



Texas Senate closes in on school funding plan

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The Texas Senate tentatively approved three major parts of a school funding plan Monday, including a landmark \$3.4 billion business tax overhaul.

Senators voted 18-13 to adopt the House version of the business tax without changes. It still needs final approval by the

Senate before it goes to Gov. Rick Perry's desk for his signature.

"Today was a good day," said Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate. "We moved the ball forward."

Lawmakers are in the last half the session that Perry called to address a court mandate to fix the unconstitutional school finance system by June 1. The House passed Perry's

five-part school funding plan last week.

Another measure tentatively approved Monday dedicates tax revenue generated from new taxes to school property tax cuts. That one has been more contentious and changes will have to be worked out in negotiations with the House.

Many leaders, including Perry, have promised a one-third reduction of school prop-

erty taxes, but some of the state's budget surplus would still be necessary to get to that level.

Democrats argued that more of the money should go to education improvement initiatives and that dedicating money to property tax relief now would hinder their ability to deal with future needs.

Republican Sen. Tommy Williams, of The Woodlands,

offered a compromise plan that would dedicate a certain amount of money to tax relief until Texas homeowners get a one-third cut in school tax rates. Money raised after that would be divided up between property tax relief and increased education spending.

Democratic Sen. John Whitmire of Houston argued

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Plea bargain gets former teacher probated sentence

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A former Big Spring Independent School District teacher has received probation and been stripped of his teaching license as a result of a recent plea in 118th District Court.

Brian D. Morris, who was arrested on sexual assault of a child charges in August, pleaded guilty to the charge of improper relationship between educator and student, District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said.

As part of the plea arrangement, Morris was placed on probation for five years, ordered to pay a fine of \$2,500, and signed an order perma-

nently surrendering his license to teach, Wilkerson said.

However, as part of the deferred adjudication agreement, formal conviction was put on hold. Under the agreement, if Morris successfully completes his terms of probation, no formal conviction will appear on his record. Nor will he have to register as a sex offender, Wilkerson said.

If, however, Morris fails to successfully complete his probation, he could then be subject to the full

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Under pressure, most fifth graders cope well with TAKS

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A vast majority of Howard County's youngest school district representatives performed well in the latest round of state standardized testing.

Coahoma and Forsan school districts followed state trends by showing a slight increase among fifth graders who passed the mathematics portion of the state Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exam during the initial round of testing in February.

Statewide, 81 percent of Texas fifth-graders have passed the math portion of the TAKS test, an increase of 2 percent from the previous year.

Those who have not yet passed the math and reading portions of the test must do so in May or risk not being promoted to the

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sixth grade. The same rules apply to third graders in the state, according to information released by the Texas Education Agency.

Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson noted 94 percent of the district's fifth graders have passed the math test, up 2 percent from the same time last

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Top photo: Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs interviews Liz Conley, left, and Tisha McCartney after they witnessed the mock drunk driving accident Monday at Coahoma High School, all part of the "Shattered Dreams" event for junior and senior high school students. Above: Tracie Lindsey, Big Spring High School theatre instructor, applies Grim Reaper makeup to Coahoma High School senior Terrell Bibb. The event was to continue today.

Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant

Deadly choices

'Shattered Dreams' shows tragedy of drunk driving

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

Months of planning brought "Shattered Dreams," an educational program showing the tragedy of drunk driving, to Coahoma junior and senior students Monday.

"I am very excited about this program. Our participants did wonderful jobs and as always, law enforcement, emergency response teams, Air Evac from Abilene, Judge Quail Dobbs and Myers & Smith all responded well," said Denise Hester, victim coordinator for Victim Services.

"I am so happy with the response we received from the school officials — they were both helpful and supportive. And I really appreciated the way the students watching the mock wreck reacted — they were quiet and somber. They all seemed to be taking the whole scene in," Hester said.

The scene was a staged drunk-dri-

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LONGHORNS HONORED

AUSTIN (AP) — The 2005 national football championship earned Texas coach Mack Brown an invitation to the Capitol Monday.

The House and Senate saluted the Longhorns' championship team with resolutions honoring the squad that went 13-0 and captured the national title with a 41-38 win over two-defending champion Southern California on Jan. 4 in the Rose Bowl. It was Texas' first outright national championship since 1969.

Appearing with Brown was wide receiver Limas Sweed, who caught the winning touchdown pass from Vince Young in Texas' 25-22 win at Ohio State.

LEGAL AID SEEKS HELP

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is seeking private attorneys to volunteer in one of two monthly legal clinics. The clinics are held every first and third Wednesday of each month.

Volunteers are asked to participate in one clinic a month for about two hours in the afternoon.

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas will be providing short informative sessions at 11 a.m. May 4 and May 17 at the Northside Community Center, 108 E. NE Eighth Street. If you cannot attend but would like more information, contact Pete Fierro, EJVP coordinator, at 432 686-0647 or 800 926-5330.

CONVERSATION PIECE

BEIJING (AP) — A MiG-21F fighter — the once-fearsome Soviet-era jet — is now destined to be simply decoration here.

A Chinese businessman has bought the fighter jet from a U.S. seller on the online auction Web site eBay for \$24,730 and plans to use it to decorate an empty space at his offices, a newspaper reported.

The Beijing News newspaper identified the Chinese buyer as Zhang Cheng.

"I like to collect valuable items. I have the buying power and my company has an empty space where I can display the plane," Zhang told the newspaper.

Obituaries

Bobby Jack Gross

Bobby Jack Gross, 72, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at a nursing center in Fort Worth. A graveside service was held Monday in Laurel Land Memorial Park under the direction of Laurel Land Funeral Home.

Mr. Gross was born Feb. 26, 1934, grew up in Big Spring, attended Texas A&M University and received his doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1959. He and his wife, Jean lived in Pecos for 25 years. In 1983, they moved to Fort Worth where he was employed by the Texas Amental Health Commission. He was a member of the Southcliff Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Ann Gross; children, Brian James Gross of Washington, D.C., and Linda Suzanne Herrmann and husband, Dr. Rick Herrmann of Mansfield; two grandchildren; and a sister, Lindel Gross Fletcher and husband, Bill of Irving.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 2315 N. Main St., Fort Worth 76106.

Sallie B. Green

Sallie B. Green, 94, of Big Spring died Monday, May 1, 2006, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Charlie Welch

Charlie Welch, 69, of Stanton, died Monday, May 1, 2006. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

Take Note

- HOSPITALITY HOUSE OPEN HOUSE** is 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at 1202 W. Fourth St.
- RETIRED GUITAR/FIDDLE PLAYER** is looking for others interested in playing old-time country and bluegrass music, just for the enjoyment. Call 264-0182.
- ISAIAH 58 RECEPTION AND OPEN HOUSE** is set for 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at 107 Runnels St. Call 268-1270 for more information.
- AARP SENIOR CITIZEN DRIVER SAFETY COURSE** is May 11-12 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day at the Spring City Senior Center. Cost is \$10. Call the center at 267-1628 for more information.
- AN ACCOUNT FOR JACK HANSON** has been established at T&P Credit Union for donations to assist with expenses related to his heart surgery. Call 399-4562 or 399-4770 for more information.
- AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** for 21-month-old Madysyn Hillger, in care of her grandmother, Debra Hillger. Madysyn has been diagnosed with a rare neurological-genetic disorder, Rett Syndrome. Donations will be applied to travel, medical and lodging expenses. For more information, call 264-7340 or 816-1024.
- KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL FLEA MARKET** is 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. May 6 in the Big Spring Mall parking lot and booth space is available. Applications are available at the mall office or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 263-9231.
- HOWARD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS** plans a Water Wise Plant Sale booth at the Spring Clean Flea Market May 6 with West Texas hardy plants for sale and people who'll be glad to talk and answer questions.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION** for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned for July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-8524 or

