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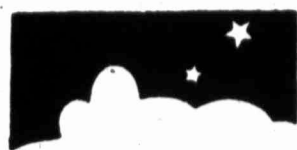
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February 25, 2003

WEATHER

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BUFFS FACE ROOSEVELT

Forsan's Buffaloes are scheduled to face Lubbock Roosevelt at 7 p.m. today in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in a boys' regional quarter-final showdown.

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SUNDAY



AMERICAN PROFILE

For the last seven years, Max Reynolds of Lexington, Neb., has traveled the rodeo circuit portraying Buffalo Bill Cody, bringing the Wild West legend to life with thrilling accuracy.

Health: Eat right to reduce stress

Finance: Don't take credit for granted. Your credit rating affects your ability to buy a home, a car, and more. What is your credit rating? How do you find out, and why should you check it?

Hometown Recipes: This hearty stew combines ground beef, cabbage, and beans.

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TEA to investigate school board

HERALD Staff Report

The Texas Education Agency will investigate just how bad allegations really are that involve a conflict between members of the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Referring to "the serious nature of the complaint" filed by Terry Wegman, vice president of the BSISD board, the

agency, in its written response, has scheduled an on-site investigation during the week of March 17-21.

Wegman's complaint was also signed by Trustee Irene Bustamante and board President Frank Long.

The Texas Education Agency was closed this morning until at least 10:30 because of icy streets in and around Austin. However, late

Monday, the agency made public the complaint filed by Wegman and a response from Ronald Rowell, senior director of TEA's School Governance Unit. In his response, Rowell said he was appointing Dr. Joe Frazier to serve as chairperson of the visit, which would include interviews of members of the board, administrators, staff and other persons who might be able to assist with the



WEGMAN

MURPHY

investigation. The investigating team will also review minutes and agendas from board meetings, board policies, communi-

cations files, news articles and other pertinent documents.

BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy also confirmed the pending visit, but had no other comment.

"We have been notified by the Texas Education Agency school governance division about an on-site investigation regarding complaints

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HERALD photo: Roger Cline

"Could you repeat that, please?" Howard County Spelling Bee participant John Lewis of Moss Elementary School ponders a word early in the competition. Lewis had took second place in the bee after stumbling on the word "genre" while Big Spring Junior High's Brad Cahill, far left, won the event, correctly spelling "Celsius" and "venue" after Lewis' miss. Other bee competitors included Jeremy Robbins, Forsan Junior High; Kacey Freshour, Goliad Intermediate; David Lee Rios, Bauer Elementary; Montesha Lara, Washington Elementary; Laura Spence, Elbow Elementary; Natalie Patricia Morales, Kentwood Elementary; and Jessica Rubio, Marcy Elementary.

SPELLING BEE

'Venue' vaults eighth grader to the top at county contest

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

How's your spelling? A group of nine area elementary, intermediate and junior high students flexed their lexicons at the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria Monday afternoon, participating in the Howard County Spelling Bee.

The bee is sponsored annually by the Big Spring Herald.

By the time the dust cleared after this year's event, Brad Cahill of Big Spring Junior High emerged victorious, correctly spelling "Celsius" and "venue" after Moss Elementary's John Lewis misspelled "genre."

After the event, Cahill admitted he didn't know how to spell "genre" either.

"No, not at all," he said. "I got an easy word for

"It's obvious that the kids studied hard and worked hard. I wish there could have been more winners."



the win."

Although he didn't get to show, Cahill said he was nervous during the competition.

"I'm really limp from all the shaking I did up there," he said after wards.

"I'm real proud of him."

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Council gets first contested race

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Two more candidates have thrown their hats in the ring to run for Big Spring City Council seats May 3.

W.A. "Woody" Jumper has filed to seek Place 2 on the council, currently held by Oscar Garcia; while Place 6 incumbent Greg Biddison has filed to seek re-election.

Jumper's filing creates

the election's first contested race since incumbent Garcia filed last week to seek another term.

"I have no agenda, no personal vendetta," Jumper said this morning. "The only thing I can do is promise that I will truly represent the citizens of Big Spring. I'll try to use common sense, and I'll sure offer them respect and dignity."



BIDDISON



JUMPER

Jumper promised to run a clean campaign.

"I do know that if I'm voted in by the people,

they can vote me out," he said. "So I will attempt to represent their concerns."

Jumper said the budget is the main issue facing the city.

"The budget, especially in this day and time," he said. "We've got to work smarter with less money. But we need to remember who and what we are as council people, that is, representing the people and their desires. If it's

not unethical, that's what I'm going to do."

Recently, Howard County's Republican Party Chairman Jumper has experience as a police chief in Oklahoma before moving to Big Spring. He has degrees in sociology, history and criminal justice, along with a minor in psychology.

Biddison, a two-term

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Tate's life is proof one can overcome adversity to succeed

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A single 20-something mother of five children, on welfare and the rent due: Pat Tate had an overabundance of worries to drag her down, but she is the definition of resilience.

"I was a single mother and I didn't want to stay on the welfare system," said Tate, Washington Elementary fourth-grade teacher. "People encouraged me to get my GED (General Equivalency Diploma) and go to college."

It wasn't easy.

"I've talked to the single parents of some of my students and they'll say 'you don't understand.' Oh, yes I do. Let me tell you my story."

Pat Tate,

Teacher of the Week

Back in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Tate was living in Garden City.

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HERALD photo: Lyndel Moody

Washington Elementary fourth-grade teacher Pat Tate works with some of her students in small groups to prepare for Texas Assessment Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) writing test. TAKS testing began today and will continue through April. Also pictured are from left, front, Krystal Soto, Chanelle Castillo and Adam Pena, and back, Kensie Rodriguez and Dennis Merworth.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Paul E. Payne



Paul E. Payne, RN, 63, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Tony Conger, pastor of Westview Church of God in Odessa and the Rev. Eugene Ballard, pastor of College Park Church of God in Big Spring, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on June 1, 1934 in Washington, D.C. He married Marjorie Gilmore in Granville, N.D., and she preceded him in death on May 11, 1996. He then married Ruby Weatherby on June 13, 2001, in Big Spring.

Paul served in the United States Air Force for over 20 years, retiring as a Tech Sergeant on March 31, 1975. He worked as a registered nurse at Hall-Bennett Hospital from 1983 to 1989 and then worked at Scenic Mountain Medical Center until retiring on Sept. 18, 2000.

Paul was loved by all who met him and he loved jokes and passing out candy. His purpose in life was caring for others.

He was a member of College Park Church of God. Survivors include his wife, Ruby Payne of Big Spring; two step-sons, David Payne of Phoenix, Ariz. and Sherman Mosely of Big Spring; two brothers, James L. Payne and George Payne, both of Maryland; and four sisters, Frances Sabatini, Elizabeth Costello, Mary Seor and Dorothy Bradley, all of Maryland.

He was preceded in death by a step-daughter, Deborah Templeton and by a brother, Robert Payne. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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

Dixie Hogan

Mrs. John "Dixie" Hogan, 94, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003. Due to inclement weather, the family visitation scheduled for Tuesday evening has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Gathering Room behind the Rosewood Chapel.

Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, www.npwelch.com

Thomas Mitchell

Thomas Mitchell, 78, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, at his residence.

His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

John J. Wilson

John J. Wilson, 76, of Fort San, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, in a Big Spring hospital.

His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Manuel R. Flores

Manuel R. Flores, 80, of Big Spring, died at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Take note

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Support groups

TUESDAY

TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

DOLLY DANNENBAUM, 26, of 2521 Chanute was arrested on two local warrants.

BETHANY K. ROBBINS, 22, of Abilene was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1600 block of East Sixth Street. \$110 cash and a purse or wallet worth \$45 were reported stolen from the home.

In the 1900 block of East 11th Place. \$50 damage was reportedly done to the rear door of the home and \$100 cash was reported stolen.

FAILURE TO STOP AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION was reported in the 1500 block of East FM 700.

HARRASSMENT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road and in the 1700 block of Alabama.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of East Fourth Street. A gas pump lever reportedly sustained \$75 damage in the incident, while gasoline worth \$36.34 and a padlock worth \$19 were reported stolen.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of Craigmont Drive, the 700 block of East 11th Place, the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane.

Sheriff's report

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

DOYLE RAY MIEARS, 28, of 708 Johnson was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and for violation of parole.

BERTHEL YOUNG JR., 19, of 1001 S. Birdwell Lane No. 218 was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

NYOLA SHENEKKA MCVEA, 29, of 908 N.W. Second St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on a charge of criminal trespassing.

JAMES CANTU, 32, of 1307 Goliad was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

JESSIE DELFINO LUGO, 18, of 405 South Fifth Street in Coahoma was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

LUIS ANTONIO ALCANTAR, 43, of 819 West Sixth was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

FRANCISCO JOSEPH MARTINEZ, 27, of 1813 Alabama was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 24, of 1605 Bluebird was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 200 block of West Rancier.

FORGERY was reported in the 4200 block of South Highway 87.

PROWLER was reported in the 400 block of South Moss Lake Road.

MOTORCYCLE RACING was reported on North Birdwell Lane.

LOOSE LIVESTOCK was reported on Midway Road past the bus barn.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported on Highway 350 24 miles out from Big Spring and on South Highway 87.

BOYS SPOTLIGHTING was reported on Midway Road.

THEFT was reported in the 6100 block of East Midway.

RUNAWAY was reported in the 5100 block of Wasson. The juvenile was later found.

VEHICLE FIRE was reported at the 174 mile marker eastbound on Interstate 20.

SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1 noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

MONDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmosley@crcom.net.

TUESDAY

Intermediate-Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park.

Big Spring High School Band Boosters, 6 p.m., high school band hall. All parents are invited to attend.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for dinner meeting to follow, First St. and Goliad. All Masons are welcome to attend.

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479.

Friends of the Howard County Library, noon, Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Lottery

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

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-8-7

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 1-4-9-22-36

Weather

Tonight...Cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms...Areas of fog and drizzle after midnight. Steady temperatures in the upper 30s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Wednesday...Cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Chance of rain 30 percent. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the lower 60s.

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filed to the TEA about school governance issues within the school board," said Murphy.

In January, Murphy announced he would retire at the end of the school year, citing "a divided board."

Wegman's complaint refers to "a definite split" among board members as to how the school district should be managed. He noted that "votes of any significance" have been split 4-3 for the past seven

months.

Specifically, Wegman charges that attempts by the other four trustees to "micromanage" the district prompted Murray's retirement as well as retirements or resignations of the district's assistant superintendent, director of technology, vocational director and high school vice principal.

He also claims that the other four members of the board — Alan Partee, Kent Sharp, Mike Dawson and Phil Furquerson

failed to hire a qualified individual as an elementary school principal simply "to show the administration who had the power or control." Wegman also questioned the process by which the board hired a law firm in January and the implementation of a seven single-member election scheme.

He said morale among the staff and teachers has declined and there is "much unrest" about the district's future.

A second complaint

released Monday by TEA, written Jan. 8 by local resident Tammy Telchik, alleges that Partee, Sharp, Dawson and Furquerson are meeting to discuss agenda items prior to meetings and purposely excluding Wegman, Bustamante and Long from the process.

Telchik also claims the board did not follow proper procedure when approving the seven single-member election scheme.

RACE

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council veteran, said he has unfinished business and some reservations about the issue of a bond election that he would like to see through another term.

"I've still got some things that I'd like to get done," he said. "I'm kind of not sure where we're going with the bond deal because I don't think the taxpayers can...well, it's going to be up to them to vote on it."

Last week, Gloria

McDonald filed to seek Place 1, currently held by Councilman Tommy Tune, while Tune said he will not seek reelection.

The deadline to file for the city election is 4 p.m. March 19.

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Kan., with her five young children ranging in age from one to nine years old.

Without a high school degree or even a driver's license, the stalwart Texas native was faced with tough years on the Kansas welfare system, a prospect she wasn't ready to accept.

And she didn't. "I'm proof positive you can do it," she said. "You have to have a lot of help from people but it's amazing how many people will help you when they know you have set a goal and are trying."

Encouraged by her welfare case worker to set a path for education, Tate was also supported by members of the town's First Church of the Nazarene.

"If I needed \$50 to pay a

bill, it would show up," she said. "If I needed time alone, some of the church members would come and take the kids for a few hours."

"My faith in God had a lot to do with it," she continued. "Everything seemed to work out so well, it was almost as if everything was pre-planned for me."

Times were hard for the family but Tate's goal of becoming a teacher never wavered.

"When you have a dream you don't ask yourself if you can do it. You just do it," Tate said. "If you ask yourself you will probably talk yourself out of it."

"It was a matter of, this is what I'm going to do, and I just did it."

Tate earned her associates degree at the junior college in Garden City, Kan., and then earned her bachelors at Hays

University in Hays, Kan.

"I will never forget that day," she said. "It was one of the most important moments in my life. It meant that I could take care of myself and my family. It gave me a great sense of pride."

Although just a baby when her mother began her journey of self-improvement, Sharon Chaney, now a Bauer Elementary third grade teacher, also learned the value of education.

"The most important thing I got from my mother was it doesn't matter how poor your are," Chaney said. "Always have respect for yourself. You are no better or no worse just because you're poor."

Tate views those difficult times has having a positive impact on her life.

"I think my own personal experience has made

me a better teacher and made me more empathetic and understanding to my students' and parents' personal issues."

Tate hopes her students, parents and people in the community who hear her story realize dreams can be obtained.

"I've talked to the single parents of some of my students and they'll say 'you don't understand,'" she said. "Oh, yes I do. Let me tell you my story."

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She works with my mom on my special needs so I can do good in my studies and keep my grades up in the Bs.

She has such a soft

heart that goes so well with her great attitude about giving her all to make sure that we learn what we need to learn so we can make a difference in this world someday.

She reads us stories out of paperback books. They are so interesting even my mom loves to come and listen to them with me.

I am so glad I got a chance to have such a wonderful person for a teacher. I appreciate her so much. I sure wish that my classmates would appreciate Mrs. Tate as much as I do. To me she is the greatest teacher of them all.

Lisa Marie Rudolph,
fourth grade Washington student



HOW TO NOMINATE

The Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union congratulate Pat Tate as the Teacher of the Week.

If you want to earn your favorite teacher a quick \$25 in cash, send your nomination for Teacher of the Week to the Herald at 710 Scurry St., by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom or jmoseley@crcom.net

Nominations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720.

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• Anyone who attended a school in Howard County may submit a nomination.

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OUR VIEWS

Congratulations to Brad Cahall and all Spelling Bee winners

In these days when it seems communication is a lost art, it's refreshing to see so many of our youth participate in area spelling bees. We're in favor of these types of extracurricular events, not only because they teach proper usage of words, but for the values they instill as well: Discipline, dedication and a desire to excel.

With that in mind, we take time to congratulate the champion of this year's *Herald*-sponsored bee, Big Spring Junior High School eighth grader Brad Cahall. We wish Brad success as he now looks toward the regional bee on March 8 in Lubbock.

We also want to congratulate the other fine finalists: Forsan sixth grader Jeremy Robbins, Goliad Intermediate School sixth grader Kacey Freshour, Bauer Elementary fourth grader David Lee Rios, Washington Elementary fourth grader Montesha Lara, Elbow Elementary fifth grader Laura Spence, Moss Elementary fourth grader John Lewis, Kentwood Elementary fourth grader Natalie Patricia Morales and Marcy Elementary fourth grader Jessica Rubio.

We'd also like to congratulate seventh grader Simon Stolarczyk, the Coahoma spelling bee champion, on a job well done and wish him success at region.

To all of the Howard County students who participated in campus bees, to the teachers and staff who helped them prepare, for those individuals who volunteered to put on the *Herald's* county bee and to sponsors who provided refreshments and prizes—thank you for a job well done.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we make people our priority over the material things in our life.

Amen

Right to recall a politician

Instead of working to recall Gov. Gray Davis, California Republicans ought to recall their party leaders.

They're the solons who helped re-elect His Grayness by pushing hapless former L.A. Mayor Dick Riordan into the GOP primary and shunning then-Secretary of State Bill Jones, who actually had a shot at winning.

As the state GOP convenes to pick its next leader this weekend, there should be one rule: Anyone who wants the job automatically should be disqualified.

Because the two candidates for state chairman support the recall effort, championed by outgoing state party chairman Shawn Steel, give them both the boot. Then, rejigger the rules to put a professional in charge for a change.

To begin with, the recall effort makes the GOP look like a club for sore losers. The party lost in November because it managed to find a candidate even more unpopular than Gumbly. There shouldn't be a make-up test.

Worse, the recall effort might actually succeed, and California could end up trading Davis for someone even less capable of governing than failed GOP gubernato-

rial nominee Bill Simon.

Davis is so unpopular that Robert Stern, president of the Center for Governmental Studies, figures that if the recallers can raise \$3 mil, it will collect the 897,158 valid signatures from registered voters needed to trigger a new election.

The way California's recall system works, voters decide whether or not to oust Davis on the same ballot as they vote to pick his possible successor. (By law, Davis can't run in the recall election.)

Anyone who can scrape together the \$3,500 filing fee or 10,000 signatures can run.

According to Terri Carbaugh, Secretary of State Kevin Shelley's spokesperson, recall candidates would not be subject to the usual contribution and spending limits. That's great news for the stable of ambitious Democrats drooling over the governor's office. There's Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, Treasurer Phil Angelides, Attorney General Bill Lockyer and Controller Steve Westly.

Imagine the stampede at Shelley's office—perhaps starting with Shelley—on filing day.

Then you can expect Sacto pols to do nothing—except raise money—until the race is over, maybe as long as eight months. "The budget will be in stalemate until this election is over," Stern figured.

That's why Assembly GOP leader Dave Cox opposes a recall. Serious pols understand the need to pass a

solid, timely budget, as citizens elected them to do.

No budget doesn't bother Steel, who explained Tuesday that no budget means "you can't have more spending."

But what if a tax-hugger wins the recall race? That's a scary prospect considering that the Legislature is heavily Democratic, with no shortage of lawmakers who believe Davis doesn't want to raise taxes enough.

Steel answered that Gov. Hiram Johnson, who in 1911 sponsored the California recall power, "gave us a tool that can be used more than once. Citizens have a right to recall a politician that they think is a dramatic failure."

And, "If you can do it once, you can do it again."

Oh joy. Son of Recall.

Voters, beware. As Steel admits, with no primary and the potential for a crowded field, "Somebody with 15 percent of the vote could win."

He added, "You could argue that a very terrible person could be governor." Still, Steel expects that voters would pick someone better than Davis.

Undoubtedly, except that the voters wouldn't really get to pick the governor. If this scheme succeeds, according to Steel, California's next governor could be a candidate rejected by 85 percent of the voters—that is, living proof that California can do worse than Gray Davis.



"Simmons, take this employee termination report to Human Resources. Speaking of which, you might want to take all of your things with you."

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Nation is at Code Orange!

My hand shook as I dialed the number for the Department of Homeland Defense.

I never thought it would happen. I was the one who made fun of my friends when they rushed out last weekend to buy duct tape.

When you wrap yourself in the tape, be sure to leave some air holes. I told them.

My friends did not laugh. Instead, they ran to the grocery stores and emptied the shelves. Those items with long shelf lives—Twinkies baked at the time of the pharaohs are still perfectly good today—were the first to go.

"The nation is at Code Orange!" one friend yelled at me. "Does that mean nothing to you?"

What code had we been at? I asked.

"Code Yellow," my friend said. And what does that mean?

"Nobody knows exactly, but it seems to mean that an attack can come at any time," my friend replied.

And what is Code Orange? "Nobody knows exactly, but it seems to mean that an attack can come at any time," my friend replied.

And what is the highest color of all?

"Code Red," my friend said. And it means?

"It means, 'If you hear it's Code Red, it's already too late,'" he replied.

And at what point are we supposed to run out and buy all food and water on the shelves so nobody else can get food and water? I asked.

"Oh, you can do that any time," he said. "Hoarding is very American."

So I did not panic. I did not hoard.

True, I went out and rented the first three seasons of "The Sopranos" on DVD, just in case I had to stay home for a month, but I didn't really expect that to happen.

And then I awoke on Sunday morning and faced the grim reality: The terrorists had struck.

Nothing moved on the streets. Not a car, not a person, not even a dog or cat. The entire world was silent.

As I reached for the phone to call Homeland Defense to report the attack, I was fearful I might be the last person alive.

So I felt no small amount of relief when somebody answered on the other end.

"Can you describe the attack?" the Homeland Defense guy asked.

Tiny white flakes are falling from the sky by the millions, I said, my voice shaking. They are quite cold, but when you take them inside to examine them, they melt! Yet, outside, they stick together in great, impassable heaps. I never realized that Iraq had such technology!

"Sir," the Homeland Defense guy

said, "I think you are experiencing snow."

Impossible! I said. This is everything the terrorists wanted: the complete paralysis of the Eastern Time Zone of the United States! No planes, trains, buses or cars are moving! People are not only afraid to leave their homes, they are unable to leave their homes! This is the very definition of terrorism! If it was not Iraq, it must be Al Qaeda.

"Actually, we are treating it as an act of God," the man at Homeland Defense told me.

Blasphemy! I said. God is on our side!

The Homeland Defense guy said he would file a report, but he didn't think there was much he could do. "Every now and then, these things happen," he said. "We call them blizzards."

You should have issued a Code White alert! I said to him. We must prepare to meet our enemies! He hung up.

But let me assure the rest of you that as soon as the East Coast digs out from this latest attack, we will take the offensive.

I have studied the problem and have prepared a list of our most dangerous foes.

At the top of the list, right after snow, we face an enemy nation that is smug and dangerous, arrogant and insidious, sneering and contemptible.

But we will engage it and destroy it.

And as soon as we're done with France, Iraq better watch out.

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said Cahall's mom, Andrea York. "He's been real academic and I think it shows. I just hope he keeps it up."

The students aren't the only ones who get nervous during the competition, York said.

"I really think it's more nervewracking, or as nervewracking, for the parents as for the students," she said.

Lewis said he's pleased with the second-place showing, adding that he's never heard the word "genre" before.

"I feel really good," he said. "I'm glad I got this far."

Howard College's Stacey DeArmond acted as pronouncer for the event.

"The competition was great," she said. "It's obvious that the kids studied hard and worked hard. I wish there could have been more winners. Unfortunately there can only be one, but they all did a wonderful job."

Lisa Brooks of KBST participated as a judge in the event.

"I am just very proud

for those kids to get up there," she said. "They're so composed and I would be a nervous wreck. There's a reason I'm in radio and not television."

While it wasn't pleasant to have to call children wrong and remove them from the competition, it was part of the job, she said.

"You just had to do the job," she said. "It's unfortunate, but some of those words are ones that you just don't come across while you're in junior high. But it's a nice competition and I'm glad the Herald does this."

Herald Publisher Hank Bond said the event promotes an appreciation for the written word.

"I am a great believer in anything that perpetuates the written word," Bond said. "Reading, comprehension, an understanding of the etymology of words, etcetera.

Consequently, sponsoring the spelling bee continues to put us in a position to work with young people and adults for that matter, because moms and dads have to study the words with their chil-

dren. But it gives us the opportunity to perpetuate the use of written words."

Cahall will compete in the regional spelling bee in Lubbock March 8 for a chance to advance to the National Spelling Bee in Washington.

Cahall received a Webster's New World Dictionary for his victory, while Lewis received a Roget's Thesaurus for his second-place honor.

All competitors received coupons for free ice cream, donated by Sonic Drive-In.

Other students participating in the bee included Jeremy Robbins of Forsan Junior High, Kacey Freshour of Goliad Intermediate School, David Lee Rios of Bauer Elementary, Montesha Lara of Washington Elementary, Laura Spence of Elbow Elementary, Natalie Patricia Morales of Kentwood Elementary and Jessica Rubio of Marcy Elementary.

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Crimestoppers

Police search for young burglar

HERALD Staff Report

Police are looking to the public for help with a disturbing case being investigated as a burglary.

At about 9:20 p.m. Monday, an elderly woman returned to her home in the 1600 block of East Sixth Street when a male teenager confronted her in her garage.

"As she was getting out of her car in her garage, a white male about 15 to 18 years of age approached her in her garage and asked her for the time," said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt. "She started closing the garage door and told him 'I can't help you,' and he just grabbed her purse and took off."

Sweatt said the woman wasn't injured in the incident.

"I'm just kind of concerned that if they're afraid to go into these

peoples' garages and stuff like that, they might hurt somebody," he said.

The woman described the teen as being between 5 feet, 3 inches and 5 feet, 5 inches tall and weighing between 110 and 120 pounds. He wore a blue cap during the reported offense.

According to the Big Spring Police blotter, the

woman's purse, worth \$45, contained \$110 cash.

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IN BRIEF

BSGSA registration will begin March 1

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will conduct softball registration for players, ages 4-adult, in the Big Spring Mall on the following dates. Registration will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sign-ups will continue March 3 through March 7 from 5 to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, March 8 and March 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost for registration is \$30 per player. A copy of your child's birth certificate will be needed at registration.

LL registration now under way at Mall

Registration for the Big Spring Little League season is currently being held at the Big Spring Mall.

Boys and girls, ages 5-12, can sign up from Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. They can also register on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information call 263-1792 or 263-5314.

Lady Steer boosters will meet Thursday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting on Thursday to begin preparations for the upcoming Lady Steers Athletic Banquet. The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. in the ATC.

All persons interested in helping with the banquet are asked to attend.

For more information contact Beverly Heyworth at 263-3915.

Coahoma LL sign-up, coaching clinic reset

Youngsters interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team this year can sign up at the ball park from 6 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium.

A coaches clinic for all area Little League coaches will be conducted by Howard College's Brett Smith at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Coahoma Community Center. A fee of \$15 will be charged for all coaches not from Coahoma.

'Hawk Talk' will air March 12 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show on Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 at 9 a.m. March 12.

Tennis, gymnastics classes now forming

Registration is taking place now for tennis, gymnastics, swimming and martial arts classes at the YMCA. All classes will meet twice a week for four weeks.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

BSYBA's season ends Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association 2003 season will conclude Saturday with a full state of games.

Three area teams still living playoff dream

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Heading into the 2003 season, Forsan head coach Terry McDonald thought his team had a chance at becoming something special.

They've certainly done that. The team captured its first district championship in more than 30 years and then rolled to a thrilling 61-57 win over Ozona in the area round of the playoffs.

The Buffaloes aren't the only

Crossroads-area team still living the playoff dream. In all, three area boys teams are still alive, including Forsan, Grady and Borden County.

Forsan, the District 3-2A champion, is the biggest surprise, however. Featuring a lineup that contains six seniors, the Buffaloes will make their first appearance in the regional quarterfinals in many moons tonight. The Buffs, 25-5 overall, will face Lubbock Roosevelt at 7 p.m. in Howard College's Dorothy

Garrett Coliseum.

Roosevelt is no stranger to local hoops fans. The Eagles 26-2, edged Forsan's biggest rival, Coahoma, in the bi-district round.

The Buffaloes are led into the game by seniors Brent Huff, Wes Longorio and Matt Ellis.

Grady, 31-1 overall, will be making its second straight appearance in the regional quarterfinals tonight — only this time their game will showcase two of the best teams in the state.

Grady, ranked third in the latest state poll, will face No. 1-ranked Nazareth beginning at 7 p.m. at Lubbock Cooper High School in Woodrow.

The Wildcats are coming off an impressive showing Friday against Whitharral. They defeated the Panthers by a 56-42 margin.

Borden County, which finished the regular season as the District 7-A runner-up to Grady, will face Silverton tonight, possibly in Lubbock.

Texans clinch WJCAC crown with win over HC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LEVELLAND The Howard Hawks will always remember the ones that got away — especially when they gave South Plains the Western Junior College Athletic Conference crown.

The Hawks committed seven turnovers in the first three minutes of the second half Monday night and let South Plains rally from a seven-point half-time deficit to claim a 61-54 win in front of a large crowd in the Texan Dome. The win enabled South Plains to clinch its second straight WJCAC championship.

It also left the Hawks' postseason plans in limbo. Howard College, 26-3 overall, fell to 10-3 and into danger of losing the No. 2 seed in the upcoming Region A

Tournament. The Hawks head into Thursday's regular season finale holding a slim lead over Odessa College for the No. 2 seed.

The Hawks, who blew a 10-point lead in the final minutes in their 63-62 home loss to the Texans in January, used a stingy defensive push in the first half to gain the upper hand.

Howard College limited South Plains, the seventh-ranked team in the national junior college poll, to just 15 points in the first 20 minutes of play.

The Hawk offense, despite opening the game with a 5-minute scoring drought, did what it needed to do in the first — it didn't shoot itself in the foot. Howard, sparked by a pair of baskets by freshman Vas'shun Newborne, reeled off a 9-0 run midway through the opening

frame and took a 22-15 advantage into the half.

The HC offense handled the ball well in the opening half. The team committed just three turnovers in the initial stanza.

What went so well in the first, went awry in the second.

South Plains, now 13-0 in conference play and riding a 25-game win streak, used seven HC turnovers in the first three minutes of the second half to reel off a 7-0 run and knot the game at 24-22 with 16:46 left.

Eddie Starks and Jared Fears gave the Hawks the lead again moments later, the two knocked down a pair of treys to give Howard a 30-26 lead at the 12:48 mark.

Logan Lee put the dagger in the HC hopes from there. He scored 21 of his game-high 25 points in the final 11 minutes to key a 46-32 second-half run.

Je'Kel Foster and Fears led all HC scorers with 12.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
Lady Hawks' shortstop Bianca Paz makes a throw to first during recent action. Paz and the HC women host Midland College Friday.

HC women end 'tough' season with loss to SP

HERALD Staff report

The Howard College Lady Hawks closed out their 2002-2003 season on a sour note Monday night, dropping a 78-47 decision to the South Plains Lady Texans.

With the loss, the Lady Hawks ended the year with a 10-20 record and a 1-11 mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

South Plains, which trails Clarendon and

Odessa for the final spot in the Region V Tournament by one game, put the game on ice early. The Lady Texans, aided by 10 HC turnovers, reeled off a 23-2 run in the first 10 minutes and never looked back.

The Lady Texans closed out the first half with a 19-18 run.

LaTasha Davis led all HC scorers with 12 points. Freshman Traci Hemphill added 10.

Errors plague Lady Steers in 5-3 loss to Midland High

HERALD Staff report

Errors played havoc with the Big Spring Lady Steers' hopes Saturday in the fourth round of the West Texas Classic in Midland. The Lady Steers committed five errors and gave up five unearned runs en route to dropping a 5-2 decision to Midland High.

With the loss, Big Spring ended its showing in the annual tournament with a 2-2 record. Overall, the Lady Steers' record stands at 9-3-1.

Big Spring, which had suffered a loss to El Paso Americas on Thursday in the second round, had its chances. The Lady Steers left several runners stranded on base in the contest.

"We just made too many errors," said BSHS coach

Dan Arista. "We've got to stop hurting ourselves." Midland took a 3-0 lead in the first and added two more in the second.

Big Spring scored twice in the fourth — but left two baserunners stranded in scoring position.

Leina Braxton got Big Spring off to a good start on Friday. She hammered out a double, a triple and 2 RBI in the Lady Steers' 10-2 romp over El Paso Montwood.

Alex Watkins, who struck out five of the 12 batters she faced, also had two hits and two RBI.

Big Spring followed its win over Montwood with a 3-0 victory over Greenwood. Against the Lady Rangers, Watkins allowed just one hit while fanning six. She also scored the game's first two runs.

Martinez' hit lifts Hawks past MC

Robert Martinez lined a two-out pinch-hit single to center Sunday afternoon and helped the Howard College Hawks claim a 2-1 victory over Midland College in the first game of a double-header at Jack Barber Field.

Martinez's hit — his second clutch pinch-hit in

a week — helped the Hawks spoil a 1-hitter by Midland ace Kyle Yates.

With two outs, Brad Wiggins led off the HC rally with a single. Howard's Jason Anderson then reached via a throwing effort to set up Martinez's two-run single.

MC won the finale, 11-0.

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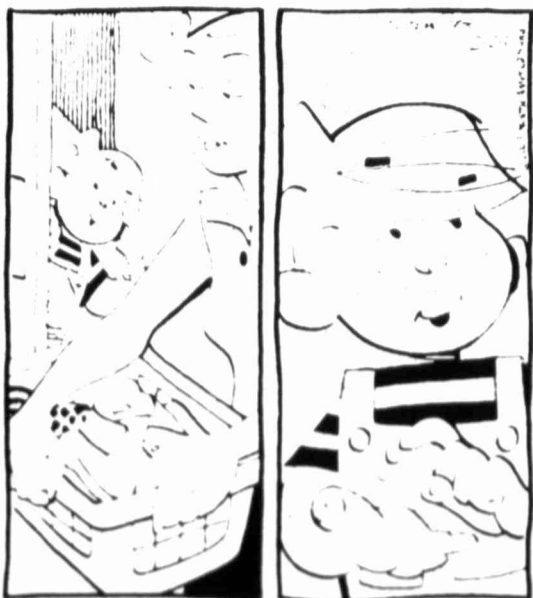
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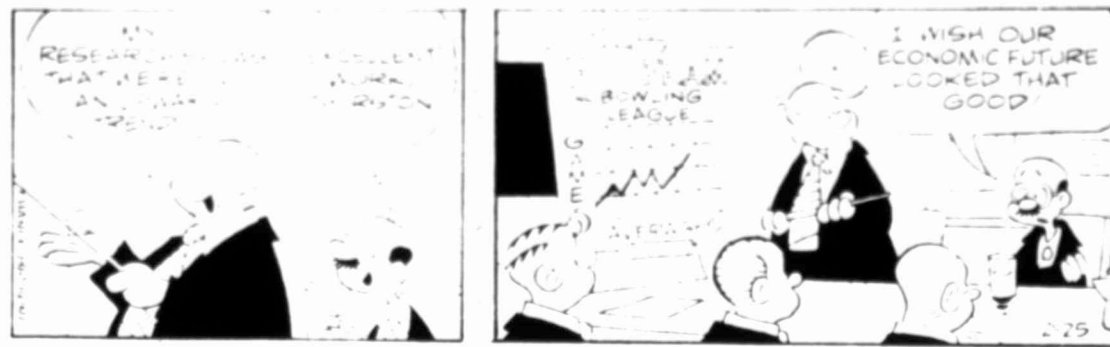
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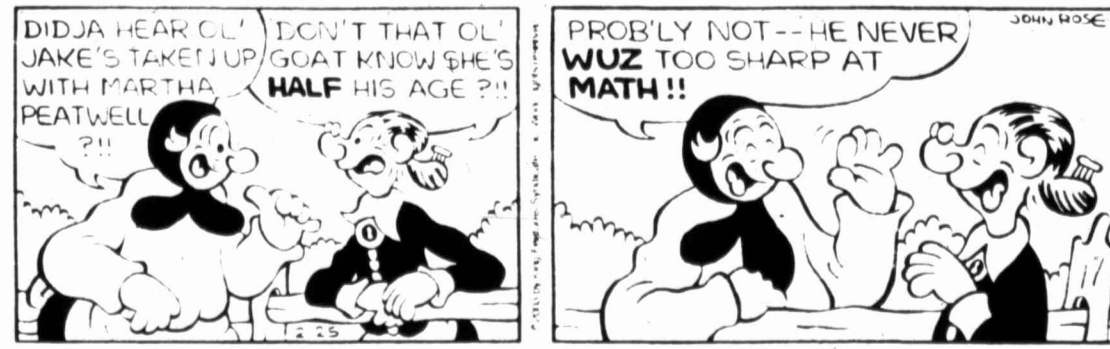
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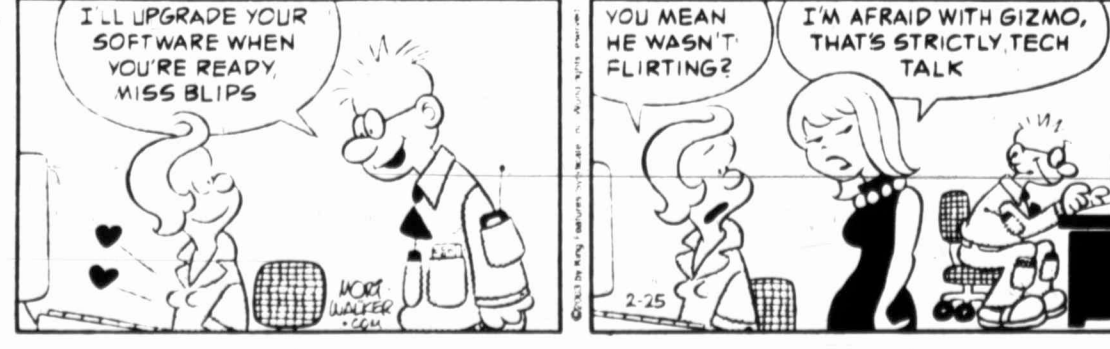
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

LONDON Rapper Nelly has postponed his planned tour of Britain until the fall because of "an unforeseeable personal matter."

The artist behind 2002's second best-selling album, "Nellyville," had planned to play next month in London, Cardiff, Wales, Sheffield and Manchester in northern England, Birmingham in central England, Belfast, Northern Ireland and Dublin, Ireland.

He was to perform with fellow rapper Eve, who had a recent hit with "Satisfaction."

"Unfortunately, Nelly had to postpone the tour due to an unforeseeable personal matter," his promoter, Clear Channel, said in a statement.

It did not specify what the problem was, but Britain's Press Association news agency said there was an

illness in the rapper's family.

Concert organizers told fans they could keep their tickets to use at the rescheduled shows or return them for a refund.

Nelly's biggest hits include "Hot in Herre" and "Dilemma." He's up for five Grammy nominations on Sunday, including album and record of the year.

based on Garner's flight from Kentucky to the free state of Ohio in 1856. The story also inspired Morrison's 1987 novel "Beloved."

When slave hunters tracked down Garner, her husband and children, she slit her baby daughter's throat as part of a thwarted attempt to kill the family to avert a return to slavery.

She was found guilty of "destroying property" and returned to slavery.

"I wanted a work that had genuine resonance for Detroit," Michigan Opera Theatre general director David DiChiera said Wednesday. About 81 percent of Detroit's 950,000 people are black.

DETROIT (AP) Nobel Prize-winning novelist Toni Morrison is collaborating on an opera based on the life of an escaped slave who tried to kill her family to avoid returning to captivity.

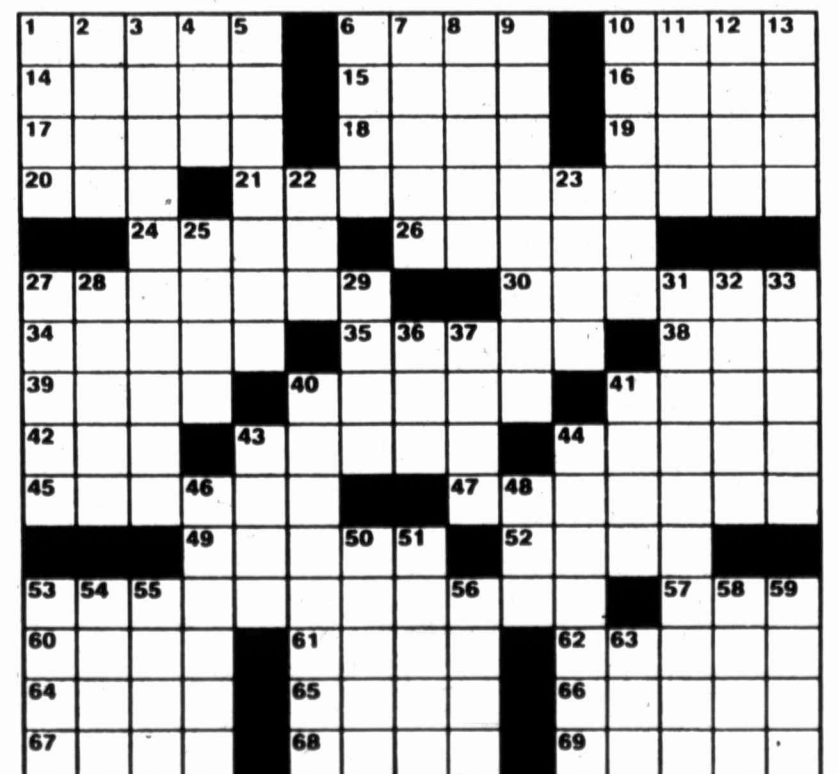
Michigan Opera Theatre and opera companies in Philadelphia and Cincinnati commissioned the work by Morrison and American composer Richard Danielpour. It's scheduled to premiere at the Detroit Opera House in May 2005, with mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves singing the title role.

"Margaret Garner" is

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- 1 Wooden peg
 - 6 Human rights org.
 - 10 Simpson son
 - 14 Chicago airport
 - 15 In (without effect)
 - 16 "No way!"
 - 17 Just over a quart, in London
 - 18 Rural hotels
 - 19 Miami County
 - 20 Little piggy
 - 21 Signify one's leaving
 - 24 Sound like a lion
 - 26 Cash
 - 27 Japanese warrior
 - 30 Takes hold of
 - 34 Oscar, for one
 - 35 Support a church
 - 38 Psychic Geller
 - 39 Golf benchmarks
 - 40 French chapeau
 - 41 Pat oneself on the back
 - 42 Exasperate
 - 43 Strong guys
 - 44 20%
 - 45 Tsar
 - 47 Widens, as pupils
 - 49 Kentucky Derby entrant
 - 52 Mulberry, for one
 - 53 Get ready to fly
 - 57 Auditory organ
 - 60 Seaweed
 - 61 Bear or Berra
- DOWN**
- 2 Fran Drescher
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 - 8 Singer Horne
 - 9 Abominable snowmen
 - 10 Religion founder
 - 11 Melville captain
 - 12 Ex-mayor Giuliani
 - 13 "Of I Sing"
 - 22 Coach
 - 23 Parseghian
 - 24 Fairy-tale bad guy
 - 25 Yours, Mine and
 - 27 Palatable
 - 28 Cognizant
 - 29 Part of a list
 - 31 Visit Web sites
 - 32 Babble
 - 33 Laments audibly
 - 36 Intense anger
 - 37 Keep an eye on
 - 40 Act of disloyalty
 - 41 Slant
 - 43 Robin
 - 44 Linguistic facility
 - 46 Group of words
 - 48 Saud (Arab ruler)
 - 50 Germ cell
 - 51 Hoops great
 - 53 Fancy dance
 - 54 Margarine
 - 55 Like fine wine
 - 56 Verdi opera
 - 58 Part of the opposition
 - 59 Types of whiskey
 - 63 "We Family" (Sister Sledge tune)



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