



Most entities have growth in estimated appraisal values

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

While Howard County and Howard College may have something favorable to look forward to during the coming tax season, Big Spring and Coahoma may be lucky to break even with last year's figures as the Howard County Appraisal District released its 2005 certified estimates this week.

The city of Big Spring saw a drop of more than \$2 million in its certified estimates, down to \$410 million from 2004's \$412,076,893. The city of Coahoma didn't fare much better, losing a little less than \$1 million, dropping to \$15 million compared to \$15,908,207 in 2004.

The city of Fortan managed to stay on the positive side of the tally, jumping a mere \$192,453 to an estimated value of \$3.5

million, compared to \$3,307,547 certified in 2004.

Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the Howard County Appraisal District, said the estimates are a "worst case scenario," and with so many values still in the air, it's hard to nail down just where they will land in July.

"These are very conservative numbers," said McKibben. "If we tell an entity exactly what

we think they are going to be certified at and those numbers fall short, it can be very difficult to recover. However, if they come in just ahead of what's been projected, that's a lot easier to deal with. So these estimates are a worst case scenario."

If the estimates released this week are "worst case," several local taxing entities should be walking tall come tax season.

Howard County and Howard College posted identical values, up more than \$49 million with more than \$1.19 billion estimates, a nice contrast to the \$1.14 billion certified in 2004.

"The county and the college saw the greatest jump in appraisals because of the jump in mineral values," said McKibben. "The ALON USA

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Doria Dee Johnson, right, the great-great-granddaughter of lynching victim Anthony Crawford of Abbeville, S.C., greets James Cameron, center, a near lynching victim and founder of the Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee, Wis. Both spoke at a press conference in the U.S. Capitol about the Senate resolution that offers a formal apology to lynching victims and their families. Behind them is a photo of Anthony Crawford.

Senate apologizes for its failure to pass anti-lynching legislation

By **REBECCA CARROLL**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — One woman remembered a cousin who had died at the hands of a mob in Kentucky. Another recalled a teenager dragged from a relative's home in Mississippi only to turn up dead in a river.

James Cameron lived to recount his own brush with mob justice. In 1930 he and two others were taken from an Indiana jail to face

a lynch mob. The mob hanged the two young men accused of murder and rape but spared Cameron when someone in the crowd contended that the 16-year-old was not involved.

"I was saved by a miracle," said Cameron, now 91. People were "hollering for my blood," he recalled, "when a voice said, 'Take this boy back.'"

To the victims of lynching — 4,743 people killed between 1882 and 1968, three out of four of them

black — the Senate issued an apology Monday night for not standing against the violence.

"The apology, while late, is very necessary," Doria Dee Johnson, an expert on the subject of lynching and the great-great-granddaughter of a victim. "People suffered. When the United States government could have done something about it, it did not."

Johnson traveled from

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HC expects to get more state money

By **STEVE REAGAN**

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Not all area educators were displeased with results from the recently adjourned 79th Texas Legislature.

While the Legislature failed to adopt a court-mandated public school finance reform package during its session,

officials with the Howard County Junior College District approved of what they got from lawmakers this year.

College trustees learned during their regular meeting Monday that the district will receive increased state funding this year, which College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks described as a "step in the right direction" after two years of decreased funding.

Sparks said HCJCD will receive an 12.3 percent increase from the state starting with the 2005-06 budget year.

Of 50 community colleges in Texas, 42 received an increase in state funding. Howard, on the other hand, was one

of only nine community colleges in the state to receive an increase of more than 12 percent, Sparks said.

"We're very pleased with the results of the session," Sparks said. "Although the increase is not quite in line with the increase in our contact hours ... it's moving in the right direction."

Contact hours — the amount of time students are physically present in a classroom or lab — are the prime indicator the state uses when determining aid to colleges.

Two years ago, lawmakers hit Howard with a 9.8 percent decrease in appropriations. That, coupled with a corresponding increase in contact hours, meant that HC officials were faced with a 19 percent shortfall in their budget over the last two years, Sparks said.

"The 12.3 percent increase doesn't quite make up for that loss, but it's a good start," Sparks said.

In other business Monday, trustees:

- Approved a partial tax abatement to Sid Richardson Co. The firm is in the process of constructing a \$28 million cogeneration plant at its Big

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Law enforcement center estimated at just more than \$12 million

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Latest estimates put the cost of a proposed joint city-county law enforcement center at just more than \$12 million.

Local architect Phil Furqueron told Howard County commissioners during their regular meeting Monday that he estimates the cost for the proposed facility at \$12.078 mil-

lion.

County and city officials have for months been looking into construction of a facility that would house both a 144-bed jail and offices for the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Furqueron said he expects the city's share of the total to be \$1.923 million. The city would pay for the BSPD administra-

tive offices, plus half of the cost for shared spaces and the lobby. In addition, the city is expected to pay a sixth of preliminary site work costs.

Furqueron noted that his estimates are still preliminary. Figures should be refined further when commissioners and city council members hammer out a final figure.

"Hopefully, we'll be in that

position toward the end of the month," Commissioner Bill Crooker said of when negotiations with the city council will begin.

Also Monday, commissioners began working on a budget for the new fiscal year, and found out they'll have to worry about financing more than just the proposed jail.

County Auditor Jackie Olson

said that proposed computer upgrades could run as high as \$740,000. At the very least, the county will need to spend \$23,000 on a new network server, she added.

While it seems likely the new budget will increase over last year's \$11.4 million package, there was some good news,

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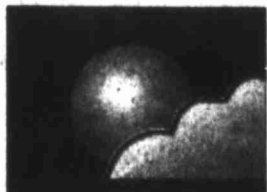
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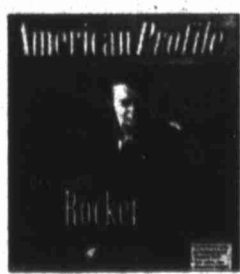
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family in Bloomington.

Hometown Hero: When Leslie Morissette lost her 8-year-old son to leukemia, she converted her grief into good cause by providing computers to other seriously ill children and their families.

Cover Story: Rock singer John Mellencamp's love for a small town remains just as strong today as it was growing up in Indiana.

He discusses his decision to raise his

FATHER'S DAY MEAL

The Spring City Senior Center, located at 1901 Simler, will hold its annual Father's Day Luncheon at noon Sunday.

The meal for the luncheon will be roast beef, potatoes and carrots. Coffee, tea, water and milk will be available to drink. Dessert for the day will be strawberry shortcake.

The public is invited to attend. The meal will be \$5 per person for all those under the age of 60.

For those 60 years of age and older, an unspecified donation is requested. For more information call Joann Staulcup at 263-4980.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Heritage Museum's "From Rembrants to Rodeo," beginning at 4:30 p.m. today with a wine and cheese reception followed by the annual Legends and Legacies dinner. Tickets to the dinner are \$15.

- Big Spring 72nd annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, Thursday through Saturday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

- Old Settlers Reunion from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the Howard County Fair Barns.

Obituaries

Leona Hooper

Leona Hooper, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday morning, June 12, 2005, at Comanche Nursing Center of Big Spring following a long illness. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at the City of Lubbock Cemetery, Lubbock.

She was born March 27, 1918, in Harrington, Maine, to Edna Sprague Hooper and Harvey Hooper. She graduated from South Portland High School in South Portland, Maine in 1936 and from Providence Bible Institute in Providence, R.I., in 1944. She served as director of the West Texas Area of The Child Evangelism Fellowship for more than 30 years, retiring in 1978. She was a member of College Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Marilyn Hooper of Oxford, Maine, and Muriel Hooper Dorn of Salem, Ohio; several nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one brother, Darrell Hooper and two sisters, Helen Hooper Pinkham and Millicent Hooper Daggett.

The family suggests memorials to The Child Evangelism Fellowship of West Texas, 818 West Ninth Avenue, Amarillo 79101.

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

Velma Mae Lloyd

Velma Mae Lloyd, 102, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 12, 2005, in an Odessa hospice house. Graveside funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Sammy Sims, Baptist minister, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born Oct. 2, 1902, in Robertson County and married James Leslie Lloyd Sr. July 30, 1923, in Norton. He preceded her in death Nov. 16, 1978. She served as postmistress at the Luther Post Office for 26 years, retiring at the age of 70. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Leslie and Flute Lloyd of Big Spring and Maxon and Annette Lloyd of Dallas; three grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

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

Ruth Kilgore

Ruth Kilgore, 85, of Bonham, died Sunday, June 12, 2005, in Sherman. Funeral services were 2 p.m. today, June 14, 2005, at the Wise Funeral Home Chapel in Bonham with the Rev. Adam Barker officiating. Graveside services followed in Willow Wild Cemetery.

She was born April 4, 1920, in the New Hope Community in Fannin County, the daughter of T.V. Chambers and Minnie Morrison Chambers. She married Marvin Kilgore and he preceded her in death Nov. 13, 1975. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by Marc Kilgore and his wife, Tonsy of Bonham, Louie Kilgore and his wife, Jennifer of Garland and Jerry Kilgore and his wife, Darla of Big Spring; sisters Melba Eubanks of the Elwood Community in Fannin County and Ruby Duncan of Ravenna; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Wise Funeral Home in Bonham.

Maxie Red Herron

Maxie Red Herron, 52, of Burnet, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 11, 2005, in Austin. Memorial services are 2 p.m. today, June 14, 2005, at the Granite Mountain Baptist Church in Marble Falls with the Rev. Ed Walker officiating.

He was a 1971 Big Spring High School graduate and worked for Travis Mauldin's Wagon Wheel Drive Ins. He worked in construction most of his adult life.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.L. (Buck) Herron.

He is survived by his wife, Lynda Herron of Burnet; his mother, Mickie Herron of Burnet; daughters, Wanda Brown and her husband, Robert of Burnet and Jessica Taliaferro of Big Spring; brother, Michael Herron and his wife, Rita of San Antonio; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Edgar Funeral Home in Burnet.

Rhonda Jean SchAAF

Rhonda Jean SchAAF, 42, of San Angelo died Sunday, June 12, 2005. She was born in Big Spring May 9, 1963. She was employed by GTE for several years before opening her own day care business.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Donald SchAAF; her children, Miranda Hamrick and her husband, Eric, Dustin SchAAF and Donald Delbe SchAAF Jr., and his wife, Misty; one grandson; her mother, Margaret McDaniel; her father, Don Fuller; two brothers; three sisters; and numerous aunts and uncles.

The family will receive visitors at their home at 2209 Wilson St. in San Angelo.