Police blotter

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

- RANDY YBARRA JR.**, 19, 1504 E. Fifth, was arrested on four local warrants.
- JAMIE MONTES LEOS**, 29, 1901 Runnels, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- NOEL ORTEGA**, 28, 704 Lorilla, was arrested on a hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- TAMMIE DICKSON**, 22, 1813 Benton, was arrested on three local warrants.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 41, Colorado City, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAVID CONKLIN**, 25, no address given, was arrested on a charge of PI.
- SALVADOR PEREZ**, 35, 1503 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- BRYON PAYNE**, 20, 1509 Stadium, was arrested on a charge of PI.
- DAVID PETREE**, 21, 2529 Gunter, was arrested on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported no activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Ranch Road 33. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transferred to VAMC.
- TRAUMA** was reported at the intersection of 14th and Goliad. One person was transferred to SMMC.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Symphony Association board of directors meets at 5:30 pm at the symphony office at 808 Scurry.
- League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962.
- Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- National Day of Prayer from 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the Dora Roberst Community Center.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-13-26-28.
Number matching five of five: none.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-13-27-28. Bonus Ball: 30.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Winning tickets sold in: Kerrville.
Prize per winner: \$200,000.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-2

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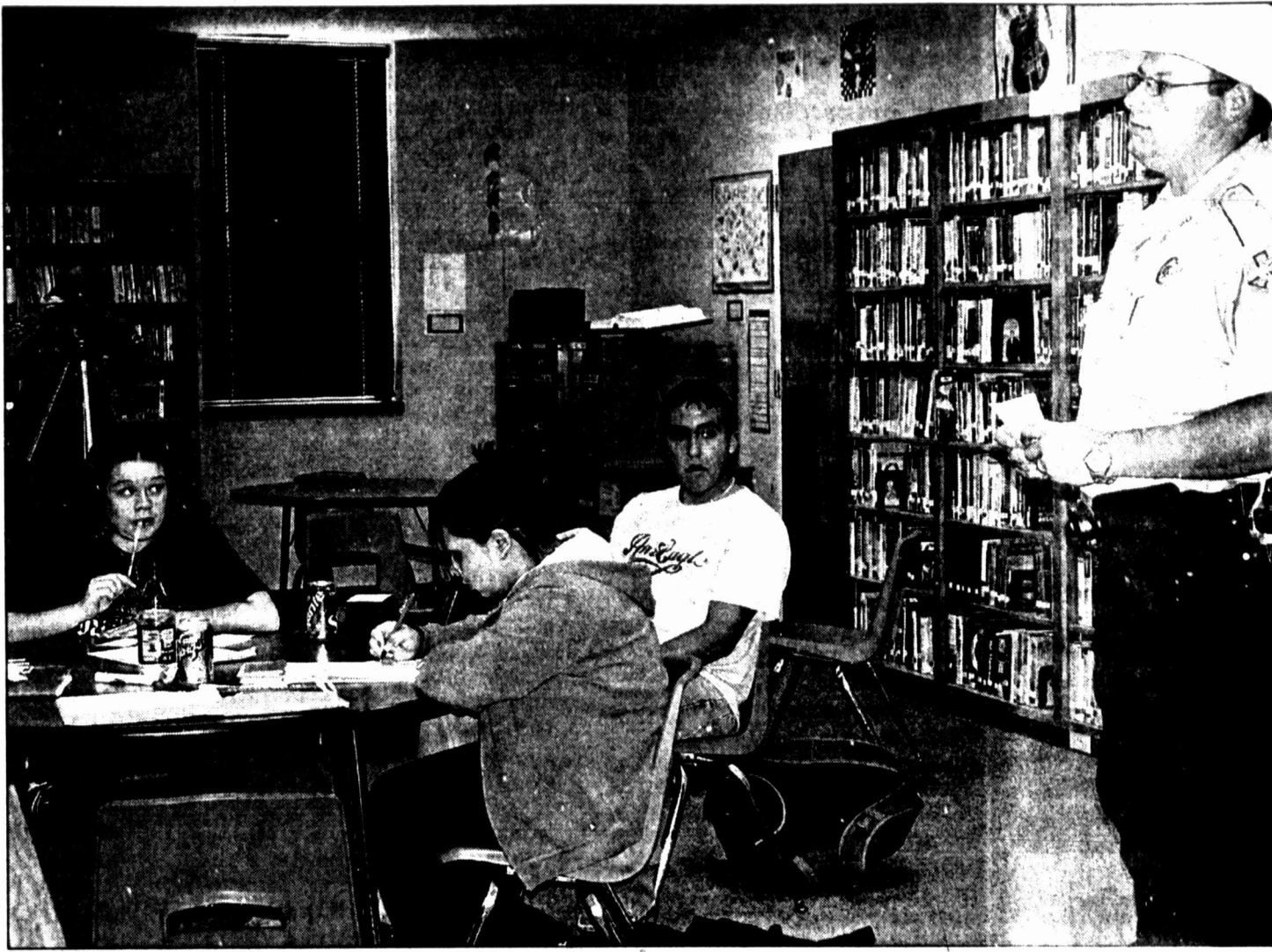
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Howard County Sheriff's deputy Kason Anderson, right, reads the mock obituary of Jackie Valencia after she was summoned by the Grim Reaper during the 'Shattered Dreams' program at Coahoma High School. In Valencia's class are Kala Mann, left, Pros Yanez and Cynthia Ortiz, all Coahoma High School seniors. The program, used to illustrate the tragedy of drinking and driving, concludes today.

activities they participate in and their academics, but are they willing to participate and will they make good role models and continue the education we're starting with this event," said Linda Perez, assistant director/volunteer coordinator for Victim Services.

The students selected

by the Grim Reaper were brought to the auditorium, where they donned a Living Dead T-shirt and received their dead make-up, applied by Big Spring High School theatre instructor Tracie Lindsey.

The selected student's obituary was read to their class, and posters of all

the students filled with photographs, notes and obituary information including time of funeral services was placed near the office for the student body to see as they changed classes.

"I believe this program is extremely effective and we have reached our goal and done our job if we

save even one," said Sham Smith, Victim Services director.

"Shattered Dreams," now in its sixth year locally, concludes today with a special assembly, where junior and senior high students will see a video presentation of the entire program that includes parental reac-

tions when they learned their teen-ager had been killed to the trial and sentencing portion of the event.

"We try to plan this around prom and graduation for the students each year," said Renee Burleson, Victim Services administrative assistance.

Agencies participating included the Howard County Sheriff's Department; the Big Spring Police Department and fire and EMS departments; the Texas Department of Public Safety; Myers & Smith and Nalley-Pickle & Welch funeral homes; Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs; the Coahoma Independent School District; First Baptist Church; Tom Arcand, who filmed the video; Air Evac of Abilene; The Texas Department of Transportation; Tobacco Alcohol Beverage Commission; and Mitchem Wrecker Service.

