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Weather
Tonight:


Lawsuit reform topic for June 1 Kiwanis Club
Ken Hoagland, director of communications for Texans
for Lawsuit Reform, will speak at a noon luncheon of
the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring on Thursday, June 1 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The public is invited.
Lunch is $\$ 5.25$. Those who plan on having a mea phould make reservations by Monday, May 29, by callin
Billy T. Smith at $267-6479$.

What'S UP. WEDNESDAY Howard College Cactus Howard College Cactus S Senior Circle Big Sprin Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m in front of
box office.
$\square$ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Gactus Room Senior Citizens
Industrial Park
-Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. THURSDAY Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m Citizens Center Art Classe 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and 9:30 to
older.
a Kiw QKiwanis Club, noon,
Howard College Cactus Howard College Cactus Room.
7. Masonic Lodge No. 598 , 7:30 p.m. 219 Main.
FRIDAY
Quilting C Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5
p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267 The Greater Big Spring
Rotary Club, noon, Howard Rotary Club, noon, How
College Cactus Room. College Cactus Room
$\square$ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant. B Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m
All seniors invited. All seniors invite
SATURDAY
$\square$ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of $\$ 2$ for adults and $\$ 1$ for children and senior
zens are encouraged. zens are encouraged. Eagle
口 Dance, $8: 30$ p.m.
Lodge, 704 West Third.
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Howard College receives funds to begin auditorium renovations By GINA GARZA instruction. "It has been in need make more room for storage ed trustees Harold Davis and year. Those changes include lab
 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { H o w a } \\ \text { College } \\ \text { received } \\ \text { has } \\ \text { pri- }\end{array}$
vate donations, $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { drawn up. } \\ \text { drad "dream" plans } \\ \text { "We had been dreaming about }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { project how much the renova- } \\ \text { tions will cost as yet. } \\ \text { "We have enough meney to same officers }\end{array} \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { kcKinney as chairman, Dr. }\end{array} \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { Mcharles Warren as vice chair }\end{array}\end{array}$ "We had been dreaming about "We have enough money to Charles Warren as vice chair
renovating it and when these get started and hope to have man and Davis as secretary. renovating it and when these get started and hope to have man and Davis as secretary.
private donations came in, we this completed by January The board also announced the $\begin{array}{ll}\text { were excited," she said. "We are } & \text { this , completed by January } \\ \text { 2002," Conway said. } & \begin{array}{c}\text { The board also announced the } \\ \text { county will help in repaving all }\end{array} \\ \text { going to tear out the existing } \\ \text { "It }\end{array}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { going to tear out the existing } \\ & \text { seating, put acoustical material } \\ & \text { in the walls and ceiling and we }\end{aligned}$ "It will be an extensive the job and we expect to
the co
will be getting ceiling and we be physically working on it "it $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { equipment including air-condi- } & \begin{array}{l}\text { sometime after January,", said } \\ \text { Terry Hansen, vice president }\end{array}\end{array}$ tioning."
The including air-condi- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Terry Hansen, vice president } \\ & \text { for administrative systems. }\end{aligned} \begin{aligned} & \text { sleased the county is going to }\end{aligned}$ The work will include adding
$\begin{gathered}\text { for administrative systems. } \\ \text { Board }\end{gathered}$
Chairman Don $\begin{gathered}\text { help us in this area." } \\ \text { Catalog }\end{gathered}$ The work will include adding
o the back of the auditorium to $\begin{gathered}\text { Board Chairman } \\ \text { McKinney swore in newly elect- }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { Catalog } \\ \text { approved for }\end{gathered}$ changes $\begin{gathered}\text { were }\end{gathered}$

## Nuisance law

Howard commissioners OK
hiealth code which prohibits trash in unincorporated areas

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## Local officers

 to join annual Torch Run By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer

By Gina garza Staff Writer

## Howard County Commissi-

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Sandra Puente gives blood at the bloodmobite parked in the Big Spring Mall parking lot Saturday. Chuck Taylor of United Blood Services from San Angelo, reported a steady flow of donors.
another residence or commer-
cial establishment. The rule cial establishment. The rule
also addresses unsanitary con-
ditions likely to attract or ditions likely to attract or har
bor mosquitoes, rodents yer bor mosquitoes, rodents, ver
min or disease carrying pests, as well as abandoned and unoc cupied property in a neighbor Instead of hiring a new
Indoyee to oversee the pro employee to oversee the pro-
gram, commissioners consid-
ered other options ered other options.
"The city has a person who "The city has a person who
already does this kind of inspection(s)," said Thomas. Commissioners agreed to
check on contracting with the check on contracting with the
city and tabled the issue until more information can be gathered. County commissioners also
authorized the availability to authorized the availability to
use the Municipal Investors
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- CLASS Investment pool as - CLASS Investment pool as
another investment option for another investment option for
the county. This is a short-term invest
ment pool for Texas," said Danny King, representative "We offer diversification and
safety for our customers." safety for our customers.
According to King, there are currently 17 different pools with MBIA, which has $\$ 31$ bil-
lion in assets and has been the lion in assets and has been the
top producing pool in Texas top producing pool in
over the last six months. "We have a six-month rate of returns and it is benef See COUNTY, Page 2
Mclaniel a well, known lo
cancer survivor, early detection
is the
"They.
con survival rate for prostate
"The survival rate for prostate
ancer is 93 percent if deter early," said Birrell. "The probsymptoms to are usually no ing."
Prostrate cancer is the second Prostrate cancer is the second
leading cause of cancer death in men after lung cancer. Las year, there were an estimated
179,300 new cases diagnosed in 179,300 new cases diagnosed in
the United States with almost the United States with almost
38,000 deaths $-2,400$ of those in The American Cancer (PS prostate-specific antigen The American Cancer
Society's guideline for the early $\begin{gathered}\text { (PSA) blood test every year. } \\ \text { Birrell }\end{gathered}$

To heve a group taik to your organization about prostate cancer, call Bill Birrell at 263 . 0659 or Joanne Forrest at 267-6286.
detection of prostate cancer
or men age 50 and over to talk
or their health care otheir health care professional

McDaniel, a well-known local
physician, and Major Ronald physician, and Major Ronald
Alexander, commander of the
local Salvation Army - both of who are prostate cancer sur-
"I found out i had it "I found out I had it in 1972 daid Birrell. "In Dr. McDaniel's case, he could not believe the results of his first test so he had another one done in another
name. The results came back name. The results came back
the same - positive. Earl detection is the reason for his survival."
See SURvivors, Page 2

dhere in prostate cancer, making
the general public aware of how to prevent it will go a long way "We have assembled a team of prostate cancer survivors wh your club or organization, place of business or church group, ${ }^{\text {said }}$ "They will. the importance of early detec tion and we now have seven tapes available to show that are narrated by actor Sidney
Poitier, a prostate cancer sur Poitier, a prostate cancer sur-
vivor. Our speakers that are
available are
ar. Clark


## Alleged serial killer Resendiz gets death penalty

HOUSTON (AP) After an innocent verdict by reason of Maturino Resendiz surrenAngel Maturino Resendiz surrend Texas tanger who handcuffed him on an internationa bridge in El Paso told the rail-
riding drifter that riding drifter that the killing On Monday, á jury decided that one more person must die "They found it difficult, but because of what we presented
hey didn't have a choice," prosecutor Devon Anderson said. hours to decide that he was a continuing threat to society and hat there was no mitigating reason to
what whosecutors gave the vaneled which last Thurssday conecember 1998 rape-slaying of Houston-area doctor, were eight more bloody bodies the career 1999.