Naomi Pearl Currie

Naomi Pearl Currie, 82, of Midland died Sunday, June 12, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services were 11 a.m. today, June 14, 2005, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating.

She was born Nov. 27, 1922, in Healdton, Okla., and married Johnny Currie Dec. 9, 1939, in Colorado City. She grew up in Kilgore and moved to Odessa in 1946 from Colorado City and then moved to Midland in 1947. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Johnny Currie of Midland; two sons, Arlie Currie and Johnnie Charles Currie, both of Midland; three daughters, Nora Watkins of Grand Prairie, Bonnie Lashley of Midland and Darlene Drewery of Marlo, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Gordon Curry Grinnan

Gordon Curry Grinnan, 50, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, died May 11, 2005, at a Walnut Hill nursing home in Dallas from injuries sustained in a 1984 automobile accident when he was hit head-on by a drunk driver. Services were May 20, 2005, in Dallas.

He was born July 9, 1954, in Greenwich, Conn., and married Mary Ament in March of 1978 in Big Spring. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert E. Grinnan.

He is survived by Mary Ament of Massachusetts; three sons, Brian and his wife, Laura of Spencer, Mass., Michael and his wife, Ashley of Holland, Texas and Andrew of Oxford, Mass; his mother, Catherine Grinnan of Dallas; five sisters, Cathy Bartley of Austin, Anne Lind of New Orleans, Mary Puster of Littleton, Colo., Jane MacNaughton of Dallas and Frances DeWitte of Penfield, N.Y.; two brothers, Robert Grinnan Jr., and Greg Grinnan, both of Dallas; his in-laws, Tom and Helen Ament of Big Spring; one granddaughter; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be made in his name to the Heart of Texas Mothers Against Drunk Drivers 611 S. Congress No. 505 Austin 78704.

James Monroe 'Jim' Glaspie

James Monroe "Jim" Glaspie, 74, of San Angelo died June 11, 2005, in his home. Funeral services were 10 a.m. today, June 14, 2005, at Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo. Interment followed at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton at 3 p.m.

He was born March 2, 1931, in Cooper to Claude and Estelle Glaspie. He graduated from Courtney High School and Odessa College. He served in the Korean War and was the managing partner of Gibson's Discount Store in San Angelo. He married Sande Nov. 18, 1977.

He was preceded in death by his stepson, Shannon May, his parents, his brothers, Harold, Claude and Hollis Glaspie, sister, Imogene George, brother-in-law, Ken Holcombe and former wife, Patsy Ruth Glaspie.

He is survived by his wife, Sande of San Angelo; two sons, Mike Glaspie and his wife, Janna and Mark, all of San Angelo; his daughter, Missy Bumstead; his stepdaughter, Tiffany May of Dallas; and several grandchildren.

Billy James Hutcheison

Billy James Hutcheison, 58, of Houston died June 3, 2005, at his home. A memorial service was conducted June 6, 2005, at the Crowder Funeral Home in Webster.

He was born June 24, 1946, in Big Spring. He served his country during Vietnam as a soldier in the U.S. Army, where he was highly decorated. He later worked as a conductor for 37 years with Union Pacific Railroad.

He is survived by his wife, Liz; three sons, Michael Zilai, Ryan Grayson and Brock Hutcheison; one sister, Barbara Hohman and husband, Rick; one brother, Bobby Hutcheison and wife, Ginger; and the three grandchildren.

Joseph Gallegos

Joseph Gallegos, 72, of Big Spring died at 1:40 p.m. Monday, June 13, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Cuin Grigsby

Cuin Grigsby, 95, of Big Spring died Monday, June 13, 2005, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

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Weather

Today — Mostly sunny in the morning. Then partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. East winds around 10 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Police blotter

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

- JOHNNY CANTU, 32, of 1500 E. 11th Place, was arrested Monday on a local capias warrants.
- TEKIA WILLIAMS, 22, of 620 State, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- HECTOR CASTRO, 36, of 514 Washington, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal mischief/family violence.
- JERRY STANHOPE, 35, of 4106 Parkway, was arrested Monday on two local capias warrants.
- KEVIN DESHAWN LARRY, 27, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- LEONARDO TALAVEA, 45, of 404 W. Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on a local citation.
- JESSICA CONDER, 29, of Lubbock, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- SANTOS BAZAN, 52, of Lubbock, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 800 block of 13th Street.
 - in the 1500 block of Johnson.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Washington.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1800 block of Main Street.
- ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 4000 block of Highway 80.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

Sheriff's report

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

- JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY, 42, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- LELDON TAYLOR JENKINS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- ARIEL PEREZ, 38, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESSICA CONDER, 29, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- SANTOS BAZAN, 53, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONNIE DURAN BAZAN, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Old Gail Highway.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 4200 block of S. Highway 87.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Old Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3400 block of Airport Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Creighton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7500 block of Elbow Creek Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported on Dogwood Street. Fire was extinguished.

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HC officials announce multi-year accountability plan

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Accountability in the classroom — an issue of prime concern to Texas public schools — is reaching into the state's colleges and universities, also.

Howard College officials announced that they are undertaking a multi-year effort to insure that the school's core curriculum is producing desired results.

Linda Conway, the college's executive director of general studies, said this evaluation is

the result of a mandate handed down by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools "in order to document whether students are achieving their competencies in the core courses."

While accountability in public elementary and secondary schools is measured primarily by the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standardized test, Conway said Howard officials have been granted more leeway in determining the effectiveness of its

teaching methods.

"In community colleges ... we have been instructed to have an accountability process in place," Conway said. "So they basically said, 'You come up with something.'"

While some colleges are instituting standardized testing, Howard officials are trying a different tack, allowing the different academic departments to institute a variety of programs to insure accountability, Conway said.

"We could have done a standardized test ... but we didn't

think that would present a true picture of how our students are doing in the classroom," Conway said.

Each department will try its own accountability method, she said. For example, English instructors will use a group writing assignment, and grade a selected sample of those assignments accordingly, while the speech department will use "secondary analysis," having a second instructor evaluate a class's progress.

The procedures were drawn up over five months of meet-

ings involving every full-time faculty member in the college district, Conway said.

The evaluations will be instituted this fall. Next summer, the methods will be evaluated and further refined, she noted.

"I think it will be a very effective process," Conway said. "If there's weak spots (in the curriculum), we'll find them."

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VALUES

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refinery also played a very large role. Last year the refinery was appraised at \$44 million, and this year that value went up to \$46.5 million. Also, inventory was up to approximately \$6 million at the facility."

Big Spring Independent School District showed a rather slight increase, up just \$408,087 at \$615 million for 2005, compared to \$614,591,913 in 2004.

Coahoma ISD and Forsan ISD saw more considerable jumps thanks to more mineral value in those jurisdictions.

Coahoma ISD saw an almost \$2.3 million jump with estimates at \$200 million, compared to the \$197,701,866 certified in

2005. Forsan ISD saw the largest increase of any school district in Howard County, jumping nearly \$27 million to an estimated value of \$260 million, compared to 2005's certified value of \$233,032,699.

"Forsan ISD has a lot of mineral value. That's why it saw the largest jump," said McKibben.

Rounding out the estimates was the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, which came in nearly \$23 million ahead of last year's figures with an estimated value of \$630 million, compared to \$607,076,222 in 2004.

McKibben warned mineral values could shift between now and final certification of values, which will happen July 25, taking a "large chunk" of the estimates with

Taxing Entity	2004 Certified Est.	2005 Certified Est.	Difference
Howard County	\$1,142,979,337	\$1,192,000,000	\$49,020,663
Big Spring ISD	\$614,591,913	\$615,000,000	\$408,087
Coahoma ISD	\$197,701,866	\$200,000,000	\$2,298,134
Forsan ISD	\$233,032,699	\$260,000,000	\$26,967,301
City of Big Spring	\$412,076,893	\$410,000,000	-\$2,076,893
City of Coahoma	\$15,908,207	\$15,000,000	-\$908,207
City of Forsan	\$3,307,547	\$3,500,000	\$192,453
Howard College	\$1,142,979,337	\$1,192,000,000	\$49,020,663
PBUGW District	\$607,076,222	\$630,000,000	\$22,923,778

them. "Until everything is finalized, it's sort of up in the air to a certain degree," said McKibben. Several deadlines to

protest appraisals are coming soon as well, McKibben advised. The deadline to protest real property values is today, while Industrial values

must be protested by Thursday. The deadline to protest personal property is Monday.

The protest deadline for mineral values was June

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Nominations begin for FSA county committee member COLLEGE

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Nominations for the election of a County Committee (COC) member for Local Administrative Area 2 begin Wednesday and area producers are encouraged to participate.

Local Administrative Area 2 (LAA2) represents the northeastern quadrant of Howard County, and according to Rick Liles, county executive director for the local Farm Service Agency, the election is of major importance to local producers, regardless of how large or small their operations may be.

"We believe the election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is impor-

tant to all farmers and ranchers with large or small operations," said Liles. "We think it is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

Liles said committee members are also of major importance to the FSA and its mission.

"County committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer," said Liles. "They

work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers."

Committee members make decisions concerning commodity price support loans and payments, establishment of allotments and yields, Conservation programs, Incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities and other farm disaster assistance.

Liles said a nomination form signed by the nominee is needed to nominate a candidate. The form includes a statement that the candidate agrees to serve if elected. The nomination form (FSA-669) is available at FSA offices and online at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/pu

blications/elections.

Nomination forms for the 2005 election must be postmarked or received by the close of business in the local FSA office by Aug. 1.

Farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers living in LAA2 and of legal voting age can vote if they are eligible to participate in any FSA program.

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program may be nominated for candidacy for the committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, organizations representing socially disadvantaged (minorities and women) farmers or ranchers may nominate

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Liles said ballots will be mailed out on Nov. 4, with Dec. 5 the last day for voters to mail in their ballots. Elected officials will be appointed to their offices on Jan. 1.

For more information, contact the Howard County FSA office at 432-267-2557.

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Spring facility, and will receive a 100 percent abatement on those improvements over the next five years.

• Approved bids for computer software at the college's San Angelo campus, as well as training equipment for the Big Spring campus' nursing program.

• Named Walter Camenisch and Kathy Weldon to the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Advisory Board.

• Approved changes to the college handbook and catalog for the 2005-2006 academic year.

APOLOGY

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Evanston, Ill., to witness, along with more than 100 other relatives of Anthony P. Crawford, the voice-vote passage of the Senate resolution. Crawford was lynched in 1916 in Abbeville, S.C.

One of the resolution's chief sponsors, Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., noted that the public nature of many of the lynchings was particularly disturbing.