For more information, call Victim Services at 263-3312.

Watch for additional coverage of "Shattered Dreams" in the Sunday edition of the *Big Spring Herald* in the *life!* section.

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Inappropriate relationship, a fairly recent addition to the Texas Penal Code, is a second degree felony, punishable by a

term in prison of between two and 20 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. That is the same punishment range he was subjected to under the original charge.

Morris had just completed his first year with the school district as a coach and social studies teacher at the junior high when

he submitted his resignation Aug. 17, 2005. He was arrested on the sexual assault charges soon after that, records show.

The offense, involving a female student at BSISD under the age of 17, occurred on or about March 31, 2005.

Wilkerson said the agreement was completed

with the full knowledge and support of the victim and her family.

"I would say this agreement ... is what the victim's family wanted, and is in the interests of justice as well," Wilkerson said.

Wilkerson said the family's main concerns were that Morris not continue

in the teaching profession and that the girl not be forced to testify at trial.

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Regardless of whether the students pass their course work during the school year, they must also pass the TAKS to

advance to the next grade. Almost everyone agrees that school district accountability is a good thing, but area educators note it is a large burden for pre-teens to have to shoulder.

"I think the kids do realize what's at stake ... and I think it's a travesty, the pressure they put on kids and teachers to pass a test like that," Bennett said. "We've had kids throw up on the morning of the tests ... and I just hate to

see that kind of pressure put on kids."

Johnson sees both sides of the accountability argument. On one hand, he understands the need for the district to show that it is conforming to state accountability standards.

"On the flip side," he countered, "this is a huge burden for young students. To put that kind of pressure on them ... not every student is good at test-taking."

Despite that pressure, however, Johnson is proud of the way Forsan's students have responded.

"From year to year, if we can keep those passing figures somewhere in the 90th percentile, we're happy," he said. "Of course, we always want 100 percent of our students to pass ... but for the size school we are, (recent figures) mean that only one or two of our students are struggling with the TAKS."

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that property tax relief should not come at the expense of other state needs, such as highways, colleges and health care costs.

"Why are you continuing to say we're here to reduce property taxes? It's not true. That is just a political statement," Whitmire said, while debating the measure with Williams. He pointed to the ruling of the Texas Supreme Court,

which did not call for property tax cuts.

Limiting the potential uses of new tax money would force future lawmakers to legalize state-taxed gambling or increase the sales tax in order to meet needs, Whitmire argued.

The third measure approved Monday would change the way used car sales are reported for taxing purposes. It would require all cars to be taxed no more than 20 percent below blue book value.

If Perry signs the new business tax into law, Texas businesses will

be taxed on 1 percent of gross receipts, with deductions for either the cost of goods or employee benefits such as salary and health care. Retailers would pay at a rate of 0.5 percent. It's an expansion of the current loophole-riddled state business tax, which an estimated 15 of every 16 companies avoid paying.

The remaining two parts of the school funding package would levy a higher tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products and swap a portion of the state's multi-billion budget surplus for reduced school property tax rates.

Massive drill to test Texas' hurricane readiness

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This week's drill won't

be entirely realistic. Traffic won't be disrupted and shelters won't be crammed with people acting as evacuees.

But the simulation should still expose what

scenarios need improvement before the hurricane season begins June 1, said John Simsen, Galveston County's emergency management coordinator.

"We need the practice," Simsen said. "Obviously, no one wants a repeat of last year."

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to check out the dog show during weekend

Big Spring is going to the dogs ... literally. Well, that will at least be the case this weekend when the Big Spring Kennel Club and the Concho Kennel Club hold their annual Dog Show at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The show, set for Thursday through Sunday, will have as many as 800 dogs of every breed imaginable on hand to compete the show's top honors.

In other words, this is some kind of show ... even if it does tend to be a little less formal than those like the Westminister Kennel Club's show that is annually broadcast on television.

"This show is held the same way the dog shows on television are held, but you're a lot more likely to see people dressed in jeans and T-shirts at ours. But the intensity is still very much there," said Tammie Porter, a spokesperson for the Kennel Club.

Porter said each dog will compete within its breed, then in groups as the canines move closer to the daily award of best of show.

Visitors that want to see the different breeds are encouraged to get to the coliseum early, though because the exhibitions begin at 8 a.m., and as the dogs complete their competitions, the owners usually take them back to the hotel rooms or to their RVs. So the earlier you get there, the more likely you are to get to see all of the dogs that are competing.

Admission to the show is free, but onlookers would do well to remember a few simple rules of dog show etiquette if they plan to attend. They shouldn't bring their pets to the show and shouldn't touch one of the competing dogs without getting permission.

It should be noted here that the decision to make the show a four-day event helps not only competitors involved in the show, but also our community.

Having a four-day show gives competitors the most "bang" for their buck, especially with gasoline prices and other travel expenses on the rise.

But it also puts many of these visitors here in Big Spring for four days — that's twice as long a stay in a local motel as a normal weekend show would provide. It's twice the opportunities for restaurants to serve meals to our visitors, service stations to sell gasoline...

So, we here at the *Herald* want to take this opportunity to salute both the Big Spring and Concho kennel clubs on their decision to have a four-day event, and we hope our readers will do the same.

More importantly, when you happen to meet an out-of-town visitor this weekend, thank them for coming to Big Spring. Let them know we consider their coming here important and hope they'll come again.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not lose our heavenly perspective, Lord, and miss our future.

Amen

Marijuana prohibition doesn't work

In an age when so many politicians pander to popular opinion, why is it impossible to imagine Washington restoring so much as an ounce of sanity to the so-called war on drugs?

A Zogby poll in 2002 found that 61 percent of Americans oppose arresting and jailing nonviolent marijuana smokers. Yet there isn't a major politician in America who would support decriminalizing or legalizing marijuana. Many may have used it — some even inhaled — and still they want marijuana to be illegal.

The folks from NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), which commissioned the Zogby poll, met at the Holiday Inn on Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco last week in their quixotic bid to legalize marijuana. There were the expected male ponytails and counterculture clothing, but no contraband wafted through the lobby.

Marijuana activists can't smoke even cigarettes in California hotels. NORML Executive Director Allen St. Pierre archly noted, "You (Californians) are great at ostracizing the tobacco user." Implicit is his message: Let social sanction, not the heavy arm of the law, deal with marijuana abuse. Not that St. Pierre equates marijuana use with abuse.

St. Pierre is a 40-year-old Republican who readily acknowledges the "bipolar" nature of his constituency — Green Party members and Libertarians who think "drug reform is a big deal." Alas,

they are up against heavyweight Democrats and Republicans — "people who couldn't be in a room together" on other issues, says St. Pierre — who are united in the cause of outlawing a substance tried by 40 percent of Americans.

As St. Pierre sees it, few pols talk about legalizing marijuana because they don't want to cross parents who naturally want to protect their children from marijuana — who don't want to see the kids' education suffer or for them to fall in with the wrong crowd. Legalize marijuana, many fear, and its use will increase.

"Use will go up," St. Pierre says. At the same time, the government won't be turning hundreds of thousands of users into criminals. (In 2004, 684,319 people were arrested in America for marijuana possession alone, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.) Legalize pot, and there will be economic savings in the criminal-justice sector, as well as less wasted human potential.