Group suing school district for teacher throwing out Bibles
 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { watchdog group has filed suit } \\ \text { against the Willis Independent } & \text { year-old Angela and 13-year-old } & \text { printed on them. One of those } & \text { Moines Independent School } \\ \text { Amber Harbison, saying, "This }\end{array}$ School District for an alleged is garbage." series of constitutional violations, including a teacher throwing two sisters' Bibles in a
trash can, The Conroe Courier eported in today's editions. The Florida-based Liberty Counsel in a lawsuit filed in
U.S. District Court in Houston alleges that Lynn Lucas Middl
Suspects in West Texas armored van heist are arrested GARLAND (AP) - Police arrested two men Monday for
their involvement in an
armored van heist earlier this nonth in West Texas. Randal David Penns, 30, and "bank-robbery related charges' or the May 10 heist of an from Security Bank in Idalou miles east of Lubbock
 detained by Garland police ear
ier Monday after investigators with. the Federal Bureau of
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Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211
 The Harbisons' claims are among eight allegations that the school district violated the U.S.
and Texas constitutions. The allegations include freedom of religion and freedom of speech violations. The lawsuit also claims the school district told three stu-
dents to remove book covers lawsuit, Willis yet to see the officials declined comment the officials declined comment, the
newspaper reported. Mat Staver, attor Madents and the parents, said
the students wer the students were within their rights to
materials. ents to carry the religious said a 1969 Supreme
an innocent verdict by reason of
insanity, defense attorney Allen
Tanner conceded his client killed all nine. Prosecutors days' worth of punishment phase testimony.
Despite his Despite his confession, defiant to the end. First, he refused to sign a document initiating his appeals, which autonatically will be entered
whether or not he cooperates whether or not he cooperates.
Then, the 40 -year-old father of one made a statement after the Houston-area jury condemned
him to lethal injection. "'That police officer lied under oath, and I don't think that it's
right," Maturino Resendiz said, right," Maturino Resendiz said,
pointing to Texas Ranger Sgt, pointing to Texas Ranger Sgt.
Drew Carter, who brokered his surrender and met him on the bridge. "He lied under oath." Maturino Resendiz surren dered on the American side of
he border after the officer negoiated with the suspect's sister. The defense said the family was
misled to believe that if
daturino ?Resendiz surrento the death penalty.
Tanner went further Tanner went further to sa
that Mafurino Resendiz
believed he would not believed he would not even be
prosecuted in Texas, two in Illinois and "He was ${ }^{\text {nother }}$ in He was expecting to go
straight to a mental hospital," Tanner said, Ms the courtroom cleared,
Manuela Albuquerque, N.M., sister of the defendant who struck the deal, had a low-key conversation
with Carter. He declined to repeat the conversation, saying only that "it was not cordial." Maturino Resendiz headed to prison for the death of
researcher Dr. Claudia Benton, who was beaten, stabbed and raped in her home just before
Christmas 1998. "It's been diffic
"It's been difficult, it's been have to do in my life that's harder than telling my daugh
dered," said George Benton, Dr. Maturino Resendiz' family,
Most of most of whom live in Mexico,
left through a side exit and were left through a side exit and were
chased down a street by some television camera crews. His
wife, Julieta Dominguez of wife, Julieta Dominguez of
Rodeo, Mexico, helped prosecuRodeo, Mexico, helped prosecu-
tors by turning over jewelry linked to some victims, but Tanner said she refused to Though the killing spree began with University of Kentucky student Christopher
Maier in Augst Maier in August 1997, it wasn't
until the spring of 1999 that until the spring of 1999 that
investigators began linking sev. eral slayings near railroad tracks, mostly in Texas.
There was outrage when it was learned that Maturino Resendiz, already a suspect,
was arrested by Brder was arrested by Border Patrol
agents in New Mexico on June agents in New Mexico on June
2, 1999, only to be released into 2, 1999, only to be released into
Mexico. He was tied to two later Texas slayings and two more in Texas sayings and two more in
Illinois before Carter brokered
his July 13 surrender. District, grants the studech eve if it's controversia.
The 1969 case involved stu-
dents wearing black arm bands do protest the Vietnam War.
to "This lawsuit seeks to educate the educators," Staver said. "Despite their misguided
beliefs, the Constitution is still the law of the land."
were not immediately returned.
Idalou Police Chief Gilbert Idalou Police Chief Gilbert
Rodriguez said the armored van owned by H\&K Armored Inc.
was stolen while its two opera. was stolen while its two operators were in the bank's vault.
The unattended van was left with unattended in the ignition and the doors unlocked.
The van was found 45 The van was found 45 minutes later parked behind a nightclub
with the money missing. [Fzzalmu
$2 \begin{aligned} & \text { Real } \\ & \text { Large }\end{aligned}$ 1 Topping Pizzas only ${ }^{\$ 13.99}$

nvestigators have refused to say exactly how much was
stolen, but Matthews called it a
"sizable" amount less "sizable" amount less than $\$ 1$ million.
Bank pr Bank president Mike Maudlin
said he was said he w
solved.
"We obv "We obvilad to see the case "We obviously are very happy it's over," he said. "We were
very confident from the start very confident from the 1

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## Our Views <br> Relay for Life

 is a source of pride for allECan year, we wonder, "Can they do it again Can they possibly keep up this pace?" And the Relay for Life fundraiser, we are surprise and pleased.
They did it again. The Howard/Glasscock Chapter of the American Cancer Society raised more than
$\$ 119,000$ this year to help in the fight against a killer disease. That tops their goal for the community cam pout, which was set at $\$ 110,000$
As Diane Wood, co-chair of the event, made the tears. And as we read of their success in Sunday' tears. And as we read of their success in Sunday'
"They did it again!"
In some ways, it's not surprising that this commu Have you visited the colorful campsites and seen the many costumed participants? Have you watched them play games, eat together and visit as they walk endles
laps around the track?
The atmosphere at Relay is like nowhere else - -it is charged with the conviction that the fight against can cer is a battle that can be won. Participants are often
those who have lost loved ones, or watched them fight he disease. Often, they are people who them figh he disease. Often,
cancer themselves.
They are children, senior citizens and young par ents. They are mothers, sisters and brothers, grand they circle the track one more time, they are smiling We suppose those smiles show the kind of happines that comes with giving of yourself to help someone
else. And that kind of community spirit is good for all

Thanks, Relay for Life, for bringing us something of which Big Spring can be proud. We salute you and
everyone who helped make this strange and wonder ul event possible.

## Other Views

## Those fighting AIDS got ed to keep the virus at bay

 $\begin{aligned} & \text { some powerful allies this will now cost between } \$ 150 \\ & \text { week when five of the }\end{aligned}$and $\$ 200$ a month in those world's largest drug companies agreed to slash the prices of HIV drugs for peo
ple living in poor nations. le living in poor nations. That means millions of peo ple throughout Africa and the Caribbean Basin living causes AIDS, will now get access to those lifesaving drugs.... was the cost of the drugs The lower prices, though oo far in combating this epidemic. The combinatio f three or four drugs need and $\$ 200$ a month in those countries, unlike the $\$ 10,000$ and $\$ 15,000$ a year it cost in the United States and Europe.
President Clinton ... commendably issued an execuUnited States will not inter fere with countries that vio late American patent laws to provide AIDS drugs at That should be a warning to the drug companies. Pronit margins are never
more important than life itself.

The Miami Herald

## The best laid plans sometimes go awry

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send home senstcards,
paps or oth maps or othe
$\qquad$
Matthew Johnson mailed the imaginary traveler to me. I was
to write down what the adven to write down what the adven
turous boy had done while vis iting in Georgia and send it
back to Alabama I planned showing the visitor a good time.
It made me remember how
my father used to help us with our class projects.
Once, the night before it was
due, he helped my older sister build a miniature town sign out of a cypress
Popsicle sticks.
The sticks swung from the
knee and, in carefully printed


Except for Georgia. It was a
blank. And poor Matthew s in a corner, chin to his shest "Incomplete" stamped on his "It's not too late to send a postcard," the grandmother had said. It was a deadline day, $\mathrm{L} \because \mathrm{i}$ in
shame I set out to the nearest town, Bowdon, in search of a crummy postcard.
I thought about drawing my own, or snipping generic pho-
tographs off the cover tographs off the cover of the
telephone directory to glue to telephone directory to glue to
one of the plain cards the post office sells. But I was afraid to look
cheap on top of tardy. I kep cheap on.
drive truck stop near the state line in Tallapoosa has every spark plugs and canvas apron that hang over the back of your truck seat for storing tools and maps.
It has dinner bells that say Come and get itt"' and snow
domes filled with glitter and plastic rainbows that say Se It has ais
zines and straw cowboy hats and strong coffee
The place also had a few Georgia postcards.
The selection was somewhat limited. There was one card that said "Autumn Scenes from
North Georgia," but the pretty North Georgia," but the prett!
leaves might have been pho-
cographed anywhere. You couldn't really prove the scenes Some of the postcards were bawdy. Which is fine, if you're a trucker driving cross-country and want to amuse a pal by pretending you are " "sampling"
the Georgia peaches instead of ust going slowly insane with green beans. I finally settled on a boring but blue picture of a lake, the card with fall leaves and one
featuring Marietta's Big eaturing Marietta's Big
Chicken. At least the chicken was probably in Georgia. The whole misadventure
inspired thoughts for a fallback inspired thoughts for a fallbac career. This state needs more pictures of Newnan homes and Valdosta live oaks and want to put a positive but spe-
cific spin on what they've seen cific spin on what they've seen
and done. (Once, passing hrough Meridian, Miss., a postcard featuring a pulpseemed to defeat the whole pur
No state, I decided, is any better than its selection of $p$ ture postcards. I jotted a quick note to of the chicken card, but I ary traveler's name I was sup posed to use when writing. I

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## Why the gun is a lot like the automobile

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Driving, or
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ognized in a
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ligent manner
that the cause
of their grief
was not the
automobile.
The killers of The killers of
their children their children
were human were human drove the automobiles in a criminally reckless manner been quite effective in persuad ing state legislatures to tough-
en the laws against drunken en the laws against drunken
driving.
The Million Mom March driving.
The Million Mom March,
however, ignores the proble however, ignores the proble

- the humans who used firearms to commit murder -
and focuses instead on the and focuses instead on the gun,
which, like the automobile, is教
of acting on its own.
Two explanations are possi-
ble. One, they are just ignorant ale. One, they are just ignoran
and superstitious or, at best,
thoughtless and ill thoughtless and ill-informed tory. Two, they know quite
well what they are doing well what they are doing -
pursuing a hidden agenda pursuing a hidden agenda to
disarm the American people. Certainly any group that picks Rosie O'Donnell, a loud, volume with intelligence, is not exactly an advertisement for thoughtful debate. None of the people who has
used guns to commit crimes used guns to commit crimes,
whether career criminals or the temporarily or perrmanentl-
psychotic, would be affected one whit by new laws. Who can imagine that a person intent on violating the law against murder would be deterred by the prospect of vio-
lating a law involving posseslating a law involving posses-
sion of a firearm? Only the thoughtless.
These women, organized by a friend of the Clintons, were
just staging a political charade just staging a political charade
to further the Clinton agenda of the Second Amendment

in American history, both in our Colonial period and in our national period. There would
be no America without the gun. It is to us, our history and
our culture what the sword is to Japan.
Look at the phrases in our language derived from guns: lock, stock and barrel," "shoo your wad." and "Yes, the last referred to a marksman hitting nail and driving it the rest o
the way into a board or a tree. That was a common target for shooting matches on the American frontier. Americans Their lives depended on it. The fundamental differenc between a free society and an unfree society is an armed citiit citizens to be armed. Even
ind today we can paraphrase Italian philosopher Niccol America and Switzerland ar the most armed - and the most free - countries on earth. Heed the Constitution,
not some overweight comedian.
It's your liberty they are It's your liber



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IN Brief

## Howard College's Nix

 signs with Lady Frogs Howard College point guardAshanti Nix has signed a let ter of intent to play her junior and senior basketball seasons
 all-Region V The Levelland product also
won the prestigious Lady Hawk Award at Howard and
earned Academic American honors. ing Nix,", TCU head coach Jeff Mittic said. "She brings the
talent to the point guard posi tion that we need to take our program to a higher level. both ends of the floor,"" Mittic added. "She can penetrate,
distribute and score on
offense, and can completely ofense, and can completely
shut down the opposing point
guard on defense. She is a big time player."
Bulldogs' region semifinal slated for Thursday night swept two best-of-three playof series, will only have to play Class 2 A semifinal round. The Bulldogs will take Thurs
Field.
Ticket prices will be $\$ 4$ for
adults and $\$ 2$ for students.
Coahoma Reds post doubleheadet sweep pair of wins over the Coahoma Diamondbacks and improved Coahoma Little League action in the first game of the twi Diamondbacks 13-12 and then
dominated the nightcap with an 11-2 decision. McMillan get two of the Reds six hits, while Taylor Scot collected a pair of doubles.
Justin Darden pitched the seventh inning to chalk up the win and improve his record to In the second game Donnie for the no-hit win.
McMillan again led the way
offensively with a pair of hits and 2 RBIs.

Ballapalooza registration deadline is set for today Today is the deadine for
entering teams for the second annual Ballapalooza Softbal June 3-4 at the Roy Anderson Complex.
Spored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports coll be limited to 20
ment will
Entry fees are $\$ 120$ per team. For more information or to enter a team
at $263-7641$.
Steers baskethall camp scheduled for May 29 The BSHS Steers Basketball
Camp will begin Monday at Camp will
Steer Gym.
Camp sessions will be from a.30 to $11: 30$ a.m. each day.
Open to second through eighth graders, fees will be $\$ 45$ per youngster. For more information,
Jimmy Avery at 2640403 .

## On the air

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at Houston Astros, PXS, Ch. 29. 7 p.m. - Atlanta Braves at
 7:30 p.m. - New. York Knicks at indiena Pacers, $\mathrm{NT}, \mathrm{Ch} .28$.
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6 pm. - Colorado Avalanche
at Doilas Sters, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Trail Blazers take 106-77 win, evening series with Lakers LOS ANGELES (AP) - Shaq, Kobe and Shaquille O"Neal said. "Now we've got 5 -for-17 from the line, but 67 regular-season games to earn home-
court advantage throughout the NBA $\begin{gathered}\text { Wallace, thrown out of Game } 1 \text { for get- } \\ \text { ting two technical fouls, had playoff }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { O'Neal, averaging } 30.8 \text { points in the } \\ \text { playoffs, had } 23 \text { points and } 12 \text { rebounds, }\end{gathered}$ playoffs. The Portland Trail Blazers took it
negate a $20-0$ third-quarter run that negated any reason for a Hack-a-Shaq
repeat. repeat. never seen anything like that
"'ve never
the Lakers' Robert Horry said. "Y the Lakers' Robert Horry said. "You
don't know, what happened, where it
came from." With Rasheed Wallace on his best With Rasheed Wallace on his best
behavior, and at his best on the court the Blazers routed the Lakers 106-77 Monday night to even the best-of-seven
Western Conference finals 1-1. The series doesn't resume until Friday in Portland.


Members of the newly-formed RJRD Racing Team display their awards following the first in a four-
 Fulgham.

## Big Spring foursome shines as motocross series begins


MIDLAND - Four teenagers from Big Spring le turned in impressive performances as the
Summer Nigh Motocross Series got under way
The four Big Spring riders - Ryan Vasser,
John Reiland, Ryan Wester and Duane Fulgham
comprise the newly-formed RJRD Racing
team and were among 1776 riders from Texas and
New Mexico competing in the four-race series
that will continue into August.
Vasser, Reiland and Wester compete in the
125 cc Division, while Fulgham competes in the
Vasser and Fulgham topped the entire field during Saturday's series opener.
Vasser finished third in his first 125cc heat.

## take first-place overall and take the series

 Fulgham was even more dominant, winningboth heats in the his class and take the firs place trophy, as well as grabbing the early 250 cc Reiland finished fifth in the first 125 cc heat, second, finishing just behind Vasser in the over
sed all standings.
menaged despite a tough fall in his second heat, and rallied for eighth following his tumble to stand seventh in the overall 125cc standings.
The RJRD team is coached by Forster West and Kenny Fulgham and will make its next
appearance this weekend when they travel to
Central Texas for a race at Lake Whitney

Baseball execs say home run pace not balls' fault
TURRIALBA, costa Rica (AP) majors' executive vice president said Alderson, who was careful - With home runs and juiced-
ball claims on the rise, it was a operations, said atter a tour
of the plant where all major "We need to be more familiar ball claims on the rise, it was a perfect time forl factory.
A day after a record six grand slams and 56 home runs were baseball executives showed up at the Rawlings factory Monday for a previously scheduled look made. made.
Their conclusion: it's not the
balls' fault balls' fault.
"We ca "We came away very
impressed with the operations
here," Sandy Alderson the
Stars, Avalanche still even, just like their Western Conference series

 Stars and Colorado Avalanche. Each goalie has had ganes. to remem-
ber and games to forget. Each team has ber and games to forget. Each team has
won as offen at home as on the road. woth have slumping centers. Overall, the Avalanche have outplayed
the Stars, but they have little to show for the Stars, but they have little to show for games apiece going into Game 5 tonight. The Stars blew home ice advantage by losing the opener, but they regained it
by winning Game 4 Sunday in Denver. It was the first
That wasn't the only deflating part of the loss. The Avalanche missed a chance
to go up 3-1 and outshot the Stars $39-15$.
"I still like our position." coach Bob

The Stars, who rebounded from
shutouts in Games 1 and 3 , know they shutouts in Games 1 and 3, know they
cant their trend of playing well only after a poor outing.
Game 2, then well give we did in Game 2, then we'll give ourselves a chance to win and not have to rely on
our goaltending," Dallas coach Ken
Hitchcock said. "We've got to play better our goaltending, ${ }^{\text {Hitchcock said. "We 've gol to play better }}$
than we ever have if we're going to beat his team."
A gritty, tight series is exactly what was expected after the teams went seven Another seven-game series seems likely. The way things keep balancing out.
Injuries kept Avalanche defensemen
periods
games.
Dallas Dallas went to Denver so sure rookie Danas went to Denver so sure rookie
Brenden Morrow wouldn't play that his equipment was left at home. But he said his broken right ankle felt better and he
ended up playing Sunday. ended up playing Sunday.
Each team has a high-scoring center
just waiting to break out. Dallas' Mike just waiting to break out. Dallas' Mike
Modano didn't take a shot in Denver, and Colorado's Joe Sakic has one goal in The Ay games and two in 14 held to three goals in 24 chances.
although the Stars' penalty killing unit although the Stars' penalty killing unit

- the best in the league this season - The two shutouts by Colorado's
Patrick Roy is impressive, but the 79 stops in the last two games by Dallas' Ed stops in the last two games
Belfour is pretty inspiring, to
"It really settles us down, gives us
great confidence knowing he's making great confidence knowing he's making
those great saves," Modano said. "He those great saves, Modano said. "He
seems to get stronger as games'go on.
Even in the games we've lost, he's stili. Even in the games we've lost, he's still
given us a chance right up til the end to get back into the game.
Roy's rocky Game 4 has drawn more
grief than the glory of the two shutorts grief than the glory of the two shutouts.
Both sides expect him to be refocused
tonight.
"Patrick is a fighter," Hartley said. "Just like when you take a good punch
on the nose in Grade 6, you want to on the nose in Grad
back at those guys."
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One year ago: Social
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Hart, also known as "The Blue Blazer," died when he fell 78
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World Wrestling Federation show in Kansas City. Mo. "Rosetta," a Belgian film, won top honors at the 52nd annual
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