"This was a community

spectacle and the Senate of the United States knew it," Landrieu said. "There may be no other injustice in American history for which the Senate so uniquely bears responsibility."

Seven presidents petitioned Congress to end lynchings. Nearly 200 anti-lynching bills were introduced in the first half of the 20th century. The House passed three anti-lynching measures between 1920 and 1940, but the Senate passed none.

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., the Senate's only

black member, said, "I do hope that this chamber also spends some time ... doing something concrete and tangible to heal the long shadow of slavery and the legacy of discrimination so that 100 years from now we can look back and be proud and not have to apologize once again."

Simeon Wright said, "Good men did nothing" as his cousin, Emmett Till, was dragged from his uncle's Mississippi home and murdered, reportedly for whistling at a white woman. Wright, who was there the night Till was

abducted in 1955, said that if there had been a federal anti-lynching law, "there was no way men would have come into my house and taken him out and killed him."

Lynching is variously defined as a violent act, usually racial in nature, that denies a person due process of law and is carried out with the complicity of the local society. There were reported lynchings in all but four

states, with Mississippi at the top with 581 documented incidents between 1882 and 1968, according to researchers at Tuskegee University.

Asked why the resolution was not put to a straight yes-or-no vote and why the debate on the Senate floor had to take place at night, Landrieu said she had accepted the conditions she was offered by the Senate leadership.

COUNTY

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Olson said, in the form of \$50 million in increased property valuations in the county.

Commissioners will continue to further refine the new budget throughout the summer.

In other business Monday, commissioners approved a partial tax abatement to Sid Richards Co.

The firm is in the process of constructing a \$28 million co-generation facility. Commissioners agreed to grant a 100 percent abatement for five years on the power plant,

with a 50 percent abatement six years from now.

Commissioners also approved a reinvestment zone tax abatement for the Wind Plus project south of Big Spring.

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OTHER VIEWS

It's 'High Noon' time for Mexico and its leaders

Like Gary Cooper's Marshal Will Kane, Alejandro Dominguez was the only man brave enough to take the job.

"I think those who should be afraid are those who have been compromised," he told reporters last week as Nuevo Laredo's new police chief.

Marshal Kane, deserted by the good citizens of Hadleyville, shot down the bad guys and tossed his star into the dirt. Chief Dominguez, threatened by drug traffickers, was slain 6 1/2 hours after getting his badge.

Life isn't cinema. The border is the Wild West, but the bad guys keep winning. And Mexico faces its High Noon moment.

If Mexico's leaders really want the U.S. Congress to consider responsible immigration reform, they must crack down on this narco-republic violence. Chief Dominguez is the seventh Nuevo Laredo officer killed this year, and his brazen slaying sends the most dire signal yet that the Zetas and other drug gangs are in charge.

Let these headlines persist, and the Pat Buchanan, build-our-own-Great-Wall, anti-immigration protectionists will have more than enough ammunition to terrify Americans already wary of our southern neighbors.

A U.S. investigator in Laredo told The Dallas Morning News' Tracey Eaton that President Vicente Fox's federal police "are spectators, waiting for Fox's sexenio (six-year term) to end. ... We're looking at a bloody summer, and things may get nasty not just here, but in other cities, including Houston and Dallas."

We'd like to encourage Mr. Fox to ask for U.S. law enforcement help, but we also recognize the political, cultural and historical barriers, especially as Mr. Fox's party tries to maintain its hold on power.

But his answer can't be the one he gave to Chief Dominguez, then president of Nuevo Laredo's chamber of commerce, who complained the city had "grave problems" from drug trafficking.

Mr. Fox said simply, "We're working on that."

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When Bilingual means doublespeak

Academic freedom — and quality — suffered a blow last week when writer Richard Rodriguez announced that he would not speak at California State University East Bay's commencement. He didn't want to endure a ceremony boycotted by some students. So reasonable minds didn't get to hear what Rodriguez has to say because unreasonable mouths won the day.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

"He believes in assimilation and rejection of one's own cultural identity," student and bilingual teacher Leah Perez complained to *The San Francisco Chronicle*. That's a ridiculous assertion. Rodriguez does not reject his identity. The more accurate charge would be that he is not a fanatic.

Sarah Gonzales, a professor — all bow — who supports the move to intimidate Rodriguez, used double-speak when she told *The Chronicle*: "We need to teach our students to be able to listen to diverse opinions, but they also need to be able to respond. As a commencement speaker, he gets free air time." Guess what. He also gets free speech.

Except at CSU East Bay.

And so the censorious students and authoritarian faculty decided to have their own little graduation ceremony, even with Rodriguez bowing out. That way, they won't have to expose their minds to any view that might offend them. When they threw their graduation caps into the air, they could pat themselves on the back for guaranteeing

a ceremony that didn't make them think.

I take what happened to Rodriguez personally, because while he is getting flak from the left, I experience the same nasty censoriousness from the far right. If you stray from a certain set of opinions, the posse of extremism goes a-hunting. You see, no pundit is allowed to think that, just maybe sometimes, folks from another political persuasion have a point.

In the Internet age, partisans can log on to opinions tailor-made to conform to their own beliefs or sites that report only news they like. So they've come to see conservative-only news as something of a right: The right to not hear contrary opinions and discomfiting information.

They also believe the Internet and talk radio will — and should — spare them from information they don't like. The far left and the far right share this dangerous conviction that they shouldn't even be exposed to what other Americans think. In this case, the students' rage was based on their views of Rodriguez's 1982 book, "Hunger for Memory." "The sad part is people doing this based on a book they haven't read," campus spokesman Kim Huggett told *The Chronicle*.

No lie. Then again, you can see why bilingual-education advocates wouldn't want to hear or read Rodriguez. Their cause relies on the ability of zealots to ignore unwanted data — and, more importantly, student success.

When English-immersion activist Ron Unz put Proposition 227 on the ballot in 1998, most Democrats opposed the measure, and many educators did, too. They had their reasons. They feared non-English

speakers would not learn subject matter. They believed English immersion would be especially harmful to older students.

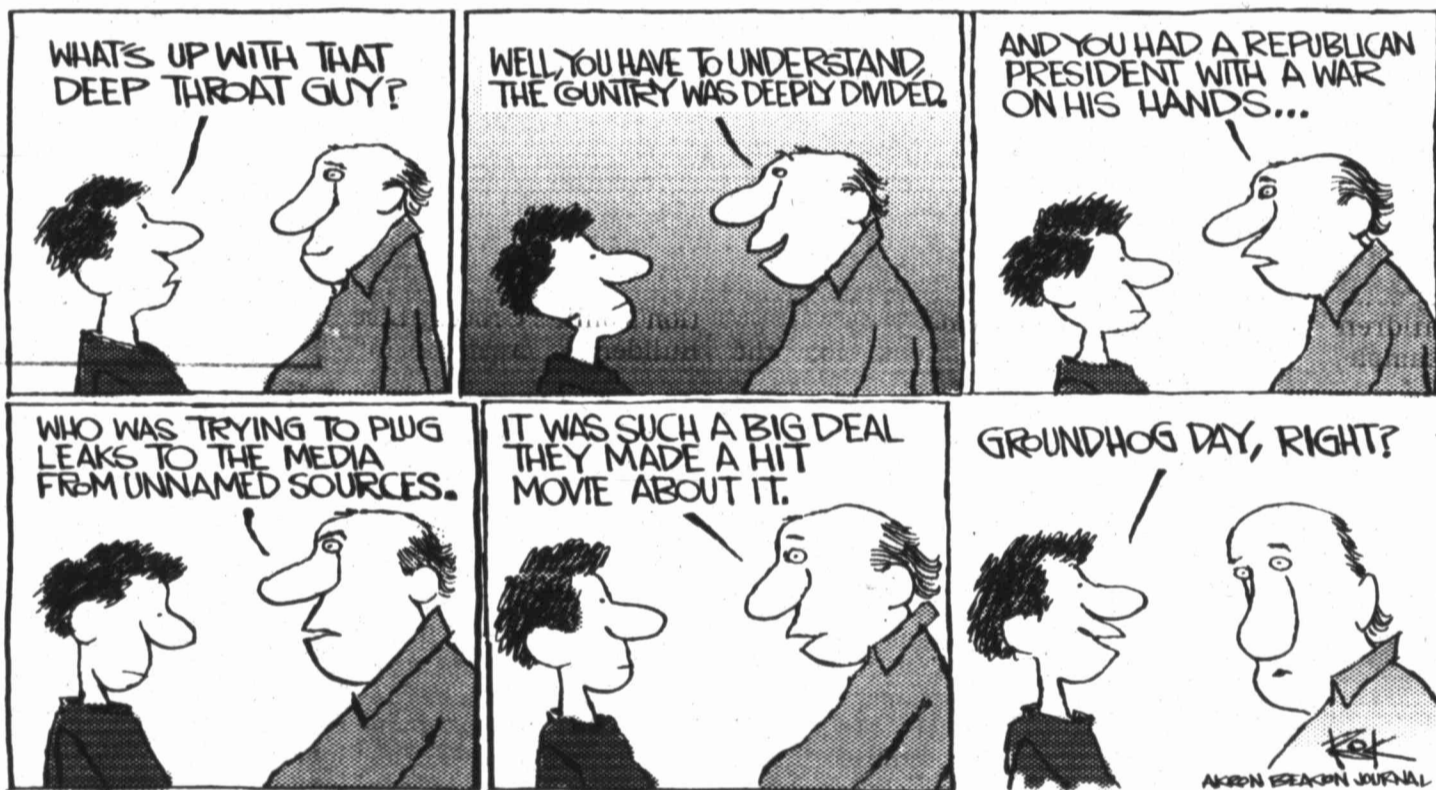
But a funny thing happened. Proposition 227 worked. Within five years, the number of limited-English students who could speak English proficiently tripled. Educators who cared about immigrant children succeeding reassessed their beliefs. They didn't have to turn their backs on bilingual education entirely, let me add. To their credit, they simply came to realize that English immersion often works better with young children.

Bilingual advocates have been faced with two ways to address the success of Proposition 227. They could admit that bilingual education only works best for some people, and concentrate on that niche. Or they could ignore the successes of English immersion because they want Latinos to speak Spanish first and foremost. Imagine, then, how bilingual zealots would be especially threatened by a Latino who, from personal experience, knows in his heart that English fluency is attainable and essential for immigrant children to succeed in America. His crime is that he makes it more difficult for the bilingual lobby to dismiss English immersion supporters as racists.

Such a man must be vilified. He must be marginalized. He must be silenced.