How do you protect your children from marijuana? To answer, St. Pierre asks, "How do you protect your children from tobacco?" Teen smoking in America has seen a big decline, even though tobacco is legal, thanks to high taxes, nonsmoking rules and social ostracism. And yet not one person has gone to jail for smoking a cigarette.

So what will it take to change Washington? As St. Pierre sees it, politicians won't reassess the drug war until law enforcement challenges drug laws. That's where Norm Stamper, former Seattle police chief and NORML's new advisory board member, and LEAP (Law Enforcement Against Prohibition) come in.

In his book, "Breaking Rank: A

Top Cop's Expose of the Dark Side of American Policing," Stamper lays out a case for decriminalizing drugs. That's the wrong choice of words, he told me Thursday: America should legalize, tax and regulate marijuana and other drugs.

In sum: "Prohibition doesn't work," he says. Legalize drugs, and there will be fewer overdoses, as government regulations would make dosages uniform and safer, said Stamper. Users would be less marginalized, and hence more likely to find productive jobs. Most important, police would be able to focus on violent crime, not petty crimes that hurt the abuser more than society.

Stamper recognizes there are addicts leading miserable, chaotic lives. He believes — although he can't prove it — that addicts might seek help sooner if there were no legal sanction. While I would not jump onto the legalize-everything-now bandwagon, decriminalizing marijuana and not incarcerating users — unless they break other laws — seems like a sensible start in reassessing what works. It's time for Washington leaders to admit that if prohibition isn't reducing abuse significantly, then drug laws are not compassionate.

LEAP argues that after spending more than a trillion dollars, and arresting millions of users, "drugs are cheaper, easier to get and far more potent than they were when we started this war (on drugs) in 1970."

Or, as Stamper said of prohibition, "It's not working because it can't."

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DEBRA SAUNDERS



Democrats using GOP playbook

Two years ago, Republicans came roaring into New York City for their national convention in a frank effort to remind people of 9-11 and underscore the party's advantage on the issue of terrorism.

It worked: After four days in which Ground Zero was mentioned repeatedly, George Bush emerged from the convention with a commanding lead in the polls and a decided advantage on the issue of terrorism.

Now, however, the Republicans are crying foul over the Democratic National Committee's decision to hold its spring meeting in ... New Orleans.

Democrats are combining rebuilding activities — literally going out with hard hats and shovels — with party business. The purpose is clear. Taking a page from the GOP's book two years ago, they are using location to play politics — this time, negative politics. The goal is to underscore one of the Republicans' greatest perceived failures: the Hurricane Katrina problem.

One of the reasons George Bush's approval rating is at historic lows is because his administration is perceived to have failed at preventing the disaster, dealing with it at the time and rebuilding in the months since.

What's good for the goose is good for the gander. Republicans will be lucky if all the Democrats hold in New Orleans is a spring DNC meeting — there are many who are pushing for the city to be the site of the 2008 convention, even though Bush won't be running then and, hopefully, the city will be in better shape.

The decisions made in the business portion of the New Orleans meeting may, however, determine who will be nominated in 2008, wherever that convention is held. The most important business going on at this meeting is the consideration of the schedule for the 2008 convention. The big issue at this meeting is which state or states will be allowed to move up caucuses to sometime between Iowa and New Hampshire.

nd New Hampshire, which have fiercely guarded their first-in-the-nation status — Iowa as the first caucus and New Hampshire as the first primary — and those who have criticized these small states for having too much influence and, frankly, being too white.

Far from reducing the influence of Iowa and New Hampshire, which is its purpose, moving one or more states to the week between the two will probably increase their clout. A candidate who wins Iowa, the in-between states and New Hampshire will have the nomination locked up before what is called the "wind-down" — the official opening of the process — even opens up.

In the history of rules reform, the one thing that has held true is the rule of unintended consequences. Conservatives created Super Tuesday, moving most of the South to the same day, only to see Jesse Jackson as its prime beneficiary. Worse, in many subsequent rounds, the contest didn't even last that long.

In New Orleans, some 10 states made presentations to the Rules Committee that they should be allowed to move up to the week between Iowa and New Hampshire. The gist of most of the presentations, from states ranging from Nevada and Arizona (emphasizing their Hispanic populations) to South Carolina (emphasizing its African American population) is that they are more "representative" than Iowa and New Hampshire. Representative means less white.

Of course, the problem Democrats have winning general elections is winning white voters. But Democrats have never quite decided whether the goal of the party should be to reward its loyalists or win necessary converts. The decision to go build in New Orleans is a positive step in the direction of persuading new voters. But the continuous fumbling with the rules, which is likely to produce exactly the opposite of the intended result, makes clear that Democrats are still Democrats when it comes to rules.

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By JUAN A. LOZANO

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Thousands of immigrants rally

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — From the suburbs to the U.S.-Mexico border, demonstrators marched and many businesses closed Monday to support a nationwide boycott designed to show the country's reliance on the work and spending power of illegal immigrants.

In Houston, between 15,000 to 30,000 people gathered at Memorial Park for the nationwide "Day Without Immigrants" protest waved American and Mexican flags. Many said their employers had given them the day off.

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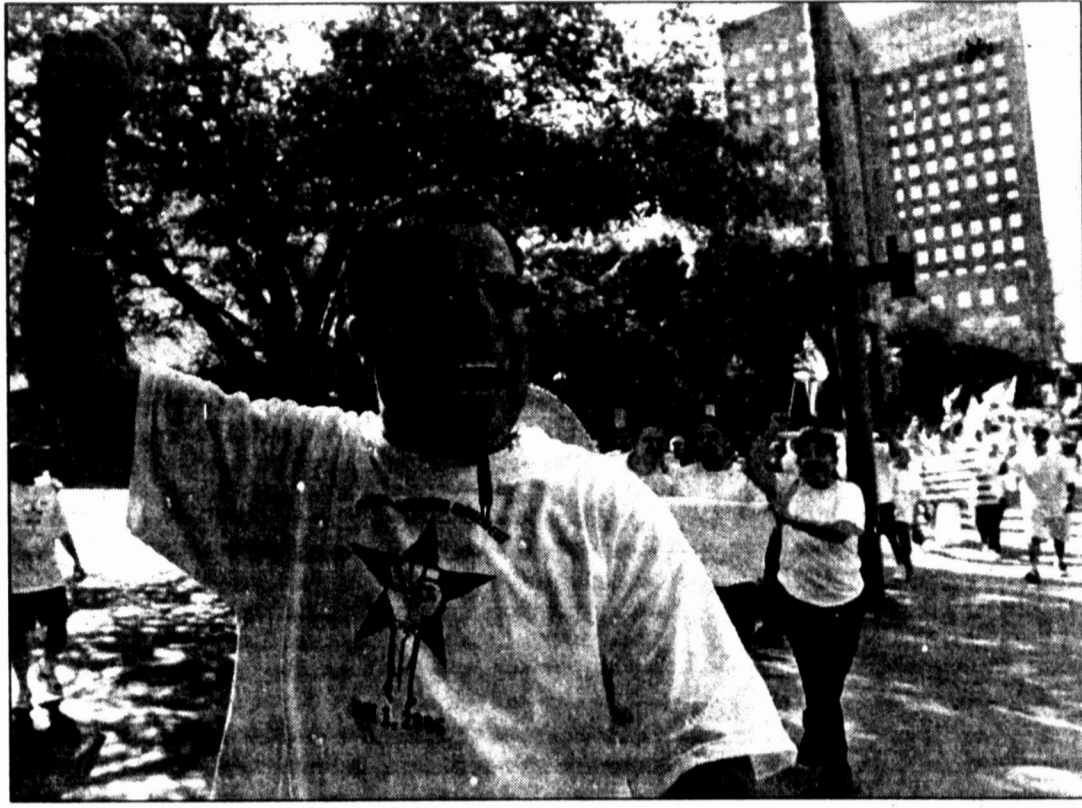
After the Houston rally, demonstrators marched three miles to the offices of U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who does not support a compromise proposal that could be on the Senate floor by month's end. The Senate bill would allow future workers to seek legal residence after a period of work.

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Nearly 200 people gathered outside Cornyn's Dallas office, chanting and carrying signs that read "John Cornyn — Today We March. Tomorrow We Vote." Cornyn, chairman of



KRT photo/Jill Johnson, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Jose Avalos leads marchers down Main Street to the Fort Worth Convention Center Monday as part of the National Rights Movement after a planned national day of economic and work protests across the country.

the Senate Judiciary Committee's immigration subcommittee, said he was puzzled why he was targeted. Cornyn said he is a longtime supporter of comprehensive immigration reform and blamed delays in passing a bill on "Democrat obstruction."

Thousands of marchers also demonstrated at City Hall and Kiest Park in Dallas.

One marcher, Raymond Espinoza, said very few employees came to work Monday at the printing warehouse where he packs shipments. While his bosses were mostly bewildered about the event, they were still supportive, Espinoza said.

"This kind of thing helps to overcome barriers. It brings people together," he said.

In El Paso, about 2,000 people marched from the Chamizal National Monument to a nearby international bridge connecting to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Hundreds of protesters carrying signs and waving U.S. flags marched across the bridge from Mexico to the U.S. and stayed briefly. They were met by a line of police officers and Customs and Border Protection agents.

At a rally at the Capitol in Austin, more than 1,000 people carried signs and flags from the U.S. and Latin American countries. A handful of demonstrators were beating drums and some

chanted, "What do we want? Justice!"

From his office in the nation's capital, U.S. Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, said the nationwide boycott will do more harm than good because attending school and working are opportunities immigrants want.

"Moreover, despite a constitutional guarantee that people may peacefully assemble, footage of Latinos marching through American cities will be used by the fringe right as evidence that our nation is being overrun by immigrants. Of course, this is not true," Gonzalez said in a statement.

Sidewalks were almost empty in downtown Brownsville, a grid of mostly discount shops that usually bustles with foot traffic from across the border in Matamoros, Mexico. Many shops closed because owners heard that Mexicans were staying home Monday to support U.S. protesters.

In the predominantly Hispanic Oak Cliff area of Dallas, more than half of the stores had signs in Spanish telling customers they were closed and gave messages of support for immigrants.

Malone's Cost-Plus, a chain of nine Dallas supermarkets and more than 800 restaurants owned by Malone's Food Stores Ltd., was closed Monday as a gesture of support, said general manager Rick Gomez.

About 95 percent of its work force and 90 percent of its customers are Hispanic.

While temperatures climbed above 90 degrees, Delicias Paletaeria y Neveria ice cream shop, one of the few stores open, had almost no customers. The store also rents carts and sells ice cream to about 50 street vendors, but only five showed up Monday morning, said Roberto Gonzalez, 25.

Gonzalez said he was skeptical about the boycott's effectiveness, saying it takes money out of the community and hurts businesses rather than elevating Hispanics.

About 3,000 people attended a second rally in Houston held later on Monday for those who worked. Some immigrants said they couldn't afford to take the day off or were worried about ramifications if they skipped.

Woman sentenced in deadly smuggling attempt

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman convicted of leading the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt has been sentenced to more than 17 years in federal prison.

Before her sentencing Monday, Karla Patricia Chavez Joya sobbed and asked for forgiveness for her role in the May 2003 smuggling operation that left 19 immigrants dead.

"To say I have no compassion for those people, that is not true," she said in court.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore gave

Chavez a sentence that surpassed federal guidelines, which called for 11 1/4 years to 14 years. Gilmore said she settled on the sentence after concluding Chavez was a leader in the smuggling operation and to "reflect the seriousness of the offense and the fact that 19 people died."

Prosecutors had asked the judge to impose a life sentence for Chavez, who had pleaded guilty being involved in a smuggling conspiracy that led to the death of an immigrant in 2003.

Contract Bridge

By Beck

Lost in the Twilight Zone

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ Q 10 5
♥ 7 3
♦ A 10 9 2
♠ A K 8 2

WEST EAST
♦ K 9 8 3 ♦ 6 4
♥ K 8 5 2 ♥ J 10 9 6
♦ 8 7 5 ♦ K Q J 6 3
♠ 7 4 ♠ 10 9

SOUTH
♦ A J 7 2
♥ A Q 4
♦ 4
♠ Q J 6 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♦ Pass
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Opening lead — eight of diamonds.

The chief danger in many deals lies in playing impulsively at a critical point instead of taking the time to think things out. Hasty play is advantageous in some games, but not in bridge.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the eight of diamonds. You can't afford to rise with the ace, which would leave the diamonds wide open, so you cover the

eight with the nine, which loses to the jack. You plan to duck the next diamond if East returns the king, since East is marked by the opening lead with the K-Q-J. However, East shifts to the jack of hearts at trick two.

This is the moment when you must take care not to act too quickly by playing the queen. The temptation to finesse, whenever you have the A-Q-x facing two small, is almost irresistible, but it would be a dreadful play to make here.

If you go up with the ace, you can be 100 percent sure of the contract, regardless of how the cards are divided. You simply cross to dummy with a club and lead the queen of spades, planning to finesse. Win or lose, you are certain to score at least three spades, five clubs and the two red aces.

But if you finesse the queen of hearts, which you might do if you were thinking of where you parked the car that morning, a sad fate would befall you when West took the king and returned a heart.

You would take the spade finesse later on, in an effort to make the contract, but ultimately you would go down one, losing three hearts, a diamond and a spade.

Tomorrow: The road to good defense.

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Bird poop

The nest vibrated with the sudden clap of thunder.

The hatchlings nestled against each other for reassurance, while their mother clung to the side of the nest. Followed by flashes of light, the thunder increased.



BEBE MCCASLAND

When the rain began, it fell softly. In a matter of minutes, a spring shower suddenly turned into a torrent of water.

As droplets of moisture pelted the mother and her babies, the nest shook. Tumbling downwards, it struck objects that jolted the family that depended upon it.

Coming to an abrupt halt, their cup-shaped home had been dislodged and had scattered its contents.

Arriving early at the Potton House the next morning, the volunteer expected the worst from the early morning storm. Grabbing towels, she immediately went to the fireplace.

Every time a hard rain occurred, the chimney leaked and water would be on the floor.

As she turned the corner and proceeded into the room, she stopped. On the floor with the puddle of water was what appeared to be a wet baby mouse.

Taking a towel, she scooped it up and placed it aside. After removing the decorative fireplace screen, she discovered three more mice.

As one of them moved, she was startled to discover that they were not mice after all. The four gray, helpless babies were birds.

When we arrived, the volunteer had wrapped the babies in a cloth and was trying to keep them warm. The chimney swifts would be quite a challenge.

As we examined the fireplace, we saw the mother bird leave the damper area and retreat up the chimney.

Bravely, she had stayed with her young, even though they had been strewn across the hearth. Due to the water coursing down the chimney during the storm, the nest had been loosened from the bricks.

In building the stick nest that was held together and to the chimney wall with her saliva, the mother's efforts had been successful. The nest protected her offspring through the ride of their lives.

Once home, we devised

a makeshift nest to resemble their former home. Their toes immediately grabbed the rough sides.

The birds seemed contented. A diet of formula and insects was readily accepted. Pinfeathers emerged quickly. Feathers unfurled. Eyes opened.

With their forward facing toes and tail feathers tipped with spines, the maturing swifts would be able to cling to any vertical surface.

At this stage of development, the swifts were ready for the Wildlife Center.

We thought about returning them to the Potton House chimney, but could not be sure the mother or an adult bird would assume responsibility.

The swifts would take



Courtesy photo

Nearly every aspect of the chimney swift's existence, including eating, bathing, gathering nest materials and courtship, is accomplished in flight.

flight in a special area at the Center.

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IN BRIEF

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The Forsan sports banquet will take place tonight, 6:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Tickets for the banquet are \$10 and can be purchased in the high school office, but must be purchased Thursday, April 27.

HC sets girl's summer basketball camp dates

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The second camp will also take place June 5-8. The camp goes from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., costs \$ and is for grades four through eight. The third camp is shooting and postcard camp and it runs from June 19-22 from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp costs \$60 and for grades seven through 10.

For more information, call 264-5043-816-4327. Pre-registration for all three camps is also encouraged.

Coahoma sets date for athletic banquet

Coahoma ISD has set the school's annual athletic banquet for May 8 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. The banquet will honor the school athletes. The night includes a \$8 meal for nonathletes and the includes roast beef and all the trimmings.

Duke officials think lacrosse team should resume play

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A Duke University committee recommended that the school's lacrosse team resume play next season, but said the team needs strict monitoring because of a history of problems tied to alcohol.

Duke canceled the team's season last month, following allegations that a black woman was raped and beaten by three white men at a team party where she had been hired to strip.

A grand jury indicted two players — sophomores Ryan Sellmann, of East Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, of Garden City, N.Y. — on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual assault, and District Attorney Mike Nifong has said he hopes charges will be dropped. The committee report focused on the behavior of the team during the past season.

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The banquet will honor the school's athletes. The night includes a \$5 meal to nonathletes and that includes roast beef and all the trimmings.

Duke officials think lacrosse team should resume play

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A Duke University committee recommended that the school's lacrosse team resume play next season, but said the team needs strict monitoring because of a history of problems tied to alcohol.

Duke canceled the team's season last month, following allegations that a black woman was raped and beaten by three white men at a team party where she had been hired to strip.

A grand jury has indicted two players — sophomores Reade Belligmann, of Essex Falls, N.J., and Collin Finerney, of Garden City, N.Y. — on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual assault, and District Attorney Mike Wilson has said he hopes to charge a third person. The committee's report focused on the behavior of the team during the past five years.

Fairley, Pena further athletic careers on hardwood

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

After two stellar seasons at Howard College, sophomores Jennifer Pena and Latoya Fairley have decided to further their athletic careers on the hardwood after both signed letters of intent recently.

Fairley, who was a two-time all-conference player while at Howard, will move on to Division I Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Penn., while Pena will attend the University of Missouri at Rolla (UMR), a Division II school.

"They were good assets to the program," said Howard head coach Earl Diddle. "I inherited both of them and that can sometimes be tough on both sides, but they were always loyal to me and I am happy for the both of them because they both want to play basketball."

Fairley got some interest from Texas Tech, Louisiana Tech, UTEP and the University of Texas at San Antonio, but ultimately chose Robert Morris because of the environment, the coaches and the fact that the program has a good record.

"They want me to basically do what I did here and I hope to maybe take them to a championship," said Fairley.

Pena visited Midwest State in Wichita Falls and got interest from Iowa Wesleyan and Eastern New Mexico, but liked UMR because of the academics it can provide.

"I want to be a chemical engineer and they have one of the best programs in the nation for that," said Pena. "They also offered me the most money."

Both Pena and Fairley have expectations to what they want out of their first season at their new schools.

"I want to start on the team, become a better student and graduate," said Fairley. "It's a big deal to me to graduate because I'm the first child of my mom's to go to college so I want to get that degree."

Pena added, "It'll be tough to come in and take someone's spot on the court away from them, but I'll work hard in the summer to try and do that. Academically, it will be even harder, but I'll keep my head on straight and not let anything get in the way."

The move to Missouri for Pena marks the first real experience away from home. She is originally from the Lubbock area, which is less than two hours away from Big Spring. Rolla, Mo., is a



From left: Howard women's assistant basketball coach Eric Rodewald, Jennifer Pena, Latoya Fairley and head coach Earl Diddle enjoy a moment after the Howard College athletic banquet Sunday night. Pena and Fairley recently signed letters of intent to further their basketball careers.

few states away. "It'll be hard because I won't be able to rely on my parents for things as much as I did here," said Pena. "I think I can handle it though. I'll just make new friends, work out a lot and concentrate on school."

And Pena's parents fully support her decision.

"They like the decision because it's a good school

and it will give me a chance to have opportunities after school," said Pena. "They know it is only for two years and I will be back."

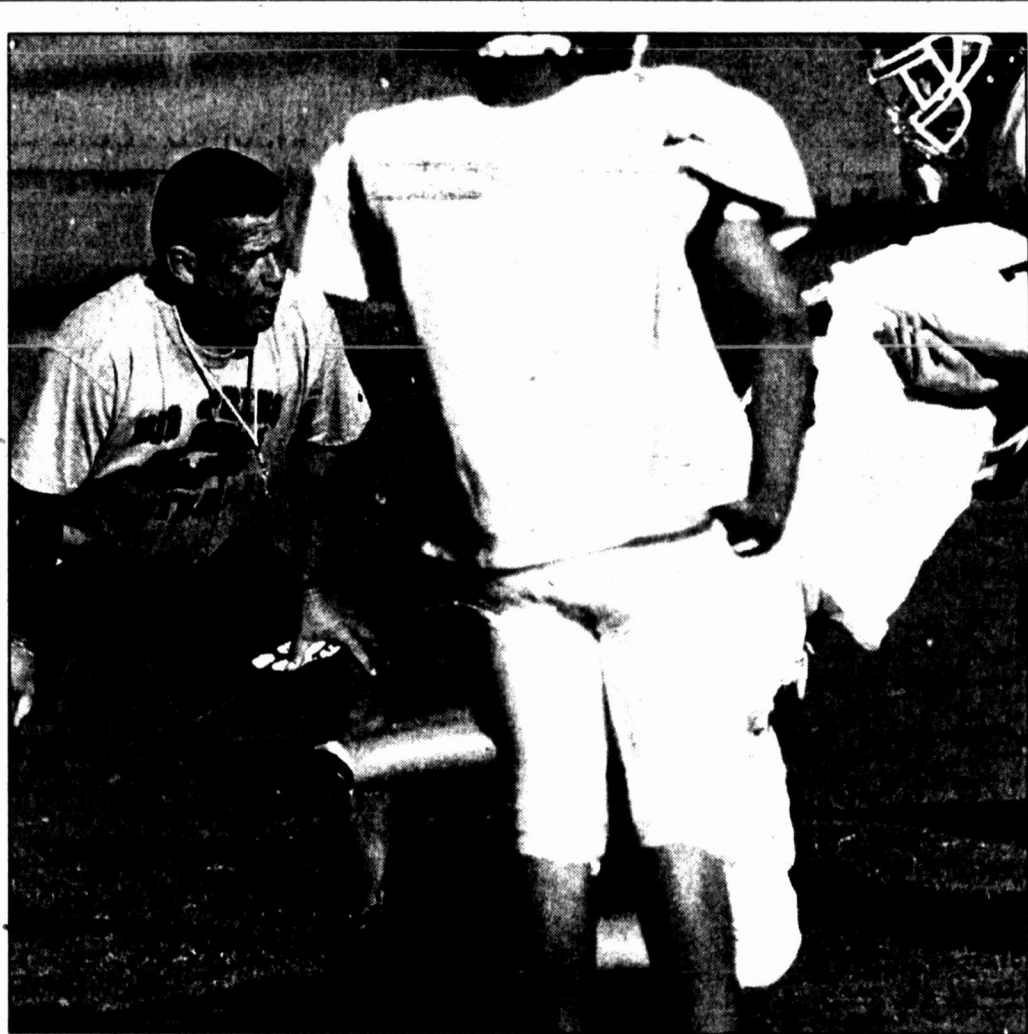
Fairley came to Howard from Long Beach, Calif. Now she takes her athletic career to the other end of the United States. But, that doesn't phase her.

"I'm used to being away from home because I have

spent two years in Big Spring, which is not close to home," said Fairley. "It was hard at first but now it shouldn't be a problem. My mom isn't worried about me but she does joke about how I keep getting further away from home."

Fairley should have little trouble meeting new

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Big Spring assistant football coach Larry Dearen, left, takes members of the Steer team through a stretching drill during the first spring practice of the season Monday.

Mavs finish off Grizzlies in Memphis

By WOODY BAIRD

Associated Press Writer
MEMPHIS, Tenn.

The fans had seen it all before, so the lines to the exits started building up early in the fourth quarter.

The Memphis Grizzlies were taking another playoff beating — and setting the NBA record for the most consecutive postseason losses.

"I feel badly for our fans, our owner, the people upstairs," Memphis coach Mike Fratello said after the Grizzlies' 102-76 loss Monday in Game 4 of their playoff series with the Dallas Mavericks. "Unfortunately, we didn't play our best basketball, and they played great basketball."

For the third time in three years, the Grizzlies were swept in the first round of the playoffs.

They have 12 playoff losses in a row, surpassing Denver's record of 11 set in 1994.

The Grizzlies were swept by Phoenix last year and San Antonio the year before in the only other playoff appearances in franchise history.

By midway through the final period, most of the starters for Dallas and Memphis were on the sidelines and the fans were leaving their seats.

The announced attendance was 15,104, well below the Grizzlies' sell-out figure of 18,119.

Dirk Nowitzki, the Mavericks' scoring leader, said he was glad to get the first round over quickly. But then, he didn't really have much to worry about.

Except for a push in Game 3 which went into overtime Saturday,

Memphis fell easily, giving the Mavericks their first best-of-seven sweep.

In the Western Conference semifinals, Dallas will face the winner of the San Antonio-Sacramento series, which is tied at two games apiece. The Spurs-Kings series would end Sunday if it goes seven games.

"We have some guys banged up and we'll get some rest. But we can't relax too much," Nowitzki said.

"We've still got to get some work done this week, work on some defense location stuff that we messed up this week and just, you know, stay sharp."

Nowitzki, who averaged 32.7 points in the first three games, was 12-of-21 from the floor in Game 4 for 27 points. Josh

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Buffaloes end track season at regionals

• Forsan relay team, Newcomb captures fifth-place finish

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald
ABILENE — The Forsan Buffalo boy's track team competed in the regional meet in Abilene over the weekend with several of its members turning in fine performances.

In the field events, Wesley Newcomb and Steven Chavez competed well in their respective events.

Newcomb placed fifth in the long jump with a mark of 20-9.25 and



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Chavez took 12th in the discus with a throw of 122-0.

On the track, Forsan sent its 400-meter relay team and Justin Forshee ran in the 400-meter dash finals.

The relay team, which consisted of Skylier Sandridge, Newcomb, Forshee, Jace Sandridge and Mitchell Murray, took home fifth place in the region with a time of 44.8.

Forshee placed eighth in the 400 meters.

Bulldogettes fall to 3A Clyde in warmup game

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes lost another warmup game Monday against Class 3A Clyde.

No. 6 Coahoma pounded out 12 hits at the plate, but committed three errors in the field in a 4-2 loss.

"The errors hurt us definitely," said Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson. "We didn't make them earn it."

Coahoma led 1-0 after two innings before Clyde came back to tie the game in the fourth and took the lead for good in the fifth with three runs. The Bulldogettes scored one run in the bottom of the seventh but it was not enough to get the win.

"We hit the ball hard all night and have done so most of the year, but tonight we just couldn't get any runs to cross," said Dickenson.

Coahoma pounded out 12 hits and, according to Dickenson, had several



"hard hit deflected balls which landed right to the defense."

"It was crazy, he added. "We just couldn't find the holes even when we did find the holes."

Senior Kali Roberts had four hits at the plate and lead the offense. Seniors Drew Wells and Ashle and junior Ami Martinez all had two hits each and sophomore Christie Rich and freshman Laci Sterling each had one hit as well.

Two Coahoma pitchers only gave up four hits in the game and three out of the four runs were unearned.

Roberts started on the mound and pitched to two batters in the fifth inning

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friends as two former WJCAC players are currently at Robert Morris. Psyche Butler played for New Mexico JC and Natasha Summerville was a standout at Frank Phillips.

"Psyche was my host when I went on my visit and she told the coaches about me because she knew me from Howard, but she didn't influence my decision on where to go," said Fairley, who wants to major in English and maybe host her own TV show someday. "I wanted to get back to the big city life though."

Both Fairley and Pena were brought to Howard by former head coach Lorin Miller and then Miller resigned midway through the season. But, the girls enjoyed their

experience at Howard and enjoyed playing for Diddle and assistant coach Eric Rodewald.

"I like it here," said Pena. "It was hard at first, but I think Latoya and I handled things well. Coach Diddle made me view things a different way and that made me more versatile. His style of play will help me at the next level. Coach Rodewald keeps your head on straight and works hard with a lot of things."

Fairley added, "The situation here was hard because I liked the other coaches before they left, but I think coach Diddle is a great coach. He helped me become a better rebounder and both coaches helped me stay focused in class and on the court."

Pena averaged 10.4 points per game in her two seasons at Howard and hit 95 3-pointers. She had 616 points, 203 assists, 191 rebounds and 110 steals in her career. She had the highest free throw percentage in Howard College history for a season (82.5 percent) and for a career (82.2 percent) and ranked 26th in the nation this past season.

"Jen will be able to score because she can hit the 3-pointer and is a

good free throw shooter and because she understands the game she'll be a big asset to Rolla's program.

"Rolla really needed a combo guard and Jen can give that to them. Anytime you can play more than one position it really helps out."

Alan Eads is the head coach at UMR and the Lady Miners went 17-11 last year and were 10-9 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Fairley led her team in both scoring and rebounding in both her years at Howard. Her career scoring average at Howard was 17.4 and she averaged 8.3 rebounds per game.

She is also Howard College's career rebound leader with 492. She scored 1,024 points in her career, shot 53 percent from the field and had 64 career blocks.

"She fits into the program at Robert Morris because she is athletic and the program is athletic-oriented," said Diddle. "She will most likely play two different positions and with its style of play she'll be a dynamite player for Robert Morris."

The Robert Morris Colonials are coached by head coach Sal Buscaglia and play in the Northeast Conference.

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Howard had 24 points for Dallas on 9-of-17 shooting and grabbed nine rebounds.

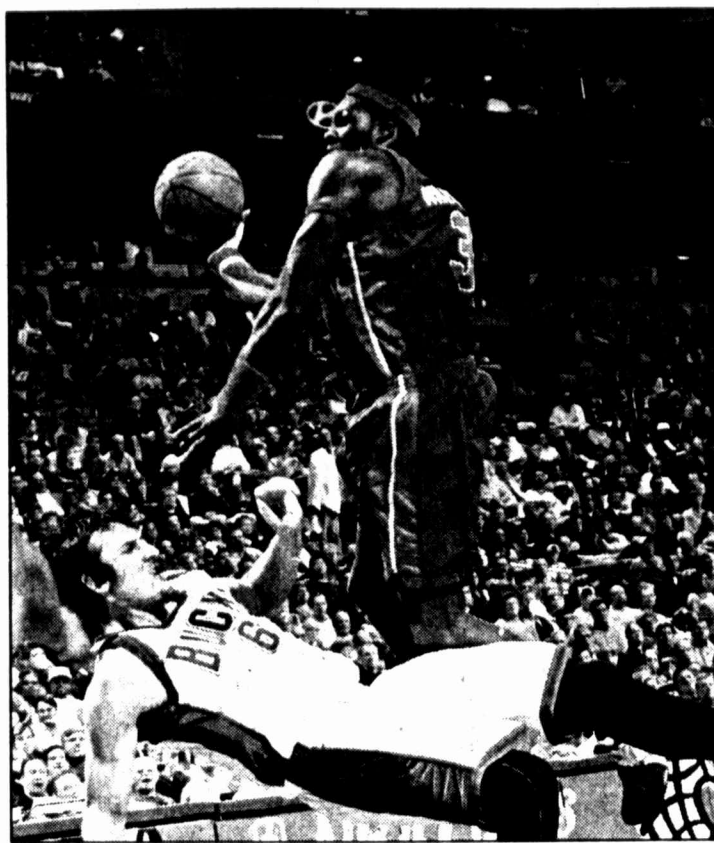
Clippers 101, Nuggets 83

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cuttino Mobley and Corey Maggette each scored 23 points, Elton Brand added 21 points and 13 rebounds, and the Clippers took command in the third quarter to beat the Denver Nuggets 101-83 Monday night and win the first-round best-of-seven Western Conference series 4-1.

The Clippers hadn't won a playoff series since 1976, when the team was playing in Buffalo and beat the Philadelphia 76ers in the opening round.

Pistons 109, Bucks 99

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Chauncey Billups was 16-of-16 from the foul line and scored 34 points to send the Pistons back to Detroit with a 3-1 series



KRT photo/Benny Siou, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Milwaukee Bucks' Andrew Bogut, left, goes down as Detroit Pistons' Ben Wallace drives to the basket during the Pistons' 109-99 win over the Bucks at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee, Wisc., Monday.

lead. The Pistons can finish off the Bucks with a victory in Game 5 Wednesday night in Detroit. The Bucks had taken an 86-85 lead on Joe Smith's jump shot with 5:52 remaining in the game. But the Pistons answered with an 8-0 run.

Johnson wins rain-delayed race at Talladega

• Gordon leads most laps, finishes in 15th; Stewart takes second

By JENNA FRYER

AP Motorsports Writer TALLADEGA, Ala. — After too many Talladega mistakes to keep track of, Jimmie Johnson figured out the best strategy for restrictor-plate racing: Don't try to lead all the laps when the last is all that really counts.

Johnson executed it to perfection Monday, passing teammate Brian Vickers with one lap to go to win the rain-rescheduled race at Talladega Superspeedway.

It made Johnson two-for-two at plate races this season — he also won the Daytona 500 — and proved he's come a long way from last year, when he was blamed for wrecking 39 cars in two Talladega races.

It's a marked turnaround from last year, when Johnson was criticized for being too aggressive and not patient enough at Talladega.

He was blamed for three accidents in two different races, including a 25-car pileup that led Dale Earnhardt Jr. to brand him an "idiot."

Once out front, Johnson still had to contend with

Tony Stewart.

Stewart wound up second — his sixth runner-up finish in the past 11 races at the track.

Vickers was third, followed by Jeff Burton and Jamie McMurray. Kenseth, Kurt Busch, Carl Edwards, Scott Riggs and Robby Gordon.

Jeff Gordon, who was seeking his third straight victory in this race, led a race-high 62 laps and was battling teammates

Johnson and Vickers for the win in the final laps. But he fell off when Johnson roared to the front, fading back to a 15th-place finish.

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before getting pulled for senior Sarah Dunn. Roberts, who took the loss, allowed one earned run on three hits and struck out five, while walking one.

Dunn threw the final three innings and gave up one run on one hit and struck out one while walking one.

"Kali was tired because she hasn't thrown much lately due to her sore shoulder, but I wasn't going to throw her the whole game anyway. I'm not worried about her though. I just didn't want to overdo it with the playoffs coming up."

The Bulldogettes take a 21-9-2 record into the post-season.

They will take on Kermit in a best-of-three

Playoff Softball

Big Spring vs. El Paso Burges Area Championship @ Alpine
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Game 1: Friday, 5 p.m.
Game 2: Saturday, 10 a.m.
Game 3: 20 minutes after Game 2 if necessary

Coahoma vs. Kermit Area Championship @Midland (Freddie Ezell Park)
Best two out of three series
Game 1: Friday, 5 p.m.
Game 2: Saturday, 1 p.m.
Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2 if necessary.

Howard softball Region West Tournament @El Paso
Saturday and Sunday
The four teams involved in the tournament will be Howard, Midland, Odessa and Western Texas. Howard will play Midland in Round 1, while Odessa plays Western Texas. The tournament is double elimination.

Area championship series starting Friday at 5 p.m. at the Freddie Ezell Complex (Muggs Field) in Midland. Game 2 of the series will be Saturday at 1 p.m. and if a third game is necessary it will be played about 20 minutes after the completion of the second game.



BUSY IZZIE AND BIG BOY

This story is about a little girl and her brother. Are you a little girl? Do you have a little brother? Are you a little boy?

Do you have a little brother or sister? Are you a big boy? Do you have a little brother? Do you have a little sister? Are you a big girl? Are you a big girl with a big brother and sister? Are you laughing at me?

Let's begin this story before I fall asleep! Are you ready to fall asleep? Have you brushed your teeth? Have you had your bath? Are you all tucked in? Wait a minute! Let me check those teeth. