m. with serving set for noon. Plates are \$8 each. There will also be a plant and cake walk. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-2084 for more informa-



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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of S. 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 6500 block of E. Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of S. Goliad.

# Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-8-18-23-30-49. Number matching six of six: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 23-25-27-30-33.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$29,590.

Winning ticket sold in: Elkhart.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-4-6.

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

#### **SUNDAY**

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.



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## SPORTS

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# FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. (Report also available on Web at http://www.txfishing.com.)

#### CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 66 degrees; 2.16 low. Black bass are very good on watermelon/white and watermelon red spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are fair on white/chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are good on Lil Fishies and live minnows. Crappie are fair on live minnows and blue and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on frozen shrimp, stinkbait, and shad. Yellow catfish are slow. BUCHANAN: Water clearing; 66 degrees: 17.42 low. Black bass are good on white Terminator spinnerbaits, Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps, and weightless cotton candy Whacky Sticks on Carolina rigs along break lines of flats with flooded grass in creeks and pockets in 3-6 feet. Striped bass are fair trolling Gizz 4 crankbaits and white Curb's bucktail jigs, and drifting live bait from Shaw to Flag Island in 28 feet. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps along Hog Island and casting or jigging Pirk Minnows and Tiny Traps above Paradise Point. Crappie are fair on minnows and Curb's crappie jigs. Channel catfish are good on live bait and cut bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines.

PROCTOR: Water fairly clear; 62 degrees; 3.36 low. Black bass are good on shad spinnerbaits. Striped bass are excellent on shad colored crankbaits and cut shad. White bass are good on shysters, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits. Crappie are excellent on minnows, and on chartreuse/avocado jigs. Channel and blue catfish are very good on shrimp and dough bait.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 69 degrees. Black bass are very good on Senkos, spinnerbaits, topwaters, and jerkbaits. Striped bass are good on large redfin. White bass are fair on white and chartreuse crankbaits and slabs. Catfish are good on cheese bait.

#### PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 25 low. Black bass are good on firetiger crankbaits, white spinnerbaits and live bait. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and chrome crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are good on crankbaits and live bait. Walleye are good on live bait and slabs. Catfish are good on live bait.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 57 degrees; 5.75 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. Walleye are good on slabs tipped with minnows. Catfish soft plastics in brush. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. A ShareLunker weighing 13.2 pounds was caught 4/18 — this one makes history, being caught the third year in row.

ARROWHEAD: Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 4.9 low. Black bass to 10 pounds are good on crankbaits, swim blade baits and chatterbaits in 4-7 feet. Crappie are good on minnows in shallows and jigs near state park, Henrietta Bridge and other riprap areas; Crappie are spawning. White bass to 17-inches are good on shad-imitation lures off deeper points and trolling. Catfish are good along upper west side on punchbait or juglines baited with cut shad.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 65 degrees; 3 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 64 degrees; 6.2' 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 light-

ly stained; 66 degrees; 13.65 low. Black bass are fair on white/blue spinnerbaits, shad-colored crankbaits, brown/orange 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; 67 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.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; 2.9 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.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 20 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; 66 degrees; 2.4 low. Black bass are good near Rock Creek and back of Caddo Creek cove on spinnerbaits. White bass are fair near deeper points jigging with silver slabs and trolling with striped bass being caught. Catfish are fair on set lines baited with shad in upper end of reservoir.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 49 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; 65 degrees; 2.89 low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are tair on live baits. Cattish are tair on live baits. SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; 35.25 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Catfish are slow WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 24.6 low. Black bass are good on live baits, and black/blue soft plastics or jigs along buck brush, and shad-colored crankbaits along brush and timber. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair on live baits and chrome/blue back jerkbaits. Channel catfish are good on cut baits and live baits. WICHITA: Water clearing: 67 degrees; full at spillway. Crappie to 12-inches are fair near flooded bulrushes. 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 on punchbait.

# **Cavaliers Gooden-ough to beat Wizards**

#### By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — LeBron James trudged back down the hallway to the Cavaliers' locker room with ice bags strapped to both ankles and knees. He labored like an older man, not like a spry, skywalking 22-year-old.

He could use more rest, and the Cleveland Cavaliers may soon give him some.

James scored 27 points on a tender left ankle, Drew Gooden added 24 — 19 in the first half — and the Cavs moved halfway to a first-round sweep of Washington with a 109-102 win over the undermanned but not overwhelmed Wizards on Wednesday night.

For the second game in a row, the Cavaliers were less than impressive against the Wizards, who are trying to pull off an upset without All-Stars Gilbert Arenas and Caron Butler. Cleveland should be grateful the pair isn't around.

"We definitely have had some lapses we need to work on," Cavs guard Larry Hughes. "We've got to keep getting better."

James added eight rebounds and seven assists in 45 minutes. For a while, it looked like he might be able to sit part of the fourth quarter

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Emotion is what got us to the playoffs. We have to channel that emotion into playing better defense."

The game was turning into a rout when Jackson got his second technical. Whatever he said to get tossed wasn't nearly as bad as his reaction afterward. He wouldn't stop screaming at officials as he headed to the locker room, with teammate Matt Barnes trying to when the Cavaliers opened a 15-point lead. But the Wizards never gave up and clawed within three points on a 3pointer by Jarvis Hayes with 18 seconds left.

Hughes then made four free throws to close it out and send the best-of-seven series back to Washington for Game 3.

"It was a good ending for us," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "We didn't give up, put a little bit pressure on them at the end with some plays. But, you know, they stepped up. Drew Gooden had a good game."

Gooden's first-half flurry — he scored 15 points in just over five minutes of the second quarter energized the Cavs and pushed them to the commanding advantage in a series that didn't figure to be as close as it has been.

Gooden made six straight jumpers during his one-man show in the second, and following the last one, he wiggled his fingers in front of his smiling face and yelled, "Let it rain!"

"I have to hit four in a row before I can do that," Gooden said. "Every night, another guy has to step up for us. It was my night."

In other playoff action, San Antonio beat Denver 97-88 and Dallas downed

Jackson, who declined

to comment, led the

Warriors with 30 points,

his most ever in a playoff

game. He also had eight

turnovers. Davis had 13

points, two assists and

one rebound; he had 33

points, 14 rebounds and

eight assists in Golden

State's victory in the

position," Davis said.

"They're supposed to beat

us by 20. There's no pres-

sure on us. Tonight we

"I feel we're in good

opener.

Cavaliers<br/>ooint lead.Golden State 112-99.<br/>Gooden's performance<br/>came exactly one year<br/>after he had 24 points and<br/>16 rebounds in Game 2 of<br/>the Cavs' first-round<br/>series against the<br/>Wizards. Cleveland lost<br/>that game before winning<br/>the series in six.<br/>He wasn't going to let

this Game 2 slip away.

"He held down the fort for them in the first half," Hayes said. "And at the end LeBron did."

James, who twisted his ankle in Game 1, still managed put up roughly his statistical averages from the regular season. And when the Wizards trimmed a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter to six, James took control.

He scored 13 points in the final period, including nine in the final 5:14. But other than a two-handed dunk in the first half and couple of powerful excursions toward the hoop, James seemed to take it easy on an ankle he said is still sore.

"It felt pretty good," he said. "I'm making progress."

Once again, Antawn Jamison had to do it alone for the Wizards. He scored 31 points but Antonio Daniels (11) was the only other Washington starter in double figures.

Wizards still have time to do some damage in the series.

"Now we go home with our crowd and if we continue to play hard and not give up and continue to fight, it looks pretty good," he said. "We still have a lot of confidence as a team, a couple mistakes here, a couple of shots there, it might be a different story. In my eyes we have still yet to shoot well as a team."

#### Spurs 97, Nuggets 88

Tim Duncan had 22 points and five blocked shots, Tony Parker had 20 points and Manu Ginobili scored all but two of his 17 in the second half as San Antonio's stars helped the Spurs even the series 1-1.

The Nuggets, who trailed 82-65 in the fourth quarter, got within 91-88 on a 3-pointer by Allen Iverson with 45 seconds to play. But a layup by Duncan and two free throws each by Michael Finley and Parker put the game away.

Carmelo Anthony had 26 points and 10 rebounds and Iverson added 20 points for the Nuggets. Nene had 17 points and Marcus Camby had 10 points and 18 rebounds for Denver, which hosts Game 3 on Saturday.

But Jamison feels the

minutes. The Warriors were up 23-16 soon after, but all their points had come from Jackson and Monta Ellis. That duo was a combined 9-of-10; everyone else was 0-for-8.

Ellis had 13 points in the first quarter but didn't score again until the final minute of the third quarter. He finished with 20 points. Jason Richardson had 14 with 10 rebounds.

Howard filled his stat from there."

sheet with five steals and two blocks. Nowitzki was 7-of-15 with seven rebounds.

"It was a physical game and emotional," Nowitzki said. "I think they got us in the first game and took us out of our game. I said after Game 1 we need to execute a lot better. We made a couple of adjustments that worked. Now they'll make adjustments going home and we'll go from there."

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are good on live baits.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 59 degrees; 32.5 low. Black bass are good on shad-colored crankbaits, black/blue jigs, and live bait. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are good on dark jigs and live bait. Walleye are fair on jerkbaits and slabs tipped with minnows. Channel catfish are good on prepared and live baits.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 47.6' low. Black bass are fair on live baits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Walleye are fair on live bait. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

#### WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 70 degrees. Black bass are good on along brush lines on shad-colored spinnerbaits and crankbaits, and watermelon red cover Jackson's mouth with his arms, then with

Golden State opened the game strong, going on an 11-0 run in the opening

were just out of fire.'



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Declarer is often faced with the problem of resolving which way to finesse against a missing queen. From a mathematical standpoint, this appears to be a straightforward 50-50 proposition, but in fact a skillful declarer will "guess" correctly far more than half the time.

One way of improving the success ratio is for declarer to try to learn as much as possible about the opponents' distribution before committing himself one way or the other. How he goes about doing this is

**Tomorrow:** Bidding quiz. ©2007 King Features Syndicate Inc.

shown in today's hand. West led the king of clubs and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed, drew three rounds of trumps, West following suit to all three, and then ruffed dummy's last club. East's diamond discard confirmed that West, as expected, had started with seven clubs. One more piece of information

**One more piece** of information regarding West's distribution remained to be uncovered, and South quickly resolved it by cashing the A-K-Q of diamonds, West showing out on the third round. The picture of the hand West held originally was now complete. He had started with seven clubs, three spades, two diamonds and therefore only one heart.

Declarer was now ready to tackle the heart suit, but, thanks to his careful preparatory steps, the location of the queen was no longer a guess. Either East had the missing damsel or West had it singleton. So, at trick ten declarer led a heart to dummy's king. When the queen did not appear, South next led a heart to his ten to bring home the slam.

Admittedly, there are deals where declarer, despite diligent efforts, will be unable to significantly increase his chances of locating a missing queen. But in the present case, by simply adding up to 13, South was able to raise his chances from 50 percent to 100 percent.



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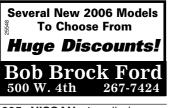
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# **BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

A complex and melodic cacophony of the senses bursts onto the scene today. Venus

Gemini in gets her hands into everything, concert а pianist stimulating conversations and curiosi-



Uranus con-MATHIS tributes an unusually = crescendo.

rowdy Changes of heart make life diverse and exciting, so says this song of love and freedom.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Repeat after me: I'm not my own worst enemy. Let that roll around in your mind, and contemplate the feel of it on the tip of your tongue. And if the opposite seems truer, you may owe someone an apology.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Bossy people have the nasty habit of making disagreement totally unacceptable. Ironically, they cause peace lovers like you to revolt. Probably it's better just to avoid these types altogether.



Dear Annie: I am a sin-

gle mother of two girls,

ages 4 and 2. Their father

isn't in the picture much.

I love my kids, but some-

times I think I never

should have had children.

year-old into group coun-

seling because she was

very aggressive with her

little sister and argued

with me about everything

— what to wear, when to

go to bed, etc. She hasn't

improved much, and it is

me

Rewards and discipline

crazy.

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making

don't work.

A while ago, I put my 4-

21). You do love a good diversion — your evil twin agrees. So while you create a conversational decoy, your twin, or another part of your personality, cavorts. The mischief you muster delights everyone.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't like change. But what about trying a different flavor of ice cream, or choosing a spiritual family instead of one? your familial Sometimes the road to happiness is unfamiliar.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you see things as different from how a partner sees them, sometimes that's called a fight; other times, passion. You're open to having your mind changed, and that's just what happens.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Intimate relationships possess you like a virus and are just as hard to shake. You probably don't really want to, anyway. The unreliability, unpredictability and unruliness of your love bond is exciting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A co-worker or office mate has a secret crush on you. Hey, it's not the first time you've been the GEMINI (May 21-June object of someone's affec-

tion. Treat the knowledge with tender sensitivity.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Immature love is fragile. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your personal magnetism is a self-evident, irrefutable truth. It can also get you into hot water. When your charm and persuasiveness kick into high gear, acknowledge your power over the innocents.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When the energy at home is slightly chaotic - OK, bordering on a big mess — your partner picks up the slack. Sit down together tonight and organize your space. This committed act vicariously organizes vour future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As disruptive as the changes might be, they directly benefit you. Maybe a co-worker leaves and you're able to head a more creative project. It's more than good timing your expertise is needed. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

18). You balance vour pleasure palette by mixing up your curiosities. New music, literature, scenery, tastes and people must be experienced

#### 20). The vicissitudes of meal just the way he likes love and life cause rapturous upheaval. Later, you'll judge whether today's encounter has been more delightful or more disturbing – right now, it's still hard to tell. ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "I enjoy your

columns every day. I'd be very appreciative of your insights regarding my relationship to a Scorpio man born Nov. 18, 1953 (about 5 p.m.). My birthday was 8 a.m., March 22, 1959. We've been together a very long time."

Yours is a high-energy, intellectual union. You stimulate each other's curiosities and interests to the point of overflow. I wouldn't be surprised if you had a large library of books and games maybe you're even hobbyists or collectors. You love a good debate, too, and it's your mental chemistry that keeps you both from getting bored with each other. This relationship isn't all brains, though you have a passionate, sensual connection. Your Venus in Taurus knows just what your sweetie's Venus in Scorpio likes. And when it comes to you, he's easy to please. You cook his favorite DICATE, INC.

it, and he enjoys seeing you in an apron! That's the appetite of the senses, strong glue for keeping you in each other's arms. The cherry on top: You two have the Saturn mark for many more happy years together.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Jack Nicholson always delivers a consistent performance, never veering too far left or right even in his most challenging roles. Nicholson prefers not to complicate things, so he chooses understated simplicity over dramatic gestures. It's a practical choice for a Taurus. How long will he get to play the handsome scoundrel? Onand off-screen, with Venus in Aries, he's always on the prowl.

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my boyfriend. Please help. I don't know what to do. -

Dear Indiana: A certain amount of aggressive behavior toward younger siblings is common, and a consistent, disciplined approach will eventually get results. However, you are too exhausted and overwhelmed to do this, and as a result, you are no longer in control. Not only does this make every day a struggle for you, but it creates insecurity in your children, who, in

might not have been perfect, but I was there when they needed me.

Now that they are grown, it's as if I don't exist. Both girls are close to their mother, but neither talks to me unless they want something. Yesterday, I received a call from my youngest daughter, saying she and her sister are taking their mother out for dinner to celebrate her retirement. My son-in-law and grandson are also going. When my daughter asked if I would like to join them,

to make things better.

Dear Annie: I chuckled when I read the letter from "Burnt Out." His list of chores sure sounded like the daily doings of most women.

As long as he is sharing this working, commuting, doing endless chores, taking care of pets, garbage, laundry, dishes, cars, paying bills, etc., with his wife, and they still remember to say "I love you" to each other, they will survive. Children grow up, and they cannot get back that childhood time. Instead, they need to rechannel their family focus. Take some time to play with the children and one another every week. Make a game of the weekly chores, which everyone in the house should share. They will be making family memories. Hang in there. — Been There. Done That Dear Been There: We couldn't have said it better. Thanks. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators .com. © 2007 CREATORS SYN-DICATE, INC.



MARCY SUGAR

means I have to go to bed

#### before you can go back to appreciating your own living room. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

# Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

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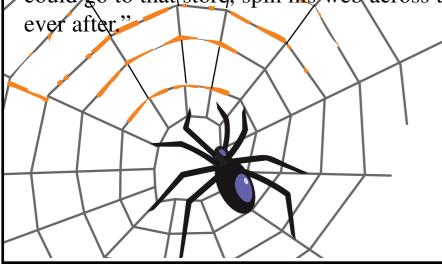
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YAMAHA       2005 $650$ VStar.         2600 miles.       \$3,000 or best offer. Call (432)213-0109.         Su       do       ku         ©       Puzzles by Pappocom         ANSWERS         3       5       4       6       7       1       2       6       8       5         2       6       1       8       5       9       4       7       3       1       2       6       8       5         2       6       1       8       5       9       4       7       3       1       2       6       8       5       2       6       1       8       5       2       6       1       8       5       2       6       1       2       9       8       4       7       6       9       3       1       1       2       3       8       4       7       6       9       3       1       1       2       4       8       7       4       5       6       9       7       1       1       3       8       2       6       3       9       7       2       4       8       7       4<	tle with them, which ments are also causing <b>GARAGE SALES</b> Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items! Call 263-7331 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad	community center, and ask if they offer parenting classes. Try to get Dad more involved. Please find time for this — for your children and for yourself. Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married 37 years. We have two grown daughters whom we have helped financial- ly many times over the years. I work long hours, but I've always done my best to stay involved in my girls' lives. I chaperoned school field trips, worked	my own family. There have been other outings where I wasn't even invit- ed. I told my wife how I feel, and she says I am making too much out of it. Am I? — Hurt Father in Indiana Dear Hurt: Yes and no. If your daughters are tak- ing Mom out to celebrate her retirement, it does not mean they have to treat you as well. Also, it is not unusual for daughters to be closer to their mothers. However, your daughters may not know how much their behavior hurts you,
8 1 2 6 4 5 3 9 7	that gets results!	science fairs and coached basketball and softball. I	so it's time to tell them how you feel and ask how

# The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace



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### **Talent show slated Friday**

The Big Spring High School Choir is sponsoring the annual High School talent show Friday at 7 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

There will be a variety of talent consisting of vocal and instrumental solos, rock and heavy metal bands, comedy skits, and gospel singing.

Snacks and drinks can be purchased during the intermission.

### 'The Audition' set for HC stage Friday and Saturday evenings

#### By STEVE REAGAN

#### Staff Writer

Just about everybody in the Howard College Fine Arts Department will have a hand on this weekend's production of "The Audition."

"The Audition," which runs Friday and Saturday at the Hall Center for the Performing Arts, will feature a little bit of everything, it seems. There will be dancing, singing, jazz bands and even sketch artists, said Eulaine McIntosh, dance instructor at the college.

McIntosh and Drama Department Director Clay Grizzle developed the show, which will feature McIntosh's dancers, Grizzle's thespians, Ross Litman's Nighthawk Jazz Band and students from Stacy Slaten's visual arts department.

The production was inspired by the popular Broadway musical "A Chorus Line," McIntosh said.

"At first, all the actors and dancers are coming in for an audition. The production is based on that," she said. "And our ending segment will be a big production number."

In addition to singers, dancers and musicians, visual artists will be sketching the action, as well, McIntosh said.

About 50 students will take part in the production, which is free to the public.

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Studio Theater in the Hall Center.

For more information. contact the college at 264-5000.

Bobby Cathey, right, is presented a plaque recognizing his 35 years of service as a district director for the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District. Presenting the award is John Wayne Metcalf, district director. The award was presented during Monday's annual Howard SWCD Banquet.

## MARQUEZ

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"There were taxes delinquent for his personal property, but that suit has been dismissed," said Mouton. "We have entered into a payment agreement, and since that time Mr. Marquez has made every payment on time. It is my opinion as an attorney that Mr. Marquez has handled these matters and done the honorable thing in every case."

Marquez, who has served on numerous local boards and committees, said the tax matters Thomason referred to were discussed by the Big Spring City Council shortly after his Marquez. "And it's also being addressed right now by our attorney and Drew Mouton. If Mr. Thomason had done his homework better, he would have known that, and he would have known it was an ongoing thing. It takes time to straighten out tax matters, but the situation concerning my appointment was taken care of a long time ago. Mr. Thomason is simply trying to bring it up again."

Marquez said he was saddled with the vast majority of the delinquent taxes due to a mistake, but he is doing everything he can to have the situation resolved.

"The property was deeded to myself and my five brothers. So, the taxes should be divided among all six of us," said from. Our lawyers and Drew Mouton have to straighten that out before we can move on to negotiations concerning the property. I am complying with everything I can possibly comply with on this matter.

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"I feel like Mr. Thomason is really attacking my character on this matter," Marquez added. "For a man who hasn't voted in an election to attack me and my character like this. I think not. It's not going to happen, and I'm not going to allow it to happen. As for Mr. Thomason attacking me to get at one of his opponents in the election, Mayor McEwen, I think it's just a really low-down blow. I've never seen anyone do this. I wouldn't do this to him, and I wouldn't expect him to cil was aware of Marquez's tax what he's doing is a disservice problems.

"We did our job in this matter," said McEwen. "Raul is a good and honorable businessman who has volun-

teered his time to the community in so many different ways. He's done an outstanding job on the Moore Board. I hate to see his name dragged through the gutter because some-

election looming.

McEwen one simply doesn't have the facts. This is simply

an unfounded accusation." McEwen declined to comment on speculation Thomason is using the issue as a platform to attack him with the May 12

to Mr. Marquez, but I simply can't speculate why he's doing this.'

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Wednesday's call for Marquez's resignation isn't the first attempt to remove a public figure from office for Thomason, who was one of the driving forces behind the petition to recall McEwen. Because the petition, which also targeted several council members for their parts in the passage of a no-smoking ordinance within the city limits, was successful, McEwen will face a recall for an already-expired term during the May 12 election.

McEwen will face Thomason and James "Jim" Hicks in the mayoral election.



appointment.

"This situation was addressed a long time ago, when I was appointed to the board," said

a big mistake where most of the taxes were put on me. That's where that large number comes

Marquez. "However, there was use me like this to get to his opponent. That's just the type of man he is."

McEwen confirmed the coun-

"That gets into trying to speculate what Mr. Thomason's motivation in this matter is," said McEwen. "I have no doubt

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### SETTLES

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they feel is on target.

"I move that we accept and direct the president (of the Moore Board) sign the new letter of intent with the Settles Hotel **Development Corporation** for Moore Board to provide up to \$3 million on projects we can do as a 4A company upon the Settles Company coming up with \$6 million," said Moore Board member Frank Parker.

According to Larry McLellan, board president, the agreement will allow Brint Ryan, the manager of the Settles Hotel Development Corporation, room to tailor the construction to meet market demands.

"I feel like Big Spring is still a winner with this," said McLellan. "It makes sense that you wouldn't take a project of this magnitude and try to market or forecast the condition of the final project. If you look at market conditions, I think it's something most developers would consider and then move toward. You don't just put it out there and hope the conditions come to you." McLellan described the required \$6 million from SHDC as a claw back agreement, which will

allow Moore Development to recoup funds if Ryan doesn't meet a two-to-one dollar ratio.

"Moore Board will pay 4A expenses that we can legally pay. As the project progresses, we will reimburse for those expenditures, up to \$3 million,"

said McLellan. "Keep in mind, these could come in early because of infrastructure. We will have a claw back agreement that will require Mr. Ryan to spend \$6 million or reimburse Moore Board for any funds that do not meet that two-to-one ratio. So, if this project is finished at \$6 million, Moore Board would receive money back.

"The original letter of intent was simply an agreement to start the process," said McLellan. "And we mentioned at that time the process would continue on with even multiple letters of intent, until we get to the construction document. Then it will be more of a binding contract that will lay out the plans and the specifics of the project." Ryan's company has

placed \$75,000 in escrow to pay for the building, according to city officials. Ryan said it was necessary for the company to wait to take control of the title to the building due to "timing issues" in efforts to renovate the structure and have it added to the national registry of historic places.

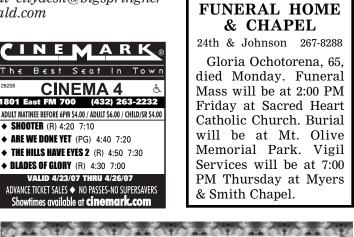
According to Ryan, SHDC is preparing for a \$12 million renovation project which includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

The board also discussed ongoing efforts to hire an executive director during the executive session. However, no action was taken on the matter.

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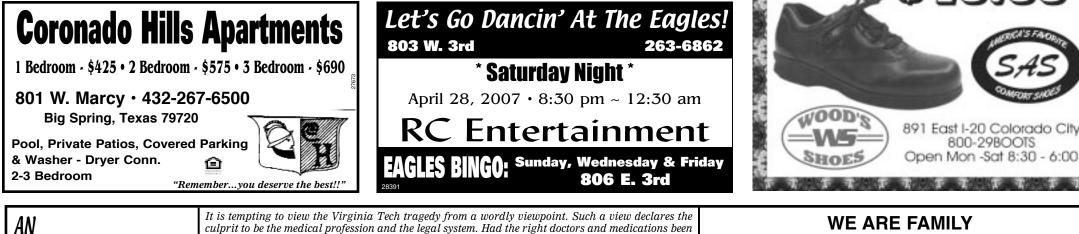
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**ENCOURAGING** WORD steals, kills and destroys

By Eddy Pitchford

culprit to be the medical profession and the legal system. Had the right doctors and medications been in place, this would not have occurred. Had the proper laws been implemented, this would have been

Mental illness is real and medication is useful. Law is valid and helpful. However, the Virginia Tech massacre remind us that the real war is between good and evil. The Bible speaks of the devil as a roaring lion, walking about seeking whom he may devour. Jesus declared this enemy to be a thief that

Virginia Tech was only one battlefield of a much bigger war. I assure you that the outcome of this spiritual war is not in doubt. Life triumphs over death because of Jesus Christ, the cross and the resurrection. Indeed, that good news has encouraged many families bidding farewell to loved ones this week. That victory will motivate others to comfort hurting families in weeks ahead. The hope found in Jesus will prompt some to love and good works, thereby preventing additional killings and remind-ing all of us that love for one another is a powerful weapon in our daily battles.

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## **OUR VIEWS**

# House bills are, in effect, calling for new poll tax

n insidious scheme to turn back the clock on voting rights in Texas tragically has once again made its way to the state House floor. The architects of this idea, pitched as a noble effort to prevent voter fraud, cannot be allowed to succeed with what is surely one of the greatest assaults on the right to vote in this state since passage of the federal Voting Rights Act in 1965.

Two bills were scheduled for debate this week in the lower chamber: House Bill 218, which would require a photo ID along with a voter registration card to cast a ballot, and HB 626, which would require a certified copy of a birth certificate, passport or naturalization certificate to register to vote.

Opponents, who promise an intense floor fight, note that such requirements put undue hardships particularly on ethnic minorities, the elderly and the poor. They also say that these bills were introduced because these citizens are also believed to trend toward voting Democratic.

Recent published reports have indicated that there was an organized effort, allegedly hatched in the White House, to suppress voter turnout during the 2006 election by getting state legislatures to pass more stringent voter identification laws and by conjuring up allegations of widespread voter fraud in some battleground counties and states.

A photo ID bill passed the House during the last legislative session but was defeated in the Senate.

Considering the cost of certified copies of documents, these bills are, in effect, proposing a new poll tax. A certified copy of a birth certificate costs \$23; a passport is \$85; a naturalization certificate is \$200.

# Crazy enough to avoid the death penalty?

y life won't change if the state of Texas executes Scott Panetti, who shot his in-laws dead in 1992, a man whose lawyers now claim is insane and therefore shouldn't be executed. Besides a brief blip in my local newspaper that Panetti was tried then fried, I wouldn't even notice if and when he's gone.

Panetti's lawyers are currently appealing his death sentence to the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the Court to clarify its 1986 ruling that executing the insane violates the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against "cruel and unusual punishment." What is "criminal insani-

ty"? Enough of the legal technicalities and time-and-resource-consuming maneuvering; Panetti is guilty. Execute him already. He got a fair trial, right?

Panetti was tried by a jury of his peers who had an opportunity to hear all the state's evidence against him. After much deliberation and a determination that the state proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt, the jury convicted Panetti of murdering his in-laws and sentenced him to death. Justice was served, wasn't it? His trial judge allowed Panetti to represent himself at trial, with no assistance of counsel. Even the prosecutor objected to the judge's decision. The defendant flipped a coin - 50/50 odds - to pick the same jurors who later convicted

and sentenced him. Panetti subpoenaed President John F. Kennedy and Jesus Christ as witnesses, but they were no-shows. He wore a purple cowboy suit to trial. Seems fair.

His "insanity" isn't real, right? Now that's he is facing a death sentence, Panetti is playing the "nut role." His insanity comes at an expedient juncture. Panetti is faking mental illness to avoid the prick of the needle. Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz recently said, "Six professional psychiatrists concluded that he is exaggerating his symptoms, deliberately acting bizarre to prove he's insane." We can't allow death row inmates to fabricate convenient mental illnesses to escape punishment, can we? Panetti was hospitalized 14 times for schizophrenia and psychotic delusions in the decade before murdering his in-laws. He hears voices and claims various personalities, including one who he thinks committed the murder. Panetti once planted his furniture in the ground and watered it, believing it to be demon-possessed. What a phony.

We've executed mentally ill prisoners before, right?

The test for an inmate's competency for execution should be simple. The prisoner should understand why he is to be executed for murder — and that the execution will result in his death.

If Panetti would just take his anti-psychotic mediation, he would be sane. Then the state could execute him. What an easy solution.

Panetti would then join the infamous graduates of Texas' Death Row, who include Kelsey

Patterson, Class of 2004, who thought his last meal — a plate of beans — talked back to him; James Coburn, a 2003 alumnus, who thought a man lived in his stomach; and Monty Delk, 2002 graduate, who believed he was the warden, albeit on the island of Barbados, at the time of his death. We shouldn't allow a prisoner's delusions to prevent the state from executing those guilty of murder, should we? Panetti thinks the state and Satan are collaborating to orchestrate his death. He fancies himself the self-ordained preacher of death row and believes his impending execution to be punishment for his spirituality. Panetti claims God cured his mental illness, so he refuses to take any medicine. Precedent says shoot him up with the lethal drugs. Insane or not is irrelevant.

The punishment should fit the crime, right?

Panetti's victims, Amanda and Joe Alvarado, didn't have a choice in the brutal way they died. Their former son-in-law has had some 15 years of luxurious and comfortable living on death row — all accommodations paid for by Texas taxpayers — while his lawyers dragged his case through numerous appeals. Panetti's execution will be humane and sanitized, compared to their shooting deaths while their daughter, Panetti's wife, and their 3-year old daughter watched.

The Bible advocates "An eye for an eye."

We're morally justified in killing criminals who murder, aren't we?

But what if we're wrong? Who, then, will judge our sanity?





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Naturalization certificates warn on the document itself that copying one "without lawful authority" could result in punishment.

State Rep. Marc Veasey, D-Fort Worth, who is fighting the legislation, emphasizes that the bills represent a "reversal of the progress Texas has made since the days of poll taxes and segregation."

No logical person would oppose fighting voter fraud, but there are plenty of laws and procedures already in place to combat such illegalities.

Lawmakers should trust our justice system to deal with any balloting irregularities – unless there's another purpose behind the proposed laws.

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## **A SMALL PRAYER**

#### by K. Rae Anderson

May we find ourselves in daily communication with You, Lord.

'm not going to write about the massacre at Virginia Tech. Every time something like this has happened during the past 40 years — Charles Whitman in '66, Columbine in '99. the Amish murders last year, all the others — I've written a column about it. Twenty times; maybe more. And it's been pretty

much the same column, railing against the insanity allowing of any loony with the cash go out to buy a gun. Then he can slaughter large numbers of people.

And in all that time, I have not stopped a single bullet from reaching its target. I'm not sure anyone else has. either.

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A mass shooting is a kind of Rorschach test; what you make of it depends on who you are.

Bible thumpers see it as a sign we should put prayer back in school. Social workers favor more social services as a cure. Mental health experts say it means we have to learn to identify people who are going to shoot people before they actually shoot them. Advocates of capital punishment say it proves the need to execute more people.

Gun nuts believe that it means everybody should carry a gun to

defend themselves against other people who carry guns.

And gun control advocates, like me, think society would be better off if it had fewer guns. (What can I say? I also believe in global warming. I'm a hopeless liberal.)

I must say, however, that the gun nuts have a hard time making the case that the problem in Virginia is not enough guns. Virginia has perhaps the loosest gun laws of any state on the Eastern seaboard. If you don't have a gun in Virginia, it's because you don't want one. And you can buy cases of ammo for it.

Oh wait, I forgot. You can't buy more than one gun a month. Not legally, anyway. Don't worry though. The National Rifle Association (NRA) will get that unconstitutional restriction of your rights repealed any year now.

I've come to think of the NRA as our own, homegrown terrorist organization. Its main function is to terrorize our politicians so that they go hide under a bush at times like these. And a good job of it they do. So far as I could tell, none of the initial comments on the Virginia massacre by our presidential candidates even mentioned gun control — except for Sen. John McCain, who said he was against it.

He then went on to make that stupid remark that gun apologists always make — we have to find a

way to keeps guns out of the hands of those who would abuse them.

Stop with the nonsense already. The NRA doesn't want guns out of the hands of those who abuse them. It doesn't want guns out of the hands of anybody. It envisions a Hobbesian world of all against all, each of us armed and ready to defend ourselves at the pop of a backfire.

If McCain were to advocate a law that truly sought to keep guns out of the hands of those who would abuse them, the NRA would immediately turn on him and run scurrilous ads against him. It's the secret of its power. "No pro-gun position too absurd to defend to the death;" that's its motto.

In any case, it might very well be too late to do anything effective about guns in our society. There are too many of them floating around. You could ban the sale of handguns from this moment on and people who wanted to get guns for evil purposes could still get them.

That's why I'm not going to write a column on Virginia Tech today. It's a waste of my time and yours. My advice to you is not to think about it. Don't try to come up with the meaning of it, nor a solution. Just forget it and go on about your daily business.

It's what we've done every time before, isn't it? It's the American way.



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FEATURES

<u>An Edge</u>

# Ford's crossover gaining on rivals

#### By SARAH A. WEBSTER

**Detroit Free Press** 

Ask any car salesperson and they will tell you: Teachers are some of their toughest customers. They tend to study the price of vehicles as well as safety and performance features, with a little more intensity than the average buyer.

So when Scott Kuschel, a 35-year-old history teacher in Bloomfield Township, Mich., decided to buy a 2007 Ford Edge when it hit the market four months ago, his purchase said something good about the future of midsize the new crossover and Ford Motor Co.

"As far as enjoyment goes, I would give it a 10," Kuschel said.

Ford, which lost a record \$12.7 billion in 2006, is depending on the Edge, along with other new products like the Super Duty pickup, to help the automaker return to profitability by 2009. But the Edge came late to market in December last year, as Ford worked to improve the quality of the launch, fueling concerns it was botching the crucial kickoff.

All that concern is solidly behind Ford now — as the vehicle is rapidly climbing to the top of the crossover charts.

The Edge ranks third in midsize-crossover sales, the behind Nissan Murano and Toyota Highlander. Last month, the Edge was fewer than 1.000 sales away from the an acceleration campaign for the Edge, Ford spokesman Jim Cain said. After a slow start, the automaker is increasing production of the vehicle at its plant in Oakville, Ontario, and preparing for the vehicle's next marketing wave.

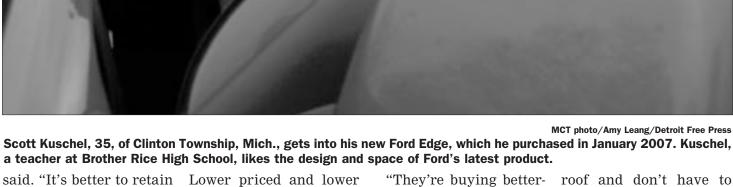
The current marketing campaign features a hip tune, "Miles and Miles" by Canadian dance-rocker Dee, as vehicles drive on the edges of sky rise buildings. But the new effort is expected to follow in the footsteps of the Fusion Challenge crosscomparison campaign that pits the Ford vehicle against its competitors.

Despite the Edge's successes so far, auto dealers and experts are quick to point out that the Edge isn't quite a homerun like the Chrysler 300 was when it came to market. The 300 enjoyed such distinguished success that it was credited with buoying Chrysler's financial results and brand image. Still, most industry experts agree that the Edge has been a solid double or triple, at a time when Ford desperately needed to get players on base.

Alex Rosten, manager of pricing and market analysis at Edmunds.com, called the Edge "the hot seller," although he was quick to clarify that he didn't mean for the industry.

"The hot seller for Ford," he added. "It wasn't a slam dunk."

Some might be critical of the Edge for not capturing more buyers from competing brands, since most Edge buvers are trading in another Ford at acquisition. Data from the Power Information Network shows that the top three vehicles being traded for an Edge are the Ford Explorer, Escape and Expedition, and those three sport-utility vehicles, or SUVs, represent about one-fourth of all the trade-ins for the Edge.



those customers."

Because the Edge isn't attracting many consumers from competing brands, some insiders believe the Edge could use some tweaking, especially on price.

One dealer, Andy Czajkowski, a small Ford dealer from rural Van Wert, Ohio, said a special lease program, of about \$270 a month, would do wonders for the Edge.

"That would go great," he said, noting that the current performance is still solid.

One of the complaints some dealers and experts had about the Edge was that the most desired versions of the vehicle seem to be running higher than

expected in price. For example, content models are sitting

on lots somewhat longer." Indeed, Edmunds.com reports that the average transaction price for an Edge last month was \$29,699. That's higher than the crossover's average price in February, and it's also higher than the \$28,284 average transaction price for midsize SUVs.

"They're buying betterequipped vehicles and dealerships aren't having to discount them as much," Rosten said, explaining Ford's success in getting customers to pay more.

Rajnert, the salesman at Dorian Ford, even reported that many consumers are getting DVD players installed in headrests so they still can get the vista roof and don't have to choose between the window ceiling and the DVD screen that flips down from the roof.

"I thought they were priced up a bit, but we aren't having a problem selling them," Rajnert said.

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top spot, capturing about 16 percent of the midsizecrossover market. Of the 68,439 crossovers sold, 10,915 of them were Edges.

"If it wasn't for the Edge and the Fusion. we'd be hurting." said Steve Rajnert, a salesman at Dorian Ford in Mt. Clemens. Mich. Just like the Ford Fusion sedan did in late 2005, he said, the Edge is "starting to take off."

Fusion sales have continued to rage in 2007, up a sharp 33 percent so far compared with the same period a year ago.

Sales of the Edge have improved month after month, as is often the case when a vehicle enters the marketplace. But even after four months, it still takes a dealer only 20 days to sell an Edge, far better than the 48 days it takes, on average, to sell other midsize crossovers, according to data from the Power Information Network, a subsidiary of Power J.D. and Associates.

Behind the solid sales results for the Edge, also are a lot of golden eggs for Ford. The vehicle is selling at higher-thanaverage prices with more optional equipment and to younger, more affluent consumers. Eventually, that might mean improved profits for Ford.

Last month, Ford sold more than enough Edges to make up for lost Explorer sales. Ford lost 4,281 Explorer sales in March compared with the same month a year ago, a decline of 25 percent. But consumers bought nearly 11.000 Edges.

Now, Ford is preparing

But Rosten said it's critical for Ford to hold on to as many of those customers as possible as it bleeds SUV sales.

"They're losing Explorer customers by the boatload," Rosten

panoramic vista roof, a \$1,395 option that provides a large window to the sky over the front and rear seats, isn't available in the base model of the Edge, pushing many customers into an upper-end SEL model of the vehicle. Or, perhaps, to competitors.

Art Spinella, president of CNW Marketing Research in Bandon, Ore., said the vehicle hasn't done so well in middle-income areas, where he called its performance spotty.

"Well-equipped versions move pretty quickly" in those areas, he said. "More fully loaded versions are needed. ...

# WHAT'S A CUV?

Crossover utility vehicles, or CUVs, look like sport-utility vehicles and offer the same kind of cargo space.

Unlike SUVs, which are built like big trucks. CUVs are built more like cars.

That helps make crossovers more fuelefficient and ride more smoothly.

CUVs also are easier to get in and out of than a higher-sitting SUV.

For the first three months of the year, crossovers represented 15 percent of all new vehicles purchased in the United States, up from 13 percent during the same period a year ago.

Crossover vehicles range in size from small vehicles, like the Toyota RAV4, to large crossovers, such as the GMC Acadia.

The Ford Edge is a midsize crossover, and here's how it ranks in sales for the first three months of the year:

- 1. Toyota Highlander: 31,383
- 2. Nissan Murano: 26,417
- 3. Ford Edge: 24,478
- 4. Hyundai Santa Fe: 21,239
- 5. Chrysler Pacifica: 16,432

Source: Power Information Network



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## NATION/WORLD

# News in brief

#### Bush veto of Iraq bill could come 4 years after 'victory' speech aboard aircraft carrier

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush next week is expected to receive, and swiftly reject, legislation ordering U.S. troops to begin coming home from Iraq this fall. The veto could fall on the fourth anniversary of the president's Iraq "victory" speech.

The House on a 218-208 vote Wednesday passed a \$124.2 billion supplemental spending bill that contains the troop withdrawal timetable. The Senate was expected to follow suit Thursday.

The legislation is the first binding challenge on the war that Democrats have managed to execute since they took control of both houses of Congress in January.

"The sacrifices borne by our troops and their families demand more than the blank checks the president is asking for, for a war without end," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said.

Democrats said the bill was on track to arrive on the president's desk on Tuesday, the anniversary of Bush's announcement aboard the deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln that major combat operations in Iraq had ended.

#### Suicide attack on Iraqi army checkpoint in northern Irag kills 9 people, police say

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide car bomb attack on an Iraqi army checkpoint in northern Iraq killed at least nine soldiers Thursday, police said.

The attack occurred at about 9 a.m. in Khalis, 50 miles north of Baghdad, a police officer said on condition of anonymity out of concern for his own safety. Ten Iraqi soldiers and five civilians were wounded, the officer said.

The city is located in Diyala province, which has seen some of the worst violence recently as mostly Sunni militants are believed to have fled to the area since U.S. and Iraqi troops launched a security crackdown in Baghdad on Feb. 14.

On Wednesday, four Iraqi police officers were killed when a suicide bomber struck a police station in the Diyala city of Balad Ruz, 45 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Two days earlier, a double-suicide bombing struck a paratrooper outpost in the province, killing nine U.S. troops. An al-Qaida-linked group claimed responsibility.

#### Military: U.S. Army lieutenant colonel charged with 9 offenses, including aiding the enemy

BAGHDAD (AP) - A U.S. Army lieutenant colonel has been charged with nine offenses, including aiding the enemy, the U.S. military announced Thursday.

Lt. Col. William H. Steele was accused of providing "aid to the enemy" by supplying an unmonitored cell phone to detainees, a U.S. statement said.

The other charges included unauthorized possession of classified information, fraternizing with the daughter of a detainee, maintaining an inappropriate relationship with an interpreter, storing classified information in his quarters, as well as possessing pornographic material, the statement added.

The offenses allegedly were committed between

#### Prisoner who fled after being released from custody to donate kidney captured in Mexico

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - A federal prisoner who fled after being released from custody to determine whether he could donate a kidney to his ailing son was located with his girlfriend Wednesday in Mexico.

Byron Keith Perkins and Lea Ann Howard were arrested in Puerto Vallarta and were being flown to Los Angeles for a court hearing Thursday.

The appearance will be to arrange for their return to Louisville, where they will face federal charges, the U.S. Marshals Service in Louisville said in a statement.

Perkins failed to return to custody in January 2006 after undergoing compatibility tests to see whether he could donate a kidney to his son.

Perkins had been in jail awaiting sentencing for marijuana distribution and unlawful transport of firearms. He faced at least 25 years for those charges, which were filed while he was serving a supervised release from a North Carolina sentence for bank robbery.

He was temporarily released from custody when it was determined his teenage son, Destin, needed a kidney transplant.

#### Stephen Hawking, imprisoned in his body by ALS, to fly weightless

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Stephen Hawking has been imprisoned by his body for many years. But for a few seconds on Thursday, the celebrated physicist and author will float free, unrestricted by his paralyzed muscles and his wheelchair as he floats weightless on a zero gravity flight.

"I have wanted to fly in space all of my life,' Hawking told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday. "For someone like me whose muscles don't work very well, it will be bliss to be weightless.'

Hawking, 65, has the paralyzing disease ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He'll be the first person with a disability to fly on one of the flights offered by Zero Gravity Corp., a space tourism company. It has flown about 2,700 people on Florida-based flights since late 2004 and began offering flights in Las Vegas this week.

Unable to talk or move his hands and legs, Hawking can only make tiny facial expressions using the muscles around his eyes, eyebrows, cheek and mouth to communicate. Otherwise, he relies on a computer to talk for him in a synthesized voice. The computer is attached to his wheelchair and allows him to choose words on a computer screen through an infrared sensor on a headpiece that detects motion in his cheek.

He raises an eyebrow to signal "yes," and tenses his mouth to the side to indicate "no."

#### Nissan reports first drop in profit in 7 years; quarterly earnings plunge 54 percent

TOKYO (AP) — Nissan's profit plunged 54 percent in the January-March quarter, contributing to the automaker's first drop in annual profit in seven years.

Group net profit at Nissan Motor Co. for the quarter through March 31 totaled 70.6 billion yen (\$595 million), down from 152.4 billion yen, as job reduction costs and higher taxes offset improved sales.

Quarterly sales rose 7 percent to 2.8 trillion yen (\$23.6 billion) from 2.6 trillion yen the previous year.

Higher raw material costs and a lack of new models hurt Nissan's performance, Nissan Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn told reporters.

Ghosn has been credited with engineering a dramatic turnaround at the Japanese automaker since a 1999 alliance with Renault SA of France, which owns 44 percent of Nissan. But the latest results are the first major stumble for Ghosn since he took helm at Nissan. salvaging it from near-bankruptcy.

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October 2005 and last February, the statement said.

No further details were released and there was no word on whether a court martial has been set.

#### Execute Osama bin Laden? Americans, Mexicans say yes: others want him in prison

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bulk of Americans and a slim majority in Mexico want Osama bin Laden executed if caught, but most people in seven other countries would rather he spend life or many years in prison, an AP-Ipsos poll says.

In all nine nations surveyed, markedly more people would choose the death penalty for the al-Qaida leader than for run-of-the-mill murderers, even in nations with little taste for capital punishment.

Americans also prefer execution over prison for murderers by greater margins than people in the other countries. Of the nine countries polled, only the U.S. and South Korea have the death penalty.

The poll underscores stark differences between the U.S. and many of its allies over the death penalty at a time when U.S. treatment of terror-war detainees some of whom may face execution — has been a major irritant in their relations.

"It's my way of saying no to something," said Walter Bain, 89, a retired Navy petty officer from Des Moines, Wash., who prefers the death penalty to prison. "I don't like the idea of a person walking down the street and shooting someone in cold blood just for exercise."

#### Secretary of State Rice signals rejection of House subpoena, citing executive privilege

OSLO, Norway (AP) – Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Thursday she has already answered the questions she has been subpoenaed to answer before a congressional committee and suggested she is not inclined to comply with the order.

Rice said she would respond by mail to questions from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on the Bush administration's prewar claims about Saddam Hussein seeking weapons of mass destruction, but signaled she would not appear in person.

"I am more than happy to answer them again in a letter," she told reporters in Oslo, where she is attending a meeting of NATO foreign ministers.

The comments were her first reaction to a subpoena issued on Wednesday by the committee chaired by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

Rice said she respected the oversight function of the legislative branch, but maintained she had already testified in person and under oath about claims that Iraq had sought uranium from Africa during her confirmation hearing for the job of secretary of state.

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# This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 26, the 116th day of 2007. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Four hundred years ago, on April 26, 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Va., on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere. (They later settled at Jamestown.) On this date:

In 1785, American naturalist and artist John James Audubon was born in Haiti. In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.

New York Yankees hit the first of a record 61 home

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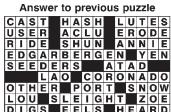
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