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Surprise! Rich getting richer

AUSTIN, Texas — David Cay Johnston, the invaluable New York Times reporter who specializes in our tax system, has come up with some staggering figures on what he calls "the hyper-rich," the wealthiest one-thousandth of the population, and their taxes.



MOLLY IVINS

"The share of the nation's income earned by those in this uppermost category has more than doubled since 1980. ... The share of income earned by the rest of the top 10 percent rose far less, and the share earned by the bottom 90 percent fell."

"Under the Bush tax cuts, the 400 taxpayers with the highest income — a minimum of \$87 million in 2000, the last year for which the government will release such data — now pay income, Medicare and Social Security taxes amounting to virtually the same percentage of their incomes as people making \$50,000 to \$75,000."

"Those earning more than \$10 million a year now pay a lesser share of their income in these taxes than those making \$100,000 to \$200,000."

"The alternative minimum tax, created 36 years ago to make sure the very richest paid taxes, takes back a growing share of the Bush tax cuts over time from the majority of families earning \$75,000 to \$1 million — thousands and even tens of thousands annually. Far fewer of the very wealthiest will be affected by this tax."

Under the Bush tax plan, by 2015, those making between \$80,000 and

\$400,000 will be paying as much as 14 percent more of their incomes than those who are hyper-rich. (All figures are from the Times.)

Whenever I write about such matters, the brethren on the right accuse me of "fomenting class warfare" or of unseemly envy of the rich. Why should I give a fig if 338,400 families with more than \$10 million are having a high old time? Because of the numbers.

According to Johnston, that group has grown by more than 400 percent since 1980, after adjusting for inflation, while the total numbers of households has grown only 27 percent. This has nothing to do with envy — Paris Hilton strikes me more as a subject for pity, and I actually admire Bill Gates and George Soros. It is about what is happening to this society. When the rules are increasingly fixed to benefit only a few ridiculously wealthy people, that leaves *guess who* (with a larger portion of the tax tab).

And we are talking serious money. In addition to paying the same percentage of their income as those in the \$50,000 to \$75,000 range, the hyper-rich are very good at finding ways — both legal and illegal, observes Johnston — of sheltering a lot of income even from the taxes they are supposed to pay. The Texas billionaires and Bush buddies Charles and Sam Wyly are now under investigation by the IRS, SEC and Manhattan district attorney concerning a tax-shelter plan run out of the Isle of Man, according to the Independent of Britain.

Look, Medicare is being cut, Pell grants are way down, food stamps are being cut — every day we get

news from Washington that some new measure hurting the poor or the middle class has been put in place. At the same time, the country is running up a monstrous debt that will be passed to our children.

This is ruinous folly. This is not about class envy, it is about ridiculous, unfair and harmful public policy.

The Times has also been running a series on class in America. The bad news is that social mobility in this country — the old Horatio Alger idea that we can get rich by working hard — is less true now than it ever was. It turns out the American dream of moving up is now more likely to occur in Britain and France, those supposedly class-riddled countries. I suggest this has happened in large part because our government now functions as a fully paid arm of the wealthy and of corporate interests. The country is becoming internally calcified.

When Republican cuts to programs for veterans, troops, education or health care come up, Rep. David Obey, D-Wisc., has regularly offered amendments to restore funding and pay for it by reducing (not eliminating) the Bush tax cuts to the hyper-rich slightly. Every time, the Republicans vote to keep the tax cuts for the millionaires and let the troops or education take the hit.

What Johnston's study shows is that the hyper-rich are now taking advantage of the merely rich. So now what will the Republicans do?

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Taylor, creator of "The Living Bible," dies life! publication policies

The Religion Wire

Tyndale House Publishers founder Kenneth Taylor, whose translation called "The Living Bible" helped millions of people discover they could read and understand scripture, died June 10 at age 88 in his Wheaton home.

"Making scripture accessible for all people was my father's passion," said his son and Tyndale President, Mark Taylor. "Many, many people have told him, 'I became a Christian when I read The Living Bible,' or 'my first Bible was the green, padded Living Bible.' Even at 88 years old, his enthusiasm and fervor for his work never waned."

Taylor founded one of the country's largest Christian publishing houses, known recently as the publisher of the "Left Behind" series and authored numerous children's books.

He is best known, however, as the creator of "The Living Bible," a paraphrase of scripture that was embraced by Billy Graham, and became the nation's best-selling book for three years. To date it has sold more than 40 million copies.

"The Living Bible" has also been accepted internationally, with portions or entire Bibles available in more than 100 languages.

"The Living Bible" was born out of Taylor's deep

desire for his 10 children to understand God's Word. He found the King James Version of the Bible — the most commonly used translation at the time — especially difficult for his young children to understand.

Taylor began to reword specific passages in simple, conversational language, easy enough for even his youngest child to grasp. He finished his paraphrase of the New Testament epistles in 1962, but could interest no publisher in his project, which he called "Living Letters." Taylor and his wife, Margaret, decided to self-publish 2,000 copies of "Living Letters."

Taylor named his fledgling company Tyndale House Publishers after William Tyndale, the 16th century reformer who was burned at the stake for translating the Bible into English.

In its early days, Tyndale House was literally a kitchen-table operation. The older daughters typed Taylor's manuscripts, Margaret typed invoices and mailing labels, and the younger children stuffed envelopes and packed books ordered by bookstores.

As Taylor continued to paraphrase the rest of the Scriptures, orders for "Living Letters" trickled in. But when evangelist Billy Graham began to use Taylor's work as a premium for his televi-

sion broadcasts, demand for the books began in earnest.

In 1967, Tyndale published the Living New Testament and in 1971 released the complete Living Bible. It became the best-selling book in the United States for the next three years, after which Publisher's Weekly decided not to allow Bibles to compete with "regular books" for a spot on the best-seller list.

Taylor and his wife committed from the start to deposit all profits from "The Living Bible" into a charitable trust, insisting that the Bible's royalties be donated to Tyndale House Foundation.

The Foundation supports mission projects around the world and today continues to promote Taylor's vision and mission of making the Bible accessible and available to everyone.

Taylor was born May 8, 1917, in Portland, Ore., to George and Charlotte Huff Taylor. Due in large part to his pastor father and godly mother, Taylor developed a solid faith in Christ and a deep respect for the Bible at a very young age.

He graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., in 1938, attended Dallas Theological Seminary for three years, and graduated from Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., in 1944.

Taylor, who spent 65

years in the publishing industry, began his career as editor of HIS magazine and later served as director of Moody Press in Chicago. He was the author of many children's books, including "The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes" and "My First Bible in Pictures."

Taylor was president of Tyndale House Publishers until 1984, when he turned over the reins to his son Mark. He continued to serve as chairman of the board from 1984 until his death.

Today millions of readers around the world are familiar with Tyndale products, including such best-selling titles as "Left Behind," "Bringing Up Boys," and the "New Living Translation."

Taylor is survived by his wife, Margaret, 10 children, 28 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Church and Club News policies and publication deadlines

The Big Spring Herald accepts submissions from all area churches and clubs for publication in the Friday edition.

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Children's Health

Live the good life: teach your children good eating habits

Even when school is out, the opportunity to learn is always available. Especially since your children follow your example.

That's why the American Heart Association recommends that parents take time to establish smart and healthy lifestyle habits your kids will have for life. Nutritionists say it can be easy for school-aged kids to learn healthy eating habits.

In fact, studies show that healthy habits established early in life tend to remain with people well into their adult years.

First, be active with your family. Go for walks. Enjoy a bike ride. Toss a ball during a backyard picnic. Not only will you share extra playtime with the kids, but physical activity is a fun way to burn extra calories, stay fit and maintain a healthy heart.

Second, pack children's lunches with nutritious, low-fat, low-cholesterol foods like:

- Low- or nonfat dairy products such as skim milk and low-fat string cheese;
- Sandwiches made with whole-grain breads and extra-lean meats or fish;
- Low-fat condiments such as mustard instead of mayonnaise;
- Fresh fruits and vegetables such as apples and oranges, carrots and cel-

ery; • Baked pretzels, baked tortilla chips and salsa, and low-fat yogurts for tasty treats.


Third, look for the American Heart Association's heart-check mark while grocery shopping. The distinctive red heart with a white check mark on food labels from the association's Food Certification Program helps you quickly and reliably find healthy foods that can be part of a sensible eating plan. Food packages bearing the simple logo have been evaluated to ensure they meet the American Heart Association's criteria for heart-healthy levels of saturated fat and chole-

sterol for healthy people over age 2.

For even more convenience, use the association's online Grocery List Builder to create, print and take a heart-healthy shopping list with you to the store. (Your kids might enjoy building their own special list.)

The Web site features a complete list of certified foods.

Log on to heartcheck-mark.org. To learn more about reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke through good nutrition, visit the Web site at americanheart.org or call 1.800.AHA.USA1 for a free copy of the "Shop Smart with Heart" brochure.



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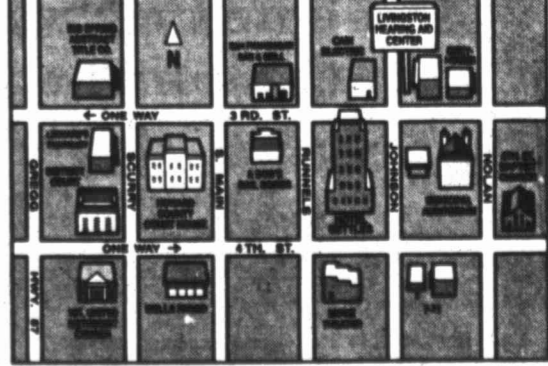
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Michael Jackson returns home acquitted on all counts

By **TIM MOLLOY**

Associated Press Writer

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Basking in the jurors' decision to acquit his client of all counts, Michael Jackson's lawyer said Tuesday the singer will no longer share his bed with young boys.

"He's not going to do that anymore," attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. told NBC's "Today." "He's not going to make himself vulnerable to this anymore."

Jackson was found not guilty Monday of child molestation, conspiracy and other counts. Jurors said the accusations of a young boy and his family were not credible — a total legal victory that triggered jubilation among the pop star's fans and embarrassment for the district attorney's office.

Mesereau said the singer was still recovering from the ordeal.

"He's going to take it one day at a time. It's been a terrible, terrible process for him," Mesereau said Tuesday.

A raucous welcome greeted Jackson as he returned to his Neverland Ranch on Monday afternoon.

As a convoy of black SUVs carrying him and his entourage pulled through the gates, his sis-

ter La Toya rolled down a window, smiled widely and waved. The crowd responded with a euphoric cheer.

"All of us here and millions around the world love and support you," proclaimed a banner strung across a fence by the compound in Los Olivos that Jackson said he created to provide himself with the childhood he never enjoyed.

"It's victory," said Tracee Raynaud, 39. "God is alive and well."

The acquittals marked a stinging defeat for Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon, who displayed open hostility for Jackson and had pursued him for more than a decade, trying to prove the rumors that swirled around Jackson about his fondness for children.

Sneddon sat with his head in his hands after the verdicts were read.

"We don't select victims of crimes and we don't select the family. We try to make a conscientious decision and go forward," Sneddon said afterward, adding "I'm not going to look back and apologize for anything that we've done."

Jurors may have acquitted Jackson of all charges of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor, but not all of them were con-

vinced the King of Pop had never molested a child.

"He's just not guilty of the crimes he's been charged with," said Ray Hultman, who told The Associated Press he was one of three people on the 12-person panel who voted to acquit only after the other nine persuaded them there was reasonable doubt about the entertainer's guilt in this particular case.

Prosecutors presented testimony about Jackson's allegedly improper relationships with several boys in the early 1990s, including the son of a maid who testified that Jackson molested him during tickling session between 1987 and 1990. Another, Brett Barnes, took the stand to deny that he was molested during sleepovers at Neverland.

Hultman said he believed it was likely that both boys had been molested.

He said he voted to acquit Jackson in the current case because he had doubts about his current accuser's credibility.

"That's not to say he's an innocent man," Hultman, 62, said of Jackson.

Some jurors noted they were troubled by Jackson's admission that he allowed boys into his



KRT photo/Karl Mondon/Contra Costa Times
Michael Jackson walks away from the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in Santa Maria, Calif., on Monday after a jury found him not guilty on all 10 counts he was facing.

bed for what he characterized as innocent sleepovers.

"We would hope first of all that he doesn't sleep with children anymore and that he learns that they have to stay with their families or stay in the guest rooms or the houses or whatever they're called down there," jury foreman Paul Rodriguez said. "And he just has to be careful how he conducts himself around children."

Some jurors acknowledged they flatly disliked the accuser's mother, portrayed by the defense as a welfare cheat who brought a trumped-up lawsuit against J.C. Penney, accusing store guards of roughing her and her family up. "I disliked it intensely when she snapped her fingers at us," said one juror, a woman, who declined to give her name.

Another woman juror said she felt sorry for the

accuser and his siblings, believing they had been trained by their mother to lie. "As a mother, the values she has taught them, it's hard for me to comprehend," she said. "I wouldn't want any of my children to lie for their own gain."

The verdict means Jackson will be free to try to rebuild his blighted musical career.

But his legal victory came at a terrible price to his image.

Aruba releases ex-guards, putting focus on young trio in mystery of missing teen

By **PETER PRENGAMAN**

Associated Press Writer

ORANJESTAD, Aruba — Authorities freed two former hotel security guards detained after Natalee Holloway vanished, intensifying the focus Tuesday on three younger men who took the Alabama teenager to a beach before she disappeared.

Officials who confirmed the release of Antonius "Mickey" John, 30, and Abraham Jones, 23, late Monday declined to comment on whether they were making progress in solving the mystery of Holloway's disappearance on the Dutch Caribbean island.

"The investigation is ongoing," Attorney General Caren Janssen told The Associated

Press. Justice authorities refused to comment further Tuesday. But government spokesman Ruben Trapenberg said the release of the men "probably means they had nothing to do with this case and prosecutors were able to check out their alibis."

The release came after the teen's mother, Betty Holloway Twitty, she believed the two ex-security guards were innocent but that the three other young men knew what happened and should be pressed to tell the truth.

Lawyers for John and Jones filed court petitions Monday seeking an order for their release, but they were let go before a judge reviewed the motions, according to John's lawyer.

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- June 3 • Friday**
 - Treasure Troops - 8:30 a.m. (Shopping at garage sales)
 - Lunch at Subway - 11:30 a.m.
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 - Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 p.m. (Chair exercises)
- June 7 • Tuesday**
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 - Coffee at Parkplace - 10:00 a.m. (Parkplace Retirement Center)
 - Supper Club - 5:30 p.m. (Al's Bar-B-Q)
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 - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 a.m. (Eat for \$2 in the hospital's cafeteria)
- June 9 • Thursday**
 - Mall Walking - 8:00 a.m. (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
 - Coffee @ Gales - 10:00 a.m. (Coffee with members)
- June 10 • Friday**
Senior Circle Office Closed
- June 11 • Saturday**
 - Auction to benefit children's project, Railroad Plaza - 10:00 a.m.
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 - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 a.m. (Eat for \$2 in the hospital's cafeteria)
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 - Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
 - Coffee @ Gales - 10:00 a.m. (Coffee with members)
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- June 19 • Sunday**
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 - Lunch Bunch & Birthdays La Posada - 11:00 a.m.
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 - Mall Walking - 8 a.m. (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
 - Supper Club - 5:30 p.m. "Cowboys"
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 - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 a.m. (Eat for \$2 in the hospital cafeteria)
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 - Mall Walking - 8:00 a.m. (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
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 - Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 p.m. (Chair Exercises)
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 - Mall walking - 8 a.m. (meet at the Mall & walk together)
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IN BRIEF

Howard announces men's basketball camps in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host two week-long camps in the month of July.

The first camp will take place July 10-14, while the second camp starts July 24 and ends July 28. Both camps will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. Both camps will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions include specialized clinics on both the offensive and defensive phases of the game.

For more information, contact Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

Big Spring sets first Quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set its first quarterback club meeting of the year June 20 at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

"Best of the rest" set for end of month

Comanche Trail Golf Course presents "the best of the rest" two man partnership golf tournament June 25-26.

The tournament costs \$160 per team and there will be free food on the course.

The championship flight must declare and will play low ball, while all other flights will play scramble. For more info, call 264-2366.

Howard women's basketball sets three camp dates

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

The first camp will take place Monday through Thursday and is for seventh-12th grade girls and is a shooting and offensive moves camp.

The camp goes from 9 a.m. to noon through June 18 and the cost is \$60 per person.

The second and third camps will take place July 18-21.

The second camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$50 per person.

The third camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$60 per person.

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Howard's Brown drafted by Reds, will return

Hawks' triple crown winner decides to return to Howard

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

A masterful season at the plate for Howard freshman Darby Brown resulted in a chance to play at the next level.

Brown, who was voted as the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's Player of the

Year and a second team all-America, was picked by the Cincinnati Reds in the 46th round of this year's Major League Baseball draft recently.

However, baseball players don't necessarily have to go straight to the professional ranks upon getting drafted. Brown will return to Howard next season after signing his draft and follow papers with the Reds this week. To draft and follow means

the Reds have all rights to Brown up until one day before the draft next season.

While becoming a professional baseball player is not an easy thing to do, Howard head baseball coach Britt Smith knew from the first



time he saw Brown that he had potential to get drafted.

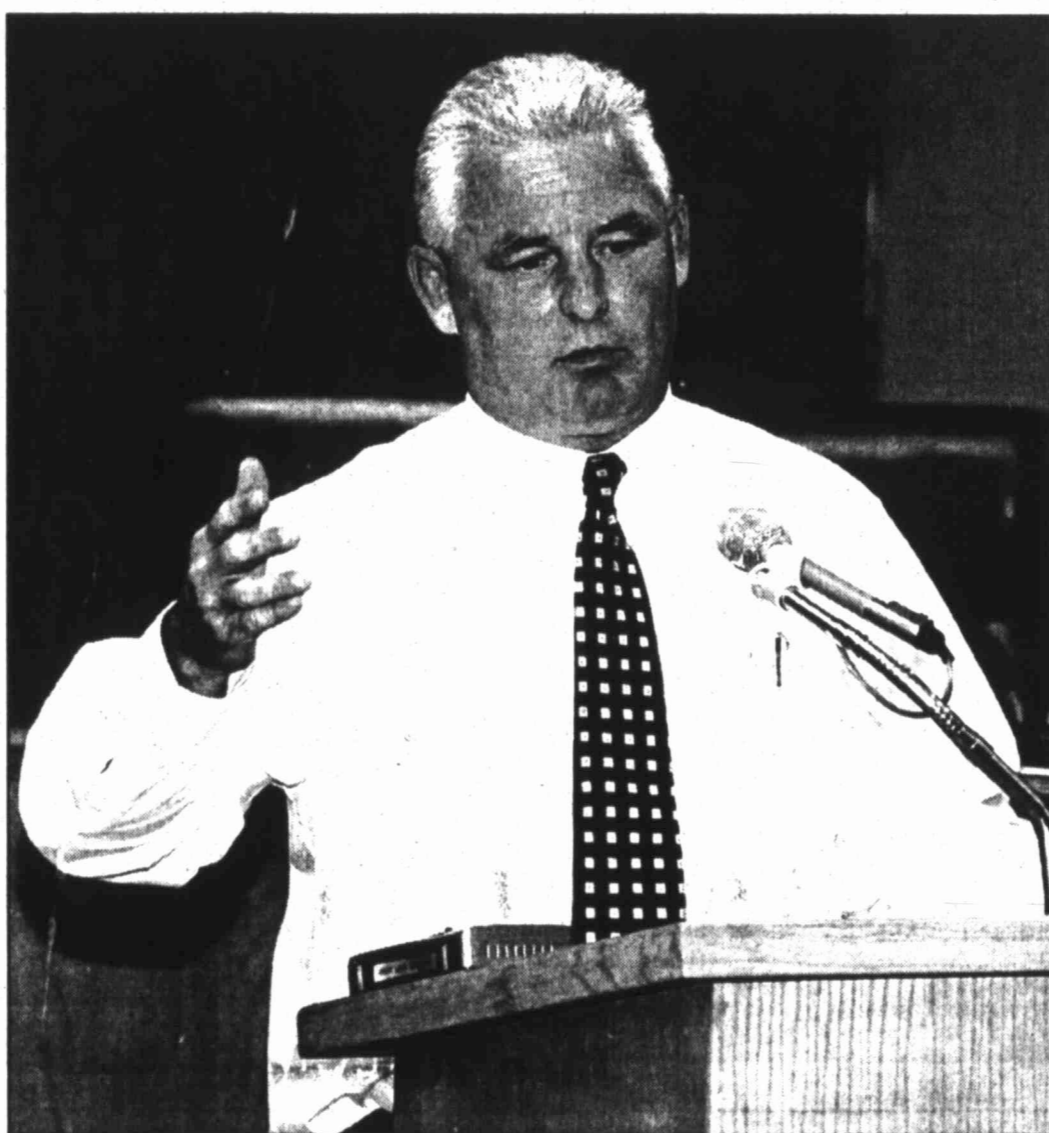
"I told him when he worked out for us that he would have the chance to get drafted," said Smith, who got Brown this season after Midland College released him.

"Midland told us he would hit around .330, but was not going to hit for power. They opted to use someone else instead of Darby."

Big mistake.

Brown not only hit for power this season, he hit just about everything that came across the plate and often hit it harder than anyone else in the conference. He hit .508 with 17 home runs, 87 RBIs and 27 doubles. He was the Triple Crown winner in the WJCAC and voted to the all-Region and Southwest District team.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Tim Holt speaks to the media and a few members of the community during a press conference Monday. Holt was introduced as the new athletic director and head football coach at Big Spring by BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes before the conference. Holt was previously the athletic director and head football coach at Class 4A Taylor near Austin.

Starting a new era

Holt introduced to community at press conference Monday

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Vowing to do a whole lot of learning and to bring success back into the Big Spring athletic programs, new athletic director and head football coach Tim Holt was introduced to the media and a few members of the community Monday at a press conference. Holt replaces former head football coach and athletic director Dwight Butler, who had held that position at Big Spring for the past 14 years.

"We're very excited to be here," said Holt in his initial speech. "It's a great opportunity and a great challenge for us. If we are going to wear Big Spring's colors then we are going to be competitive when we get off the bus."

"We know it isn't

going to happen overnight, but it is a commitment we have."

Holt's initial speech was about two minutes long, but he took several minutes answering questions from the media and the community. He touched on what his first order of business would be, what his goals for next season are and why he chose to take his career to Big Spring. He also talked about the football program and what his philosophies are and what to expect from his teams in the future.

The first thing Holt wants to do on the job is a whole lot of learning, which means he wants to evaluate what he has and make assessments of personnel.

"I have the utmost respect for what has been done here and I want everyone to know that I am following a good person," said Holt. "At the same time, we feel like we need to

make our own assessments."

Hopefully those assessments will translate into success in the athletic programs. Holt's goal for next season is to see how good they can get and set a bar.

"My big thing is excellence," said Holt. "We want to find out what the bench mark is and then get as good as we can get based on that bench mark. I don't know where that is yet, but we want to make as great strides as we can to become a solid program all around."

Holt brings with him to Big Spring his wife Gwen and four children. He will have two kids in high school next year.

Cortnee will be a sophomore and is involved in cheerleading, volleyball, track and was a state qualifier in power lifting this past year, all while being an honors student.

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Longhorns move on to CWS after win over Ole Miss

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — With yet another spot in the College World Series on the line, Will Crouch gave Texas the lead and J. Brent Cox made sure the Longhorns wouldn't lose it.

Crouch put Texas ahead to stay with a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning, Cox pitched out of another late jam and the Longhorns earned their fourth straight trip to Omaha with a 6-4 win over Mississippi in the decisive game of their best-of-three super regional series Monday night.

Crouch led off the sixth with his sixth homer of the year, a drive to left-center off Eric Fowler that broke a 3-all tie.

"Since we'd been battling with them all series,

I knew it would take that (homer) to win it," Crouch said.

Ole Miss brought the go-ahead run to the plate with two outs in the ninth after a walk to Chris Coghlan and a single by Brian Pettway, but Cox struck out Stephen Head to end it and earn his 17th save.

Cox, one of the nation's best closers whose throwing error in Game 1 led to a loss, bounced back by saving both of the Longhorns' wins in the series — including a bases-loaded jam in the ninth inning of Game 2. He is two saves shy of the school single-season record of 19 set by Charlie Thames in 2000.

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Billy Davis
Adam Guzman
Zane Herrin
Steven Johnson
Dylan Lowery
Michael Mims
Chase Pierce
Julain Rodriguez

Texas blasts Atlanta at hot Ameriquest

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alfonso Soriano doesn't have to be concerned about his sore left hamstring as long as he only has to trot around the bases.

Soriano homered twice against Tim Hudson in the pitcher's shortest outing for Atlanta, and the Texas Rangers won 7-3 Monday night for their first victory against the Braves.

Soriano's three-run homer in the first put the Rangers ahead to stay and extended his hitting streak to 15 games, matching his career best and the longest active in the major leagues. It was 4-0 when Soriano led off the third with his 18th homer.

Hank Blalock also homered for the Rangers.

While Hudson struggled in his 2 2-3 innings — against Soriano and the rest of the Texas lineup — Chris Young (6-3) threw seven shutout innings to lower his ERA to 2.78. The 6-foot-10 right-hander had seven strikeouts, allowing just two singles and a walk.

Howard hires second assistant

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Howard baseball head coach Britt Smith wanted to give his catchers individual coaching help and to address this need, the Howard College baseball team hired former player Jay Bob Thomas.

Thomas will be in charge of the catchers



first and foremost, but will most likely help out with hitting, as well, said Smith.

"This was something that I have been wanting to do for awhile," he

added. "Jay Bob will have his hands full with the catchers, but he will be involved in other places, as well. We are excited to be getting him here."

Thomas played for Howard during the 2002 and 2003 seasons before heading to Texas Tech and then eventually transferring to Abilene Christian University.

Odessa Roughnecks Remaining Home Games

June 16 vs. Rome Renegades
June 25 vs. Beaumont Drillers
July 1 vs. Lubbock Gunnelings
August 5-6: 16-Team National Indoor Football League (NIFL) All-Star game

All games start at 7:11 p.m. exhibition game

The Roughnecks are 11-0 this year and have clinched a playoff berth. The home games listed above do not include future playoff games.

To purchase tickets to a Roughnecks game at Ector County Coliseum, call Ernie Salcido at 432-332-7277.

IN BRIEF

B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic. The clinics run through August 4.

Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The junior clinic costs \$150, while the advanced junior clinic costs \$200.

For more information, call the golf shop at 267-5354.

Coahoma's annual ragball tournament set for end of June

The annual ragball tournament which takes place in Coahoma has been set for June 24-26 this year at the Coahoma softball park.

The sign-up date has been scheduled for June 24 at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622.

Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund toumey set

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo has announced a golf tournament to benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

For more information, contact Eddy Blasingame at 263-8421.

HOLT

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Chayson will be a freshman this year at Big Spring. He was the starting quarterback in eighth grade last year and was involved in track and will be encouraged to play basketball, as well. He was also an honors student.

"I want Chayson and my other children to have to earn their way," said Holt, who responded to a question involving whether or not Chayson would be the starting quarterback next year. "I think I am not teaching him or my other kids anything in life if I make things easy for them."

Holt's other two children are Cayleb and Caysi. Cayleb is going to be in seventh grade and has competed in football and track, while Caysi will begin fifth grade next year and is also heavily involved in athletics.

"The type of community we live in is very important," said Holt. "I have heard a lot about West Texas hospitality and that all sounds good to me."

Holt and his staff will run their offense out of the slot T, but will have many multiple formations, including one-back sets, wing T sets, shotgun sets and a bit of misdirection plays.

"We'll adapt to the personnel we have here," said Holt. "If we have someone who can throw it then we'll throw it."

The defense will be mostly an eight-man front, according to Holt. There will be some "50" sets, as well.

Another question

brought up by spectators at the conference involved the scheduling of teams and who Holt plans on playing.

"I think you get better by playing good teams, but there has to be a balance of playing good competition and not getting yourself so beat up that you can't play district play," said Holt.

Holt's staff on the football team will be a mix of talented coaches from Texas. He plans on using some current coaches at Big Spring, some of his former assistants at Taylor and others to assist him next year.

Several other Big Spring coaching jobs are open and Holt will have work to do there to get positions filled quickly. The school currently has openings for boy's basketball and baseball and several others could open up, as well.

"We are going to have to act fast, but we are going to try to recruit the best possible person for each position," said Holt.

And what about a possible drop to Class 3A?

"It could happen down the road, but that is not something we can control because it is based on numbers," said Holt. "Its always the best to be the biggest school in your classification though."

Holt officially started Monday as athletic director. The football season is set to begin August 1, but the Steers will be one week behind at that point because of Butler's decision to have spring workouts.

"It is just going to delay things for a week," said Holt. "It is one of those factors you just can't control."

TEXAS

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His toughness drew a favorable comparison to Huston Street, who set the school record with 41 career saves from 2002-04 and is now the closer for the Oakland Athletics as a rookie.

Texas (51-16) overcame a raucous, football-like atmosphere at Swayze Field to win the final two games of the series and advance to the College World Series for a record 32nd time, remaining in the hunt for its sixth national championship. The most recent title came in 2002, the year the Longhorns started their successful string.

The Longhorns, the only College World Series team from last year headed back to Omaha, will play Big 12 rival Baylor on Saturday.

Robby Hudson had two run-scoring singles to give Texas some late-inning insurance.

He drove in Taylor Teagarden in the sixth to make it 5-3. After Ole

Miss closed to one run in the top of the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Zack Cozart, Hudson extended the lead back to two runs by delivering another RBI single in the bottom of the inning.

Freshman Kenn Kasperek (8-0) came on in the sixth and allowed one run on two hits. Fowler (7-3) lost for the first time in eight starts.

Texas has been responsible for ending three of the most promising seasons in Rebels history. The Longhorns eliminated Ole Miss from the College World Series in 1969 and 1972, and this time they denied the Rebels their first berth in the series in 32 years.

"These kids not only had it as a goal, but really believed it was going to happen," Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco said.

The small-balling Longhorns used the longball to win the series from the Rebels (48-20). Texas entered the weekend with 46 home runs, but hit three in its two victories.

Nick Peoples, who hit his first career homer on Sunday, followed up that

performance by having a hand in each of the Longhorns' first three runs.

He walked to start the first, was bunted to second — the Longhorns' 100th sacrifice bunt of the season — and scored on a double by Seth Johnston to give the Longhorns a 1-0 lead.

Peoples later tied it at 2- all when he singled in Chance Wheelless in the second, and came around to score when Johnston blooped a double to left made it 3-2.

Peoples also saved a run and robbed Head of extra bases when he made a diving catch on a first-inning drive to right field.

Making that catch, Peoples said, "helped me feel more comfortable. I felt like we had the momentum then."

Ole Miss briefly led 2-1 in the top of the second when Cozart doubled home two runs. After falling behind by a run later that inning, the Rebels tied it at 3-all in the fifth on a run-scoring groundout by Pettway.

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To add to his honors this season, he was also given the Southwest District Rawlings Big Stick Award and did all the above mentioned things while carrying a 4.0 grade point average at Howard this past year.

"We freed him up to hit the ball for power," said Smith. "It was the best season I had ever seen from a baseball player.

And we tell the coaches at Midland that every time we talk to them."

Brown plans to sign with a Division I school in the fall, but will play for Howard one more year in the spring. He could ultimately decide to go to the professional ranks after completing the spring season at Howard, but signing with a

Division I school gives him more options.

"Its just protection for him," said Smith.

According to Smith, Brown would like to play in the Big 12 and has gotten some interest from Nebraska, which is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation and will be playing in the College World Series starting this weekend in Omaha, Neb.

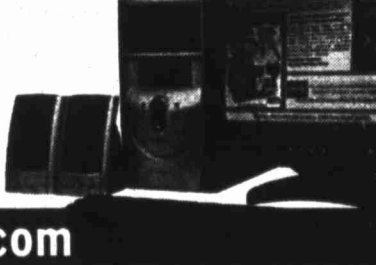
"Everything that Darby decides to do will be based on what kind of season he has next year," said Smith.

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This story is another one told to me by my grandfather, so I think it is probably true. After you have finished with the story, tell me if you think it is true or maybe my grandfather just made it up. Pay close attention now, because I really want to know what you think.

My grandfather said that this story begins in a very cold place. I wonder where it may be! Do you think he was talking about the South Pole? Do you know where the South Pole is? Tomorrow, let's look on a map and see where it is. I want to know, too!

On this South Pole, there live many penguins. Do you know what a penguin is? I don't either, so we will both have to look in a book tomorrow to find out. But, back to the story.

This story is about only one of those many penguins. Her name is Lynn Pen Guin. That is a funny name for a penguin, isn't it? Ok, what would you name her? Did you say Sally? I like my grandfather's name for her much better. It is always cold where Lynn

lives. The wind is always blowing. There is always snow and ice on the ground.

I t sounds like a b a d place for you or me to live, doesn't it? But, it's a g o o d place for penguins. They are always dressed for the cold and the wind and the ice and the snow. They stay pretty warm way down there at this South Pole.

But one day, Lynn Pen Guin decided that she wanted to move to where it is much warmer. She wanted to move close to your house and mine. I wish that she could have moved close to me because I think penguins would be funny to watch, don't you?

What would be the first thing that Lynn would need to do to move close to us if she didn't know the way? You are right again.

She would need a map! Lynn found just the right map and decided which way she would come and started packing her

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bags. Are you thinking that a penguin doesn't have any bags to pack? I couldn't stand it any longer, so I looked up a penguin in one of my books and it looks like they would have to have a lot of bags for traveling. It looks like they all wear nice clothes. Why, it even looks like they have suits on, and the suits are really fancy ones. Those really fancy suits are called tuxedos. Do you know what a tuxedo is? Can you find a picture of a tuxedo?

Let's see now, how will Lynn get here? Would she fly in a big airplane? probably not! Would she ride on a big boat to get near your home? I don't

think so. Would she ride in a car? Nope! Would she swim? Wait a minute! Swim! That's it! She would swim all the way

from the South Pole to our neighborhood! That is a very long way and an awful lot of swimming. But, penguins are good swimmers, and Lynn could make it down here very easily.

Off she went one cold, cold day, heading south where it was warmer. She couldn't wait to get there. She could close her eyes and just imagine the warm days and the welcome sunshine. She passed one country, then another, and then another. It was getting warmer and warmer with each country she swam by.

Then the day came. She was almost next door to you and me. I could hear her splashing in the nearby river, but I never did see her. Did you? Would you look for Lynn if you knew

that she was swimming nearby? I would!

A sad thing is about to happen. If you don't like sad things, do you think maybe you should go on to sleep now and not finish this story? The sad thing was that Lynn was not supposed to live here where it is warm. She was supposed to live near the South Pole where it was always cold.

The warm water made Lynn very sick. And the mosquitoes bit her, and the yellow flies bit her, and other bugs bit her as well. Lynn did not like being sick and she did not like the bugs and the bug bites and she did not like the warm water anymore. Poor Lynn had to make a decision. Either stay here near you and me, or go back to the South Pole where she always felt good and was never sick, and had never seen a bug or had never been bitten by a bug. She wanted to feel good again, so she started swimming back to the South Pole.

As she passed by each country, she felt better, and better.

There were no bugs biting her anymore, either. As she was getting closer and closer to home, she swam faster and faster. She felt better each day a n d c o u l d s w i m e v e n f a s t e r than the d a y before.

Finally, she saw her home again. She had missed it so much. She had never known before just how much she loved the cold and the wind and the ice and the snow! She never did want to leave her South Pole ever again.

Maybe she should have been happy with what she had all along!

Do you remember what the question was that I asked you in the beginning of this story? What was the question? What is your answer? Is it the same as mine? I think that probably most of the story is true, but there are a few parts that I am not so sure about! How about you? Lynn Pen Guin wrote me from the South Pole and told me to tell you.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of a miracle ..."

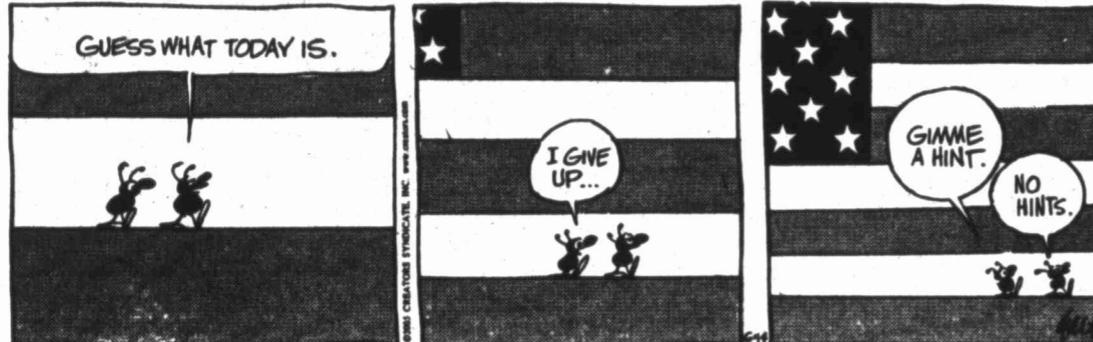
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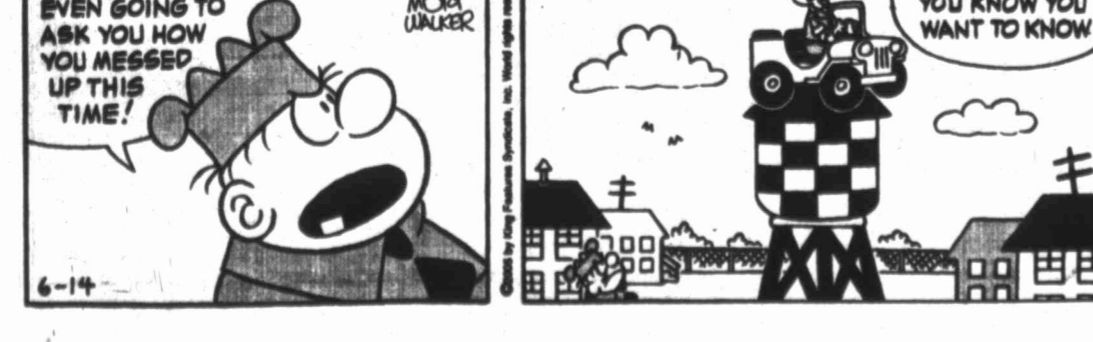
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, June 14, the 165th day of 2005. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day. Today's Highlight in History: On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag. On this date: In 1775, the United States Army was founded. In 1846, a group of U.S. settlers in Sonoma proclaimed the Republic of California. In 1928, the Republican National Convention nominated Herbert Hoover for president on the first ballot. In 1940, German troops entered Paris during World War II. In 1940, in German-occupied Poland, the Nazis opened their concentration camp at Auschwitz. In 1943, the Supreme Court ruled schoolchildren could not be compelled to salute the flag of the United States if doing so conflicted with their religious beliefs. In 1954, President Eisenhower signed an order adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. In 1982, Argentine forces surrendered to British troops on the disputed Falkland Islands. In 1985, the 17-day hijack ordeal of TWA Flight 847 began as a pair of Lebanese Shiite Muslim extremists seized the jetliner shortly after takeoff from Athens, Greece. Five years ago: The Southern Baptist Convention declared that women should no longer serve as pastors. One year ago: The Supreme Court allowed schoolchildren to keep affirming loyalty to one nation "under God," but dodged the underlying question of whether the Pledge of Allegiance was an unconstitutional blending of church and state. Today's Birthdays: Actor Gene Barry is 82. Rhythm-and-blues singer Renaldo "Obie" Benson (The Four Tops) is 69. Rock singer Rod Argent (The Zombies; Argent) is 60. Real estate developer Donald Trump is 59. Actor Will Patton is 51. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Eric Heiden is 47. Singer Boy George is 44. Rock musician Actress Yasmine Bleeth is 37. Tennis player Steffi Graf is 36. Actor Daryl Sabara is 13. Thought for Today: "There is the National flag. He must be cold, indeed, who can look upon its folds rippling in the breeze without pride of country. If in a foreign land, the flag is companionship, and country itself, with all its endearments." - Charles Sumner, American author (1811-1874).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Out of danger
5 Paper repairer
9 Infant's complaint
14 Exterior of a ship
15 Emcee
16 Avoid capture by
17 Acted like
18 Leftover category: Abbr.
19 Notes from coworkers
20 Were in agreement
23 Sandwich letters
24 Miss America topper
25 Water absorber
27 Portrait, for example
28 Chafe
31 Taught one-to-one
34 UN head
36 Nautical direction
37 Fuse units
40 Gobbled up
42 Creative spark
43 Nabokov novel
45 Wore
47 People to follow
49 Canyon edge
50 Not in the neighborhood
53 Snuggle up
55 Too trusting
57 "A mouse!"
59 Easily offended
62 Second part of a play
64 Villainous
65 Take chances
66 Seacoast
67 Part of the foot
68 Alternatively
69 Copier-cartridge contents
70 Youngster
71 Appear to be
8 But
9 Attaches securely
10 Bullfight cheer
11 Moved clumsily
12 Clunk hero
13 "la vie!"
21 Sweater source
22 Both of us
26 Arrived
29 Dig up
30 Sheep comment
32 Poetic "before" peak
33 Double-helix molecule
34 Out of the way
35 To the degree
37 Completely
38 One of the Stooges
39 Food for whales
41 "In one and out..."
44 More irritable
46 Starter meaning "everything"
48 Most cunning
50 Last song in a show
51 Opposed (to)
52 Cash in
54 Ambassador
56 Chilean mountains
57 Right, on a map
58 Reverberate
60 Fine blouse fabric
61 Swiss abstract painter
63 Anger

WELCOME A BOARD

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Wacky Facts

■ The "Steel Dragon 2000" in Mie, Japan, is the world's longest roller coaster at 8,133 feet.
■ Before the "Kingda Ka," the "Top Thrill Dragster" in Sandusky, Ohio, held the record for the tallest coaster at 420 feet and fastest, traveling 120 mph.
— World Almanac for Kids

KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"Daisy's an all-American, good Southern girl. And, for my fans, she doesn't steer too far away from who I am — perfect for my first movie."
— Jessica Simpson, on how the role in "The Dukes of Hazzard" movie suits her, in J-14 magazine.



BACKYARD SUMMER CAMP

FROM THE EDITORS OF FAMILYFUN MAGAZINE

Summer camp, as any seasoned camper will tell you, is a magical place. Where else do the forces of nature, tradition and fellowship collide so miraculously? Imagine the woods of Maine. The crackle of the campfire, stars as bright as beacons and air so crisp you can taste it; that unmistakable bouquet of toasted marshmallows, firewood and skunk; the mosquito bites and canoe-paddle calluses; and your arms around your bunkmates as you sway together in song. Now imagine creating a similar magic in your own back yard. The secret to creating the summer camp experience at home is to evoke the essence of camp. To that end, we've put together a complete one-day camp schedule filled with surefire nature crafts, favorite snacks and classic camp games.

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TIN CAN TOTEM POLE

Nothing sets the mood at summer camp like a totem pole. Make a tin can version for your back yard by painting your family portraits on coffee cans.

Materials

- Five coffee cans, each with two plastic lids
- Can opener
- Water-based exterior paints
- Paintbrushes
- Craft knife
- Scissors
- Four clear plastic milk or water jugs, emptied and cleaned
- Marker
- Liquid laundry detergent bottle, empty and cleaned
- Wooden dowel, 7/8 inch in diameter and 48 inches long
- Duct tape

Directions

1. First, ask an adult to cut the bottom off each coffee can with a can opener, then give a can to each person to paint his or her portrait on.
2. While the paint is drying, choose the can that you want to put on top of your totem pole and set one of its two lids to the side.
3. Ask an adult to use a

craft knife to cut a quarter-size asterisk in the center of each of the other lids, then set the lids aside.

4. Next, ask an adult to use scissors to cut the ridged spout from each plastic jug (recycle the rest of the jug) and set aside the spouts.
5. Finally, draw the wings on the detergent bottle, as shown, and cut them out (recycle the rest of the bottle).
6. Once the cans are dry, place a lid on the top and bottom of each, using the uncut lid for the top of the can that will crown your totem pole.
7. Wrap a thick layer of duct tape about 6 inches from the bottom end of the dowel, then add the cans, jug spouts and wings.
8. Place the finished totem pole in your yard by pushing the dowel into the ground.

CAMP DAY SCHEDULE

- 7:45 A.M.: REVEILLE Start your day the summer camp way with this traditional wakeup call. The tune is best played on a bugle, but for home camp, try a kazoo.
- 8 A.M.: BREAKFAST Campers should report to the mess hall and, if the weather permits, set up the "mess" outside on the picnic table.
- 8:45 A.M.: CABIN CLEANUP All campers head back to their bunks to make beds and tidy up cabins.
- 9:15 A.M.: SCAVENGER HUNT Campers dig the challenge of finding all the minuscule bits of nature they can. Give each camper a small plastic container with a lid. Then send them off looking for items like these:
- Small flowers
 - Tweency sticks
 - Peewee feathers
 - Puny pebbles
 - Little blades of grass
 - Itty-bitty insects
- 10:15 A.M.: SNACK A time honored camp treat is gorp (any combo of nuts, dried fruit, pretzels, cereal and M&Ms) washed down with bug juice (any brightly colored punch or fruit drink)
- 10:30 A.M.: WATER PLAY Work up an appetite for lunch by engaging in a water battle. You can use squirt guns, hoses and buckets to drench your buds.
- 11:15 A.M.: DRY OFF
- 11:30 A.M.: LUNCH Anything goes in the lunch department at camp: grilled cheese and tomato soup, franks 'n' beans and the old standby, PB&J. Give each camper a task, be it setting the table, stirring the bug juice or spreading peanut butter on bread.
- 12:30 P.M.: REST HOUR Downtime for all campers. Napping, letter writing, reading and quiet games (cards, jacks and board games) are all acceptable. Camps, however, do not allow TVs, computers or CD players.
- 1:30 P.M.: TOTEM POLE (See Tin Can Totem Pole.)
- 3 P.M.: BUILD CAMPFIRE (See Campfire You Can Eat.)
- 5 P.M.: ALL-CAMP COOKOUT Burgers, dogs, corn on the cob cooked over the grill: the works! After dinner, serve up a camp favorite for dessert, such as s'mores or, even messier, Fudgsicles spread with peanut butter.

A CAMPFIRE YOU CAN EAT

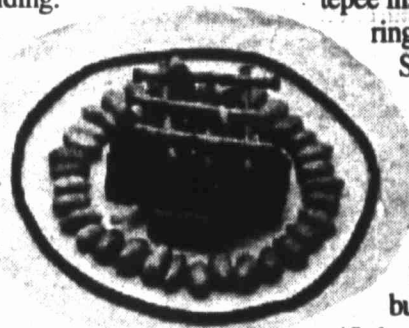
Not only is this snack fun and delicious to munch, but the process of preparing it also teaches campers the how-tos of safe campfire building.

Materials

- 12-inch flour tortilla
- Red licorice rope
- Peanuts
- Peanut butter
- Fried Chinese noodles
- Tootsie Rolls
- Mini pretzel sticks
- White grape juice
- Hot cocoa powder
- Candy corn

Directions

1. First clear a space on the table to build a safe fire. Lay down a tortilla. Wrap a licorice rope safety circle about an inch in from the tortilla's edge.
2. Build a peanut rock ring halfway inside the safety circle. Spread a circle of peanut butter in the center of the fire base, then lay a small handful of Chinese noodles on top for kindling.



3. Lay Tootsie Roll logs around the peanut butter circle.
4. Next, use mini pretzel sticks as fuel wood to build a tepee inside the ring of logs. Stick the pretzels through the kindling into and the peanut butter at a 45-degree angle.
5. Add another layer of logs, across the corners of the first layer in order to box in the tepee.
6. Lay a few more pieces of fuel wood across the logs. Make sure buckets of water (glasses of grape juice) and dirt (hot cocoa powder) are nearby to put out the fire if necessary.
7. Then light the fire by adding candy corn flames.

After the camp director approves the fire, throw dirt on the fire to put it out.

Now, the moment the fire builders have been waiting for: eat your fires!

MAN AND SNAKE

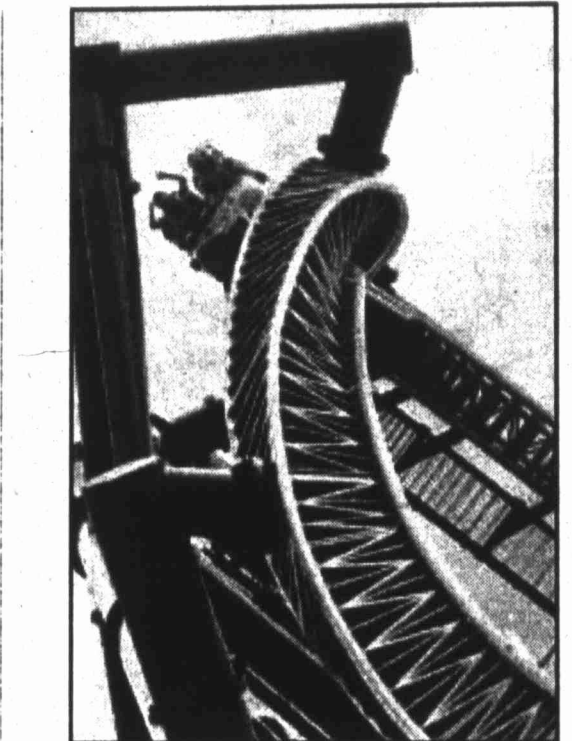
You can spend your after-dinner hours playing this simple version of a traditional Native-American game.

Game pieces

Give each player three large craft sticks and have them use puffy paint to draw a snake on one side of two of their sticks and a person on one side of the third stick.

How to play

Everyone tosses all three



Riders enjoy the new Kingda Ka roller coaster at Six Flags Great Escape & WaterWorks in Jackson, N.J.

In The News

Coaster, Kingda Ka, is a wild Ride!

The world's fastest animal, the cheetah, moves at a speed of about 70 miles per hour. That's nothing compared to the speed of the Kingda Ka, the world's fastest, tallest roller coaster. Kingda Ka races at about 130 mph and is about 45 stories high!



Called the "King of Coasters," Kingda Ka opened this spring at Six Flags Great Escape & WaterWorks in Jackson, N.J.

THE KING OF COASTERS

The zipping coaster blasts riders horizontally from 0 to 128 mph in 3.5 seconds. It then sends riders straight into the sky at a vertical, 90-degree angle, up 456 feet high, or about 45 stories. Seconds after reaching the top, riders shoot back down to the ground at a 270-degree spiral. Then the coaster darts up over a 129-foot hill (about 13 stories). How long does all this fun last? Just 51 seconds!

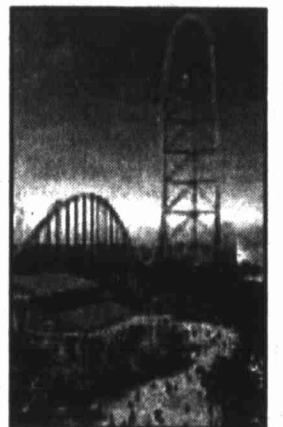


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According to Six Flags officials, riders who are brave enough to open their eyes can see the buildings of downtown Manhattan, which is 84 miles away. One rider, Drew Parker, 35, never found out if that claim is true. "I can't say I took the time to look," he said. Kingda Ka makes the world's second tallest and fastest roller coaster, Top Thrill Dragster, look sluggish. That coaster, located at the Cedar Point amusement park in Ohio, is 420 feet tall and reaches 120 mph in 4 seconds.

A PRICEY RIDE

Some might say paying \$1,692 to ride the Kingda Ka is a lot, but not Jeremy Delong. The 22-year-old from Ohio paid that amount to be on the coaster's first run. At a price of about \$33 per second, Delong said his ride was "worth every cent." The cost of the ride is usually included in the Great Adventure entry fee.



— By Jill Egan

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