



## Salvation Army to hold 'Behind the Red Shield' tour Thursday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

As part of its observance of National Salvation Army Week, the Big Spring Corps will be holding a "Behind the Red Shield" tour to give local residents a first-hand look at the Army's work in our community.

That hour-long tour of the



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Salvation Army's work is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Salvation Army Lodge located at 308 Aylford.

According to Capt. Russ Keeney, those attending one of the "Behind the Red Shield" tours will not be asked to make financial donations, but are instead encouraged to provide advice and feedback on how the Army can better serve our community.

Keeney noted that the Rev. William Booth, a Methodist

minister, founded The Salvation Army in 1865 in London, England, in an effort to minister to the poor by providing them with basic physical needs as well as their spiritual needs.

"That vision continues on in our community today," Keeney said. "That's something the Salvation Army has been providing here in Big Spring since it opened its doors during the Great Depression in 1929.

"The Salvation Army has always combined a love for God

and the desire to help others," he added. "We not only provide spiritual counseling, but do our best to meet the basic human necessities of the needy and those who are hurting."

It's something the Salvation Army does worldwide, Keeney explained, providing services to thousands of men, women and children on a daily basis. And it provides those services without regard to race, color, creed, sex or age.

"We really want to encourage people to come to one of these

'Behind the Red Shield' tours and learn more about how the Salvation Army does good in Big Spring," Keeney said. "Too often people think of the Salvation Army in terms of the programs we're involved with during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons, but there's a great deal more to our efforts and we think it's important that the public knows that."

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Big Spring City Secretary Peggy Walker, right, administers the oath of office to city council members Stephanie Horton, left, and Joann Staulcup during Tuesday night's council meeting. Both incumbents were re-elected to their respective seats during the recent general election.

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## CISD board's options all expensive

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Coahoma Independent School District has several options on dealing with its aging infrastructure. Apparently, none of them are cheap.

CISD trustees examined several possible ways of updating the district's school buildings during their monthly meeting Tuesday. Such action has become increasingly nec-

essary, officials said, because of both the age of some of the buildings, the deteriorating condition of utility systems such as electrical and plumbing, and the campus' general non-compliance with state and federal accessibility standards.

Allen Wolf of the architectural consulting firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper — which the district hired to devise a master plan for dealing with these problems —

walked trustees through four options to upgrade the campuses. Preliminary estimates as to the costs of these plans ranged from \$11 million to \$12.5 million.

Most of the upgrade effort is aimed at Coahoma High School. Aside from being the oldest building on the campus (45 years), it is also in the worst shape as far as utility and accessibility issues are concerned, Wolf said.

The option trustees warmed to calls for new instructional spaces in the older wings of the building, extensive renovations to the auditorium, gymnasium and library, a new entrance on the north side of the building and centralization of the building's administrative offices.

The plans also calls for upgrading electrical systems at all three district

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## Wilson, Roper top grads at Borden County High

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

John Wilson and Billy Roper are the top graduates of the Class of 2005 at Borden County High School.

Wilson, class valedictorian, is a member of the National Beta Club and has maintained a grade average of 100.321 throughout high school. He has been active in



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debate, persuasive speaking, editorial writing, current issues, mathematics and computer applications academic events. He

is a three-time state champion in cross-examination debate, and placed first in state persuasive speaking competition, third place in current issues and finished fourth in editorial writing this year.

Athletically, he is an all-district football player, and won varsity letters in baseball, track and tennis.

He is president of the

senior class and was recently voted "most likely to succeed."

Wilson, the son of Tim and Carol Wilson, plans to attend Harvard University in the fall, majoring in political science.

Roper, the son of William and Juna Roper, is class salutatorian, maintaining a grade aver-

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## Controversy

### Staulcup, Biddison object in council's 5-2 vote to OK contract for Settles study

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A contract between the city of Big Spring and California-based Evos Homes for possible development of the Settles Hotel came under fire during Tuesday night's city council meeting.

The council approved the contract on its first reading by a 5-2 margin.

The vote comes in the wake of more than two months of negotiations between the city and Evos, which first approached the council in January, requesting funding to conduct structural feasibility and marketing studies on the possibility of transforming the now-vacant building into a home for retail businesses and low income housing.

"What we have in mind is affordable living apartments on Floors 3 through 16, which is based on a very rough preliminary analysis," said Ray Rappold, president of Evos Homes. "About 74 residential units and we would be looking at commercial and retail space on the first and second floors — restaurants, offices and possibly a seniors activity center."

The contract, which puts a total spending limit on study the city will finance at \$55,000, drew a great deal of fire from council members Joann Staulcup and Greg Biddison, who both voted against the first reading.

"No one would like to see the Settles renovated more than me," Staulcup told the council.

"However, I've done a great deal of research on Evos Homes over the past several months and I have no confidence in

them at all. They don't have any experience in a project like this. From what I've found, all they are building is new homes.

"We have Limestone Ridge Apartments. We have the apartment building going up on Martin Luther King Boulevard. We have housing all over town. I just don't know where we're going to get the people to put in this type of housing. I'm just one vote on this council, but I simply don't have any confidence in this company. I can't see engaging in this type of contract with a company that has no history in this type of project."

Biddison, who also opposed the contract, said he's mainly concerned where the funding for the project is going to come from.

"This isn't in the budget, so where is the money going to come from?" asked Biddison.

"The study would be expected to begin toward the end of this year," said City Manager Gary Fuqua. "So this could be added to the upcoming budget."

Councilman Woody Jumper also expressed concern over the cost of the study.

"If we say the study is not to exceed \$55,000, what's to stop them from spending that entire amount?" asked Jumper. "That's what's really worrying me. It sounds like the structural study is going to cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000, and the marketing study will cost about the same. With this contract, what's to stop them from going all the way to \$55,000?"

Mayor Russ McEwen

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### TROOPER MEMORIALS

A memorial ceremony for Department of Public Safety troopers Jimmie W. Parks and Troy M. Hogue will be held at the Big Spring DPS office at 10 a.m. Friday.

Roadside memorials for the two troopers who died in the line of duty — Trooper Parks Aug. 10, 1975, and Trooper Hogue Dec. 30, 1994 — have been moved to the DPS office on the south service road of Interstate 20, west of Big Spring.

The public is invited to the rededication service.

### AMERICAN PROFILE



books, Raichlen shares his grilling wisdom with American Profile readers.

Steven Raichlen knows outdoor cooking.

The host of PBS' Barbecue University TV show and author of 25 cook-

### BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, May 19

— City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UBS Bloodmobile. To register, call Rebecca at 264-2347.  
— Odyssey Hospice, 1003 FM 700, 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., UBS Bloodmobile. To sign up, call Maira at 263-5999.

Saturday, May 21

— Credit to Patient Blood Drive, Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, 1512 Birdwell Lane, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. To register, call Troy at 262-6025.

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Obituaries

Ansel Marion Harry



Ansel Marion Harry, 65, of Fort Worth, formerly of Ackerly, died May 15, 2005, at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Services are 2 p.m. today...

Paid obituary

Take note

RAILROAD MUSEUM at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

BOOK SALE TO BENEFIT MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY, sponsored by the friends of the Library, is set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each Thursday. Call Bud Lindsey for more information.

COAHOMA NON-MARCHING BRASS BAND NOW FORMING, set to perform during the Coahoma Fourth of July parade on a float is now forming. Musicians with or without instruments and any level of experience are invited to join.

A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring to help with funeral costs.

MEMBERS OF THE PUGA FAMILY are searching for family members to invite to a family reunion July 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Contact Anna Gutierrez-Trevino at 466-1780.

HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect.

LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues...

HERITAGE MUSEUM presents Museum Madness from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday featuring newly remodeled children's areas. Call the museum at 267-8255 for more information.

A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR 6-WEEK-OLD MAGGIE VASQUEZ TO ASSIST WITH THE EXPENSES OF A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT. She is the daughter of Susan Vasquez and Steve Nail of Big Spring. Maggie was born prematurely and suffers from kidney failure.

THE FAR WEST BOYS HOME is in need of donations of household, office and recreational items to benefit boys 5-17 who are unable to live with their families due to abuse or neglect.

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:
• MICHAEL HERNANDEZ, 37, 604 N.E. Ninth St., was arrested on local warrants.
• PRINCE VANDERBILT, 18, 1502 Lincoln St., was arrested on a warrant from Howard County and on a charge of theft.
• ELROY JOHNSON, 20, 1501 Lincoln St., was arrested on charges of failure to identify and theft.
• JOHN RAMIREZ, 38, 1607 Avion St., was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
• ASSAULT was reported on the 1900 block of Johnson Street.
• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported on the 1900 block of Highway 87.
• THEFT was reported on the 300 block of Owens Street, the 200 block of FM 700, the 1700 block of FM 700, the 200 block of Marcy Drive (twice), the 900 block of Willia Street and the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:
• THEFT was reported on the 5300 block of Wasson Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:
• MEDICAL was reported on the 500 block of Goliad Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported on the 1400 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported on the 100 block of N. Nolan Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported on the 2700 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
• TRAUMA was reported on the 1600 block of Lancaster Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported on the 500 block of Westover Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
• GRASS FIRE was reported on the 1000 block of 13th Street. The fire was extinguished.

Support groups

THURSDAY
• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.
• The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center beginning in January. Call 263-8273 for more information.
• Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

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

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

West Texas Gluten-Free Support Group (Celiacs Helping Celiacs) meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Odessa Regional Hospital. For more information, contact Barbara at 432-694-3614 days, or 432-520-2119 evenings.

West Texas Gluten-Free Awareness Support Group meets from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Memorial Hospital west campus in Midland. Call Barbara at 432-520-2119 for more information.

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Bulletin board

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

TODAY
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. 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 Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
• Railroad Museum at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.
• American Legion Post No. 506 fish fry from noon until 3 p.m. \$7 per plate. Carry-out available. 3203 W. highway 80. Call 263-2084.
• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon.
Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon.
Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
Saturday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.
Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.
Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.
Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

The winning numbers from Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing: 7, 9, 10, 29, 44. Mega Ball 17. Number of winning tickets sold: None. Jackpot for Friday's drawing: \$60 million.
Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-7-14-16-32. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night, in order: 5-6-7

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## RELAY FOR LIFE DONATION



Mike Abusaab, third from left, presents a check for \$500 to Jeff Turney, second from right, for this year's annual Relay For Life, an event that raised some \$175,000 for cancer research. Abusaab, owner of the two Sonic Restaurants in Big Spring, donated \$10 for every home run hit by the Howard College baseball team during its Home Run Derby fund-raiser. Also pictured are, from left, Devon Butler, Mary Wood and Phyllis Turney.

## OPTIONS

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campuses, Wolf said. Performing these renovations would have two distinct advantages, Wolf said: They would significantly extend the effective life of the buildings, and would be considerably cheaper than constructing a new building.

He estimated that construction of a new high school alone would cost about \$3 million to \$4 million more than the suggested upgrades. Although trustees liked most of what they saw in the proposed upgrades, they agreed the price tag is still too high. Board President Dale Coates instructed Wolf to fine-tune the proposal further

to bring the estimated cost down below \$10 million. Wolf is expected to meet with trustees again next month to further discuss details of the plan. The board also said a figurative "not so fast" to retiring trustee John Wayne Metcalf. Metcalf, who chose not to run for re-election when his term expired this year, was

appointed by the board to serve for one more year, filling the unexpired term of Larry Cordes, who resigned citing travel restrictions earlier this year. Trustees also officially hired new superintendent Jerry Johnson, formerly of Somersville ISD. Johnson is expected to assume his duties at the district in early June.

## COUNCIL

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said the contract, which went through more than a half-dozen drafts before landing under the council's eye, does offer the city a chance it hasn't had in the past. "This is a chance for us to get a study done. We need to find out if the building is structurally sound," said McEwen. "Based on the time we've spent with Evos working on this contract, I believe we'll be able to work hand-in-hand with them to get this done. It's true — they would be able to use the entire \$55,000 — but we can hold their feet to the fire on this.

"I'm looking at this as a situation where it will at least be possible to do something with the Settles Hotel. If this isn't a viable building — if it's not structurally sound — then we have a whole new problem on our hands." More opposition to the contract came from local resident Joseph Gallegos, who addressed the council on what he said is a losing battle. "This is a question that I believe has been studied to death," said Gallegos. "I simply don't see any potential tenants for this type of housing. Also, where would people living there park? I just don't see it as a viable project." At the request of Staulcup, Paul Pryor,

director of both the Big Spring Housing Authority and Crossroad Housing Development, addressed the council on the scope of the project Evos may, or may not, find itself attempting. "I look at the cost represented in the contract and it seems a little exorbitant," said Pryor. "There are currently five taxpayer projects going on in Texas, and all three phases of those projects would cost less than Phase 1 of what this company is asking for. "Are they (Evos) trying to get to us? That's one of the first questions I asked myself when we looked at this contract," said McEwen. "Is this a gigantic amount of money? No. Why would they want to

come in here and go through all of this trouble? We need to find out if the building is structurally sound so we can do something with it." Rappold told the council during its January meeting the studies required to complete the first two stages of the study and determine the feasibility of the project would cost the city \$55,000, which was approved in first reading Tuesday evening, and \$62,500 for the next phase. Evos is also requesting a 48-month contract for exclusive rights to the project. Following that period, McEwen said, the contract would allow the city to "buy out" if a more attractive offer came along in the meantime.

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age of 97.327 throughout high school. He is a member of the National Beta Club and is

a two-time state champion in cross-examination debate. In addition, he was active in calculator applications, number sense, mathematics, and informative speaking academic events. Athletically, he lettered

as a member of the BCHS football team. Roper, the treasurer of the senior class and voted as "friendliest" in the class, plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall and major in political science.

Graduation exercises for the Class of 2005 will be held at 8 p.m. May 27 in the high school auditorium.

## TOUR

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attend Thursday's "Behind the Red Shield" tour, Keeney said addi-

tional tours have been scheduled for June 16 and July 21. For more information about The Salvation Army or its Behind the Red Shield tours, please

call 267-8239. Managing Editor John A. Moseley can be contacted by calling 263-7331, ext. 230, or by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com

## Big Spring RCCI set to take a break for summer vacation

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Like thousands of Howard County students, the Big Spring chapter of the Rural Community College Initiative is about to go on summer vacation. The Big Spring RCCI held its last meeting until September Tuesday afternoon at Howard College and both reviewed its accomplishments of the past year and detail some plans for the future.

The RCCI is a collective of community leaders who have been tasked to coordinate community development efforts.

Team Leader Jan Foresyth said the group's efforts have been a resounding success.

"I think the thing that's really wonderful is that the (group's) committees set their goals and then did what the set out to do ... I think that's really admirable. The word is spreading about RCCI like a snowball. Other communities have expressed interest; and that's wonderful."

The Big Spring RCCI effort is divided in four areas: Educational access, city-county partnership, economic development, and community image.

Javier Flores, dean of students at Howard College, said educational access efforts included a recently "shadowing" project, in which local third-graders spent at day at the college, attending classes and touring the campus under the guidance of a college student.

"Overall, I think it was a great success," Flores said. "The feedback has been great, and we're looking bringing all the county's third graders onto the campus this fall."

Other efforts by the educational committee include plans for a program in which the college's workforce training department would work with county seventh graders to help them better plan what courses would best suit their plans for the future.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, who sits on the city-county partnership committee, said her group has three major goals for the near future: Creation of a community development foundation; an increase in joint city-county projects such as the proposed jail; and to have this area known as the "Peak of West Texas" by 2008.

Other RCCI goals for the future include construction of a convention center in Big Spring and beautification efforts such entrance markers to the city and county along area roads.

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## EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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## OUR VIEWS

## Salvation Army offering tours 'Behind Shield'

This is National Salvation Army Week, May 15-21, and there's little doubt in our collective mind that few people in Big Spring are aware of everything the Salvation Army does in our community and countless others around the world.

Methodist minister William Booth founded The Salvation Army in 1865 in London, England. His vision was to minister to the poor by providing them with the basic physical needs and then meeting their spiritual needs.

That vision and a great deal more continues on in our community today.

The Salvation Army has been serving the Big Spring community since it opened its doors during the Great Depression in 1929.

All too often people identify the Salvation Army during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons.

But throughout the year, the Army is a symbol of compassion providing not only spiritual counseling and basic human necessities to the needy and hurting, but also actively participates in the provision of services to thousands. And it provides services to people in need without regard to race, color, creed, sex or age.

Sadly, too many are unaware of all the services the Salvation Army provides on a daily basis.

That is why members of the local advisory board and Salvation Army officers are encouraging the community to take an hour tour of local facilities and see what is "Behind the Red Shield."

Several opportunities are scheduled. Tours have been scheduled for May, June and July. The first of those is set for 11 a.m. Thursday. Tours will also be held on June 16 and July 21.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to take a "Behind the Red Shield" tour.

For more information about The Salvation Army or the upcoming tours, call the local Corps office at 267-8239.

It's almost guaranteed you learn something you didn't know.

You'll be better for it. Chances are, we all will be.

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## The glory days of the Shamrock

My parents had a grocery store in Fort Worth. My father was active in the Texas Retail Grocers Association and served as its president one year. He attended Grocery Conventions all over the US. One year the National Association of Retail Grocers had its annual meeting at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston. I remember my mom and dad relaxing in their luxurious room at the Shamrock when my father reached over, hugged my mother and said to her, "This is a long way from the cotton patch, isn't it." She said, "O, my, yes."

When you stayed at the Shamrock in the 1950's, it made you feel like you had arrived at some elite status in life. When the hotel opened in 1949, owner Glenn McCarthy threw a million dollar party, the likes of



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which Texas had never seen before. On hand were one hundred movie stars. Three thousand would-be gatecrashers couldn't even get to the lobby. All over Houston that night, drivers of cars honked their horns to mark that event.

In 1949, few buildings and fewer homes were air-conditioned. But all 778 rooms in the Shamrock were air-conditioned. Even the garbage room was air conditioned to control odors. Robert Cason of Corsicana was at the Shamrock for the opening on St. Patrick's Day, 1949.

"They didn't have a single thing to serve breakfast with the next morning. All the silverware was gone for souvenirs. And all the flowers in the lobby were taken out that night. It was literally stripped."

The Shamrock Hotel was a monument to the Texas spirit, embracing entrepreneurship, risk, adventure and dreams of fame and fortune.

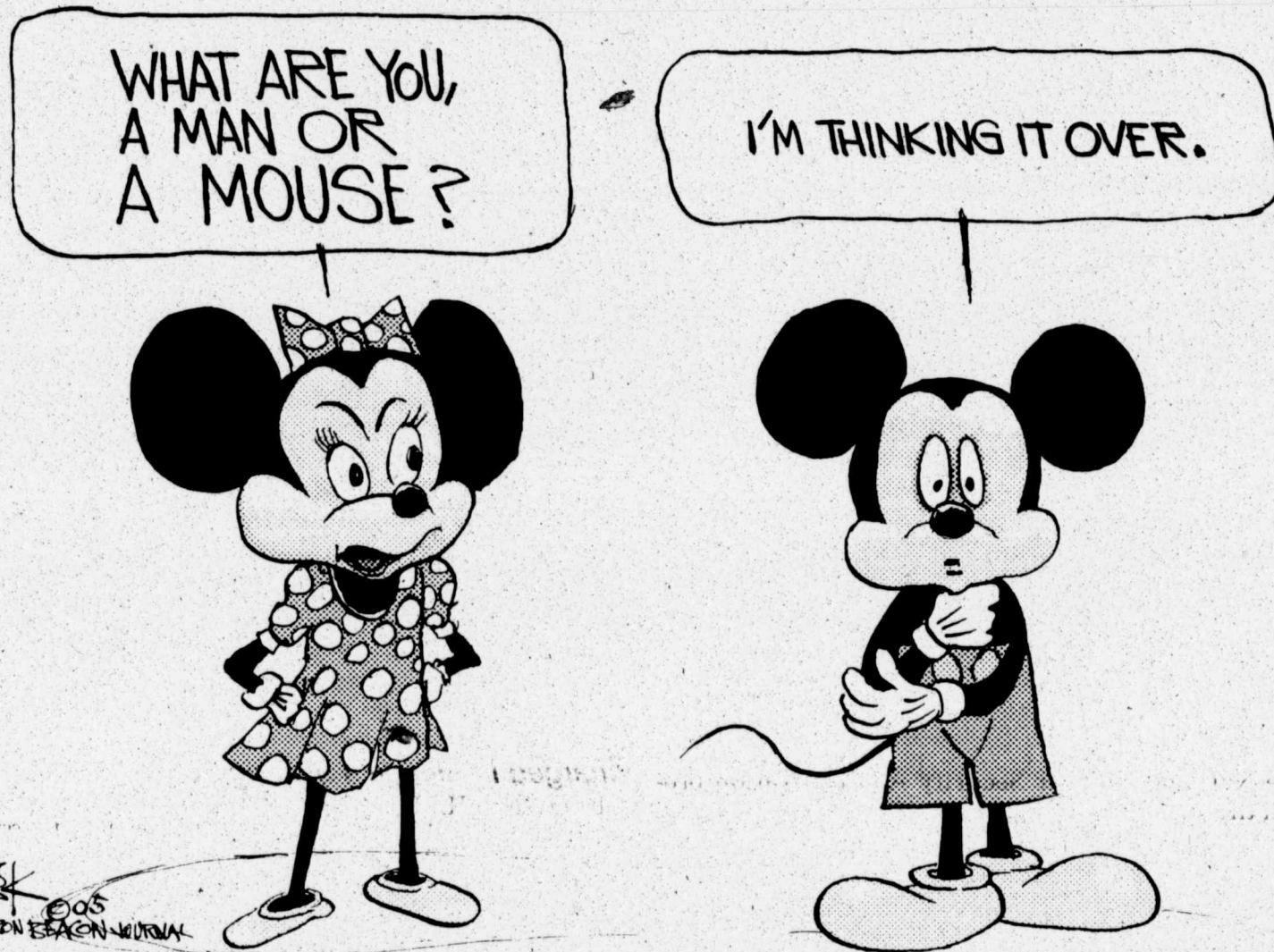
Oilman Glenn McCarthy built it and lost it while he was building and losing several fortunes during

his lifetime. But the day the Shamrock opened, Houston stopped being a country town and started becoming a metropolitan city.

The Shamrock was torn down in 1987 to make way for a parking lot. Robert Cason was a prominent Texas florist at the time and recalls opening night at the Shamrock.

"I was one of about forty florists they selected to go down for the opening. We worked down there three days before the hotel opened. They had champagne all over that big lobby. Andy Devine was there and he was so much fun. About midnight he said 'let's go swimming.' It was cold, you know, in April, and I came home with pneumonia. It was years before I told anybody how I caught it. But it was such an opening. The prominent people all over the US had to be seen there. You never saw so much jewelry and finery and fun in your life."

On St. Patrick's Day of 1986 Glenn McCarthy joined 3,000 people who were protesting the demolition of the Shamrock.



NEWS ITEM: SCIENTISTS PLACE HUMAN BRAIN CELLS IN MICE

## Amnesty is not a four-letter word

To fix the nation's broken immigration system, we will have to decide between two options: Do we let illegal immigrants work, pay taxes and prove they can stay out of trouble, and then allow them to stay? Or do we use them as temporary laborers and then force them to go home?

The "work and stay" option — combined with stricter border enforcement measures introduced in Congress last week — would likely fix a huge part of the problem.

But "work and go," as proposed by President Bush, would be a total failure. It would create further immigration chaos. Bush wants illegal immigrants to come out of the shadows and expose themselves to deportation once their temporary work permits expire. It's crazy.

The more reasonable option was introduced by a bipartisan group of legislators led by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass. It is by far the most comprehensive immigration reform bill introduced in Washington in recent history.

Instead of dealing with the hemorrhaging illegal immigrant issue with the usual Band-Aids, the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005, also known as the McCain-Kennedy bill, combines strong measures to stop future illegal immigration with a form of amnesty for those who are already here.

Of course, they don't call it amnesty. It's not politically correct. They call it "earned legalization." After all, the conservative anti-immigrant movement has turned amnesty into a dirty word. But nevertheless, that's what the

McCain-Kennedy bill is proposing. It goes just a little bit further than President Bush's proposed guest-workers program, which unrealistically expects these immigrants to return to their homelands voluntarily after working here legally for several years.

McCain-Kennedy simply provides an avenue for these workers to apply for a green card.

Yet that is the avenue the White House has kept closed. To appease conservatives who refuse to "reward lawbreakers" — and the xenophobes who use that as an excuse to discriminate against immigrants — President Bush has always insisted that he is opposed to amnesty.

In fact, on immigration issues, the White House has been leaning to the right lately, especially when it supported the REAL ID Act, a collection of draconian measures designed to harass illegal immigrants by denying them driver's licenses; and refugees, by making it harder for them to apply for asylum.

REAL ID was inserted into a much larger appropriations bill to fund U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and tsunami victims in Asia. And at least three dozen senators were forced to vote for it reluctantly. But not the president. Before he signed the bill into law last week, the White House had expressed support for the REAL ID insert.

And so the big question now is whether President Bush will continue to pander to right-wing extremists or remember that he was supposed to be a "compassionate conservative."

The McCain-Kennedy bill makes it possible for illegal immigrants to eventually earn their way to legal U.S. residency — which is the only logical and realistic way to deal with 11 million people. But it also includes various measures to deter illegal immigration in the

future — from reinforcing the borders to imposing tougher sanctions on employers who hire illegal immigrants.

Unveiled two days after REAL ID was passed by the Senate, McCain-Kennedy also tries to appease those who are worried about "rewarding lawbreakers." Under this bill, illegal immigrants would have to pay a \$2,000 fine and work for six years before seeking permanent residency. They would also have to prove that they are learning English and undergo a stringent criminal background check.

The bill's proponents say it doesn't provide a "free pass" to anyone.

But is that enough to take us out of the "amnesty" semantics quagmire? Can President Bush live with a fine for a green card, or will he insist on sending these immigrants home? Did he support REAL ID because he cut a deal with conservatives who will now support his temporary workers program?

Will he continue to insist on "work and go" to please a vocal minority, even if it means the Republican Party will lose the Latino support he received last November? Or did he cut a deal with John McCain to allow some form of "work and stay" program?

Of course, the leading immigrant-bashing organizations in Washington are already calling McCain-Kennedy an "amnesty" bill. They say it as if it was something very distasteful.

"Amnesty," according to my dictionary, is "an act of forgiveness." It's not a four-letter word.

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## TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

### Plan extends power for schools to offer tax breaks to industry

AUSTIN (AP) — School districts would be able to continue subsidizing property taxes for businesses that build or expand and create jobs under a plan expected to pass the Texas Senate on Thursday.

The law could cost the state \$603.5 million through 2012 because the state reimburses districts for most of the tax revenue they give up to attract jobs.

Senate Bill 559 by Sen. Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth, would extend through 2011 the law that allows schools to give companies partial tax breaks, usually for eight years.

The property then goes back on the tax rolls at full value. Meanwhile, future Legislatures will have to find public school funds to replace the cost of such incentives.

Critics contend such tax breaks are not a major factor in a company's decision to locate or expand a business.

However, Brimer and economic development officials contend that many businesses would not commit to projects without tax breaks.

"We think the law has worked well," Brimer said. Even if property taxes are subsidized, new or expanded businesses "generate an economic ripple effect" of jobs and increased retail sales and personal income, he said.

### Soldier sentenced to six months for Abu Ghraib abuse apologizes

FORT HOOD (AP) — A military jury went hard on Spc. Sabrina Harman by convicting her of almost every Abu Ghraib abuse charge she faced, but when it came to the soldier's punishment, the same jury went much easier.

Harman, a 27-year-old reservist who appeared in several of the most infamous abuse photos taken by guards at the Baghdad lockup in late 2003, was sentenced Tuesday to six months in prison for her part in the scandal that rocked the U.S. military's image at home and abroad.

The sentence came a day after Harman was convicted on six of the seven abuse-related counts she was charged with. She faced a maximum of five years in prison, though prosecutors asked the jury to give her three years.

With credit for time served, Harman's actual sentence will be just more than four months. She will also be reduced in rank to a private and receive a bad conduct discharge after she finishes the prison term.

Harman, of Lorton, Va., was the second U.S. soldier tried and convicted in the scandal.

### Agency alleges Pantex safety violations, proposes fines totaling \$128,750

AMARILLO (AP) — A federal nuclear safety watchdog agency has proposed \$123,750 in fines against operators of the Pantex nuclear weapons plant.

The National Nuclear Security Administration proposed the fine Tuesday against BWXT Pantex, alleging safety violations linked to work on a nuclear warhead.

The agency said the contractor did not follow safety regulations when workers taped and moved a cracked high-explosive charge last year.

If levied, the fine could be the largest against a Pantex contractor.

The agency is expected to release a formal statement Wednesday. But in a letter to BWXT Pantex, the agency said the contractor violated nuclear safety regulations, quality assurance and other safety requirements for nuclear weapons work.

"In this event, NNSA concluded that the potential for an unintended consequence was significant since both high explosives and nuclear materials were involved,"

Linton Brooks, an agency official, wrote in the letter. According to government reports, workers at the Texas Panhandle plant found a crack in a high-explosive charge Jan. 8, 2004, while dismantling a W-56 warhead. That is the nuclear weapon normally carried on a Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile.

The workers taped the crack and placed the charge in a safe and stable position. On Jan. 13, 2004, workers began another operation to remove the charge, but the cracks expanded and technicians had to stop work.

Investigators for the U.S. Department of Energy, which owns the plant, said the contractor failed to conduct a proper safety review before removing the cracked high-explosive charge, failed to correct a two-year-old tooling problem and failed to give workers proper instructions to safely remove the cracked high explosive.

"Any potential for the failure of the tooling to safely contain cracked high explosive could have increased the probability of an inadvertent detonation," the DOE said in a violation notice.

BWXT Pantex General Manager Michael Mallory issued a statement Tuesday, saying the incident caused no harm.

"The final investigation confirmed that the workers followed their procedures and correctly stopped the operation when they observed conditions that were not as expected. The safe control of all components and materials was maintained at all times," Mallory said.

"While an abnormality associated with the handling of high explosives is taken seriously, there were never any potential safety concerns to the workers, the public or the environment," he said.

### Convicted by DNA, Wolfe set to die for robbery-slaying of woman

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — DNA testing was in its infancy 13 years ago when authorities in Beaumont used it to link the robbery-slaying of an 84-year-old woman to Bryan Wolfe, a convicted robber on parole from Louisiana.

"People just didn't quite necessarily believe in it yet," said Jefferson County Assistant District Attorney Ed Shettle, who prosecuted Wolfe for capital murder in the fatal stabbing of Bertha Lemell at her Beaumont home. "But we now know it is a very, very good technology."

Wolfe, 44, was set for execution Wednesday evening for the death of the woman who lived nearby and babysat his children while his wife went to work.

"I'm glad it's coming to an end," said Leo Lemell, 80, the victim's cousin. "I'm not too much on the death penalty. I would rather see him day by day suffering. But that's the way the law is so we go by the way of the law."

Wolfe, from Houma, La., would be the seventh Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year. Another execution was set for Thursday evening.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to review Wolfe's case.

### Three Cameron County jailers charged in inmate's beating

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Three former Cameron County jailers have been charged with handcuffing, dragging and beating a federal inmate.

John Roy Harris, 22; Cosme Martinez, 43; and Michael David Saavedra, 23, were charged Tuesday with first-degree felony aggravated assault in the alleged beating of Javier Alejandro Garza, 20.

Their cases could go before a Cameron County grand jury in a couple of weeks. If convicted, they face five to 99 years in prison.

Cameron County Sheriff Omar Lucio said Harris, Martinez and Saavedra were fired Tuesday. Four other guards and a sergeant remain on administrative leave pending an investigation.

The alleged assault took place May 8 after guards

confronted Garza about receiving contraband in his cell at the Carrizalez-Rucker Detention Center, Lucio said.

Garza's attorney, Rene DeCoss, said his client remains in a federal detention center in neighboring Willacy County, where Garza was moved after the incident.

### Dozens of firearms destined for Cabela's missing from storage facility

FORT WORTH (AP) — Dozens of guns destined for a Cabela's sporting goods store opening later this month in Fort Worth are missing from a storage site.

Federal agents are investigating the disappearance reported by Cabela's officials on Saturday.

"We're trying to determine what happened to them," Special Agent Tom Crowley of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said in Wednesday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "We're concerned because, obviously, they could fall into the hands of criminals."

Crowley said the 76 rifles, shotguns and handguns missing are valued at more than \$100,000. He said they could have been missing for as long as two weeks.

Cabela's workers realized some guns were missing while moving items from the storage site to the new store, according to a police report. The guns had been left on top of two Fiberglas bunkers containing more expensive weapons, the report said.

Police officers investigating the report said there were no signs a padlock on the storage facility had been broken, but there was an open space between the ceiling and door where a slim person could have gotten through.

Cabela's spokesman David Draper confirmed the weapons are missing, but he couldn't comment further.

### State judge denies Ford new trial in appeal of \$28 million verdict

CRYSTAL CITY (AP) — Ford Motor Co. lost its bid for a new trial in a rollover case when a state judge found the automaker failed to prove its rights to a fair trial were compromised by claims of a tainted jury.

Ford attorney David Prichard said the company would appeal the ruling Judge Amado Abascal issued in the case of a \$28 million verdict against the company.

"From the get-go, this was a complete set up deal," Prichard said after a daylong hearing Tuesday.

Plaintiff attorney Mikal Watts said the hearing had been a desperate attempt on Ford's part to "throw spaghetti at the wall and see if it sticks."

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## Library News

**G**o Wild, Read! is the theme for Howard County Library's Summer Reading Program.

As a reader, I believe that reading at any time is a good thing for both adults and children. However, there are studies that correlate that summer reading programs help students even into the new school year.



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The classic study, "Summer Learning and the Effects of Schooling," by Barbara Heynes (Academic Press, 1978), confirmed many assumptions on the importance of a summer reading program.

Did you know:

1. The number of books read during the summer is consistently related to academic gains?

2. Children in every income group who read six or more books during the summer gained more in reading achievement than children who did not, and

3. "More than any other public institution, including the schools, the public library contributed to the intellectual growth of children during the summer."

Of course, you don't have to tell your child that the summer reading is good for them, just that it is fun!

Registration for the summer reading program begins June 1 and will continue until June 3.

Cookies and punch will be served from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on those three days to all who register.

Programs are set for 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesdays are for pre-schoolers and children who have completed the first grade.

Thursdays are for children in grades 2 through 5. So that the Summer Reading Program does not conflict with Kid's College at Howard College, it will be only the month of June.

Parents are encouraged to remain within the library until each program is completed. The closing party and awards ceremony is set for 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. July 5 in the courtyard at the library.

There will be games and snacks for all who participate in SRP.

While the library loves to have children of all ages visit, please be aware of the "unattended child" policy.

Children under the age of 6 should never be left alone in any area of the library; they must be accompanied by an adult or other chaperone. If the responsible adult cannot be found, staff will call the appropriate child welfare office (Howard County Sheriff's Department or Big Spring Police Department) and report an abandoned child.

School-age children may use the library unattended, subject to all policies and procedures of the library. The complete policy is posted in

the children's area and by the circulation desk.

With the war in Iraq continuing, books are now being published about that subject.

Rick Atkinson, a journalist with the Washington Post, was embedded with the 101st Airborne for nearly two months.

From that experience comes a book "In the Company of Soldiers: A Chronicle of Combat" (956.704 ATK R). Granted an unprecedented amount of access to the commanders and troops, Atkinson saw the war from Kuwait to Baghdad.

Sitting on daily planning sessions and watching the battle from the front lines makes for an engrossing book. This book is a must-read in order get the full flavor of the war in Iraq.

There has been a renewed interest in the life of Abraham Lincoln. Many books look at Lincoln as the Great Emancipator and bestow upon him a saint-like aura.

Plus, the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum doesn't buy into that reverence — it brings Lincoln to life with booming cannons, holographic ghosts and latex statues so lifelike the arms have freckles.

It shakes visitors up and shows them all sides of the former president.

"We Are Lincoln Men: Abraham Lincoln and His Friends," (973.709 DON D) by David

Herbert Donald, also looks at Lincoln in a new light. For a different view of Abraham Lincoln, this would be the book to read.

Pete Rose still wants to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Will he or won't he?

According to a mock-trial held by ESPN, the weight of the evidence was on the side of induction.

According to Rose's autobiography, "Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars," (B ROS P) he has served his sentence and should be let in. I'll let you read and decide.

New fiction that has been added: Mark Twain's "The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg and Other Stories," John LeCarre's "Absolute Friends," a romance by Johanna Lindsey called "A Man to Call Her Own," another volume in Janet Dailey's Calder series, "Shifting Calder Wind," and a thriller "Dying to Please," by Linda Howard.

New westerns are "Black Gold," by Matt Braun; Ralph Cotton's "Between Hell and Texas" and William W. Johnstone's "The Last Gunfighter series," "No Man's Land."

Plus another from the granddaddy of all western writers, Elmer Kelton's "Texas Vendetta," and Larry McMurtry's The Berrybender Narratives, "Folly and Glory."

Effective May 28, the

library will be closed Saturdays for the months of June, July and August.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday.

The internet/video room closes one-half hour before the library and is closed Saturdays from noon until 1 p.m.

The library is located at 500 S. Main St.; the phone number is 264-2260; the Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; the e-mail address is howard-county.library@hotmail.com.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.

## 'Without A Doubt' filled with undeniable humor

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

Don Swinney is one Big Spring man who has become adept at reinventing himself.



SWINNEY

His latest endeavor is a self-published book, "Without A Doubt."

"I've always been told that a good story makes you laugh and cry, and this has a bunch of both of those," Swinney said.

"Without A Doubt" tells the life story of Don and his wife, Ellouise, as well their family, including a son, Todd, who died in 1967.

"There is nothing ordinary about Ellouise and me. God has never told me anything audibly, but

as I look over my life, He orchestrated every move I made, even when I did not know it," Swinney said.

The book covers the years the family lived in Germany, where Don worked as a teacher for the military as well as a minister.

A BSHS graduate, Swinney was defensive halfback for the 1953 Steer football team that made it to state competition.

He also taught school at Big Spring High School, owned several businesses, including a water purification business and a loan office.

He has plans to write at least three other books. A video project is also on the horizon.

To learn more or to purchase the book, contact Swinney at 263-9963.

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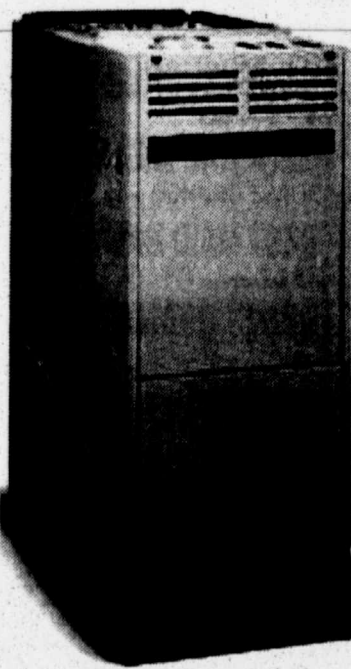
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#### BSISD has set up chance to get athletic physicals

The BSISD athletic department is offering the opportunity to get an athletic physical for anyone in grades six through 11 (7-12 next year).

The physical form can be obtained through your coach, athletic trainer or online at [bsisd.esc18.net](http://bsisd.esc18.net) (look under schools, BSHS, athletics and athletic forms).

Physicals will be given at the BSHS Auditorium Saturday, at 10 a.m. for seventh graders (current sixth graders), 10:15 a.m. for ninth graders (current eighth graders) and 10:30 a.m. for current high school students through 11th grade. Physicals will end promptly at 11:30 a.m. for all.

#### YMCA sets second gymnastics program

The YMCA Gymnastics squad will be holding another program/talent show. The show will take place Friday from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Big Spring YMCA.

The event is free to the public.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### Lady Steer Boosters to elect new officers

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club has set its end of the year meeting for May 23 at 6 p.m. in the ATC.

The meeting will primarily take place to elect new officers for the 2005-06 school year. The meeting will also be used to discuss summer fund-raising ideas and close out the 2004-05 school year.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, cheerleading, track, basketball and softball are encouraged to attend.

#### Howard announces first of three camps

The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting three camps this summer.

The first camp will take place June 13-16 and is for seventh-12th grade girls and is a shooting and offensive moves camp.

Registration will take place Monday, June 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The camp goes from 9 a.m. to noon through June 16 and the cost is \$60 per person.

For more information or to pre-register, call head coach Earl Diddle at 432-264-5043 or assistant coach Eric Rodewald at 432-816-4327.

## Texas Hall of Fame inducts Smith, several others

### Special to the Herald

Aultman Smith, formerly of Big Spring, was inducted into the Texas High School Football of Fame Saturday, May 7, at the Ferrell Center on the campus of Baylor University in Waco.

Smith, who is deceased, attended Abilene High School and played tackle, end and fullback for the Abilene Eagles.

Smith was the brother of Jack Y. Smith and was employed by Cosden Oil and Chemical Company.

Edna Faye Smith and Steve Smith, relatives of Aultman, attended the ceremonies, as well as family members from Abilene, Amarillo and Houston.

Other men inducted were George Strohmeier

of Abilene, who is also deceased, championship coach Gene Mayfield, B&B Athletics owner Frank Dickson, Outland Trophy winner and University of Texas star Brad Shearer, Tommy Ford of San Angelo

Central, Larry Shields of Wichita Falls, Mike Welch of Sweetwater and Lloyd Hill, brother of Detroit Lions wide receiver and former UT star wide receiver Roy Williams, of Odessa Permian.

## Former Bulldogette standout earns spot on all-Red River team

• Sparks, now a UTPB senior, finishes year with .389 average



By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Former Bulldogette standout Stephanie Sparks was named to the Red River Athletic Conference's all-conference team recently as a member of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin softball team.

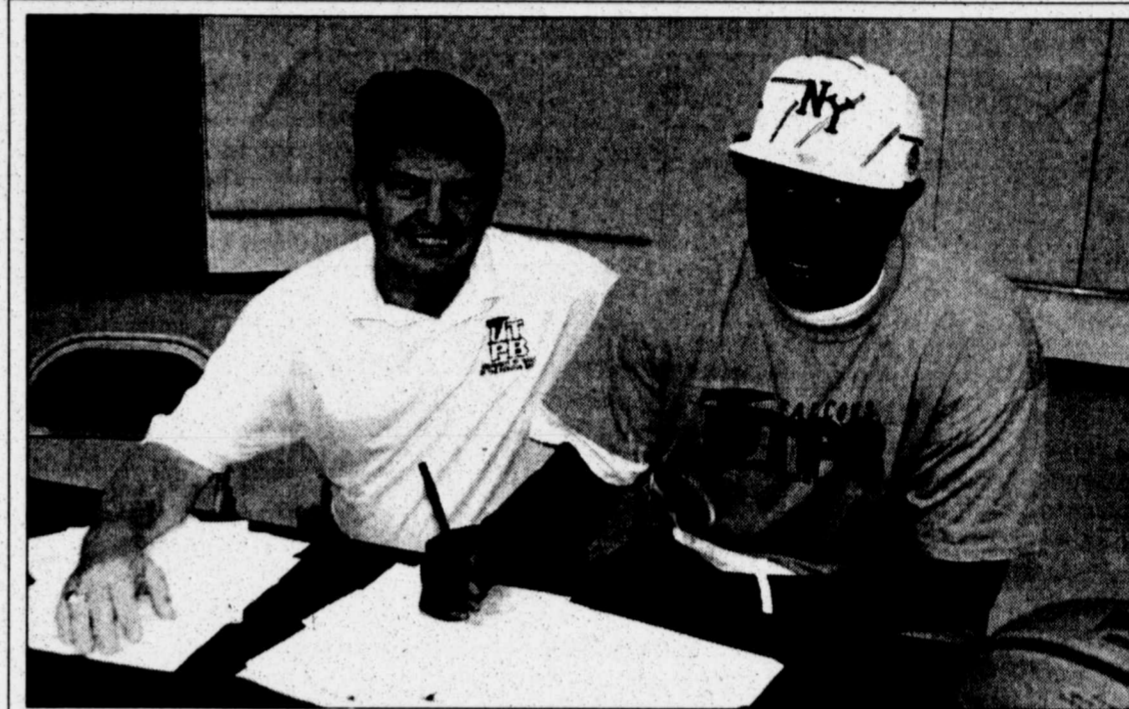
Sparks joined teammate and former Andrews star Nikki Baeza as the only members of the Lady Falcons to be chosen.

Sparks was a senior out-

fielder on this year's team. She average .389 at the plate this past season and had 42 hits, including three home runs, two triples and nine doubles, and scored 25 runs. She also added 16 RBIs.

Brandy Hill of Bacone College was selected as the conference's player of the year.

Mary-Ellen Hall of Houston Baptist University was voted coach of the year. Houston Baptist University also had the pitcher (Rachel Werner)



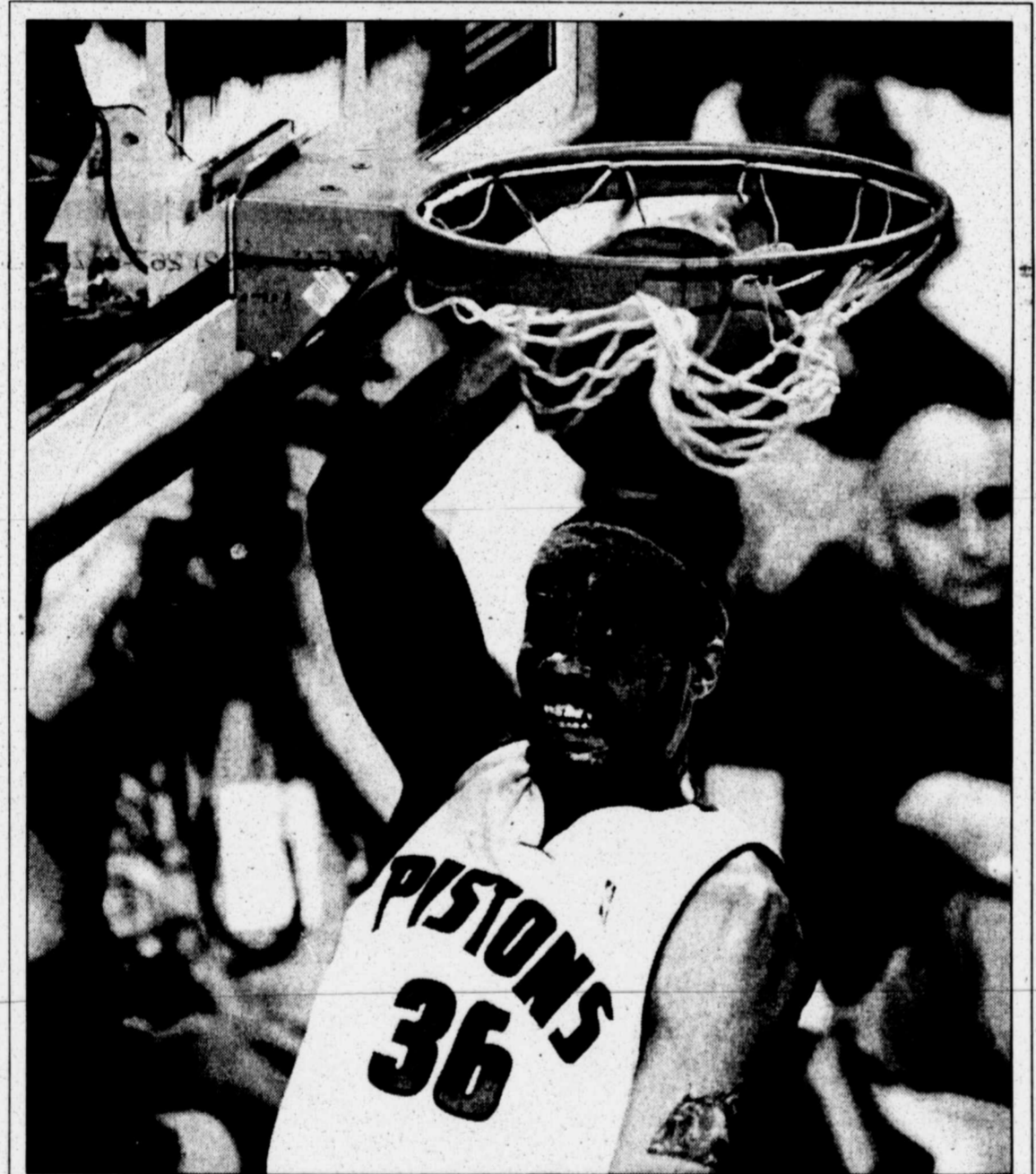
Former Howard College basketball player Frank Bartlett, right, signs a letter of intent to play for the University of Texas at the Permian Basin last week. UTPB head coach Billy Mims was also present for the signing. Bartlett did not play at Howard this past season, but enjoyed two seasons as a Hawk.

and newcomer (Kelli Gayle) of the year.

Former Howard College softball player Sonya

Figuroa, who was a part of the Hawk women's NJCAA tournament team in 2004, finished her

junior season at UTPB with a .297 average as she had 22 hits (eight doubles) and 14 runs.



Detroit's Rasheed Wallace dunks on a fast break for two of his 10 points against Indiana during the fourth quarter of Game 5 of their NBA playoff series Tuesday in Auburn Hills, Mich. The Pistons won the game 86-67 and now lead the best-of-seven series 3-2. Game 6 will be played in Indiana Thursday.

## S.A. Spurs win pivotal Game 5 against Sonics

Ginobili scores career playoff-best 39 points in Spurs' big victory

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Being back in the starting lineup hardly mattered to Manu Ginobili.

Making two early 3-pointers? That meant everything.

By forcing the defense to cover him outside, Ginobili then drove past them for many of his career playoff-best 39 points, leading the San Antonio Spurs to a 103-90 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Tuesday night for a pivotal 3-2 lead in their second-round series.

Ginobili's performance — and a career playoff-best 19 points from Nazr Mohammed — made up for off nights by Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. More importantly, the Spurs are one win from returning to the Western Conference finals as they seek their second title in three years. Their first try will come Thursday night in Seattle.

"Our goal is to go there and finish because we didn't play well there in (Games) 3 and 4," Ginobili said.

A starter the entire season and for the playoff opener, Ginobili had become San Antonio's instant offense from the bench the last eight games. Saying only "I thought it was time," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich reunited Ginobili with the first unit and got even more production.

Ginobili was 10-of-15 from the field, including 4-of-6 on 3-pointers, and 15-of-17 from the line. He also had six assists and four rebounds, and withstood a flagrant foul from Damien Wilkins in the closing minutes.

"I was very concerned about bringing a lot of juice, energy," Ginobili said. "It didn't matter if it was after six minutes or from the start. I wanted to drive to the basket and make things happen."

Popovich said San Antonio feeds off Ginobili "the same way they feed off Ray Allen in Seattle or Kevin Garnett in Minnesota."

"The best players play with a lot of heart and will, and they bring everybody else with them," Popovich said. "Manu does that every night."

Allen scored 19 points for the Sonics, but had just one in the first and third quarters, the ones coach Nate McMillan told his team before the game would be their most important all season.

Seattle missed its first seven shots. The Sonics recovered to tie it at half-time, then opened the second half by missing six of seven.

Allen's only point in those crucial quarters came with 4.2 seconds left in the third. He missed his three previous foul shots that period after being 55-of-59 from the line this postseason. Allen scored 15 during the catch-up second quarter and four in the fourth, when the Sonics never got closer than 80-75.

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## Garland gets eighth win against Rangers

CHICAGO (AP) — Jon Garland's winning streak was in jeopardy.

He walked his first batter in the sixth inning, hit the next and gave up a run-scoring double.

With Garland clinging to a one-run lead and the heart of the Texas Rangers order at bat, catcher A.J. Pierzynski went to the mound.

"I can't really say exact-

ly what he said, but he told me I was being lazy," Garland said. "He said my arm was dragging through the zone and told me to pick it up. From that point on, I started throwing the ball the way I had been for the first five innings."

Garland got three straight outs to get out of the inning and went on to become the first eight-

game winner in the major leagues, leading the Chicago White Sox over the Texas Rangers 5-2 Tuesday night.

Garland (8-0), the first White Sox pitcher to win his first eight starts since John Whitehead in 1935, gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings, striking out four and

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### Big Spring Playoff Softball

Class 4A Regional Semifinal

No. 3 Big Spring (26-2) vs. Cleburne (24-7)

7:30 p.m. Friday at Rosebud Park in Abilene

Regional Quarterfinal results:  
Big Spring defeated Pampa, 6-0  
Cleburne defeated Aledo in three games (1-0, 0-2 and 5-1)

### Coahoma Playoff Softball

Class 2A Regional Semifinal

No. 6 Coahoma (21-10) vs. Holliday  
best-of-three series

Game 1: Friday, 5 p.m. at Abilene High  
Game 2: Saturday, 1 p.m. at Abilene High  
Game 3 (if needed) will be played 30 minutes after Game 2.

Regional Quarterfinal results:  
Coahoma defeated Hawley, Holliday defeated Henrietta.

### Coahoma Playoff Baseball

Class 2A Regional Quarterfinal

Coahoma (12-12) vs. Early (14-8).  
Best-of-three series

Game 1: Thursday, 7 p.m., at Colt Stadium in San Angelo  
Game 2: Saturday, 1 p.m.  
Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2 if necessary

Area Championship results: Coahoma beat Junction in two games; Early defeated Sonora in two games.

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**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

By the Associated Press

Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1642, the Canadian city of Montreal was founded.

In 1804, the French Senate proclaimed Napoleon Bonaparte emperor.

In 1896, the Supreme Court endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation with its "Plessy v. Ferguson" decision, a ruling that was overturned 58 years later by "Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka."

In 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif.; she reappeared a month later, claiming to have been kidnapped.

**This Date In History**

By the Associated Press

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 18, 1920, Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland.

On this date:

In 1642, the Canadian city of Montreal was founded.

In 1804, the French Senate proclaimed Napoleon Bonaparte emperor.

In 1896, the Supreme Court endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation with its "Plessy v. Ferguson" decision, a ruling that was overturned 58 years later by "Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka."

In 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif.; she reappeared a month later, claiming to have been kidnapped.

In 1933, the Tennessee Valley Authority was created.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces finally occupied Monte Cassino in Italy after a four-month struggle that claimed some 20,000 lives.

In 1953, Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to break the sound barrier as she piloted a North American F-86 Canadair over Rogers Dry Lake, Calif.

In 1969, astronauts Eugene A. Cernan, Thomas P. Stafford and John W. Young blasted off aboard Apollo 10.

In 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

In 1980, in the South Korean city of Kwangju, townspeople and students began a nine-day uprising that was finally put down by troops.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Macy is 83. Sportscaster Jack Whitaker is 81. Actor Robert Morse is 74. Actor and television executive Dwayne Hickman is 71. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Brooks Robinson is 68. Bluegrass singer-musician Rodney Dillard (The Dillardards) is 63. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Reggie Jackson is 59. Country singer Joe Bonsall (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 57. Actress Candice Azzara is 56. Rock musician Rick Wakeman (Yes) is 56. Actor James Stephens is 54. Country singer George Strait is 53. R&B singer Butch Tavares (Tavares) is 52. Rock singer-musician Page Hamilton is 45. Comedian-writer Tina Fey ("Saturday Night Live") is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle

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**ACROSS**

1 Analyze grammatically

6 Folk singer Phil

10 Hit the mall

14 Make amends

15 Blinds strip

16 Actress Olin

17 Mythical twins

20 Job detail, briefly

21 Warm-hearted

22 Keats or Shelley

23 Proposer's support

25 Yin's opposite

27 New Orleans sandwiches

30 Holds title to

31 Cut and paste

35 Run \_\_\_ of the law

36 Eclipse type

38 Hydrocarbon suffix

39 Gemini twins

42 Ernie of the PGA

43 "Forget it!"

44 Best man's offering

45 Bacon hunk

47 Raggedy doll

48 Sarges' superiors

49 Dual-usage, as an appliance

51 Bench locale

52 Pong maker

55 Crate of a car

57 Cager's target

61 First Daughter twins

64 Quote from

65 Busy place

**DOWN**

11 Prefix for sphere

12 Burden

13 Gone by

18 Luau strings

19 TV Tarzan Ely

24 Stocking material

26 Rush-job letters

27 Walks the floor

28 The Way \_\_\_ Fresh

29 \_\_\_ nova

30 Spicy Chinese cuisine

32 \_\_\_ Lama

33 Occupied

34 Student's armband

36 Outdoor seat

37 Helicopter part

40 Map line

41 "Listen up!"

46 Like some wire

48 Dragnet grp.

50 Spy org.

51 Glaziers' units

52 Basic skills

53 Comet part

54 Comic Johnson

56 Roof overhang

58 "Wanna bet \_\_\_?"

59 Fit for active duty

60 Grow tiresome

62 P on a frat house

63 Computer-printer problem

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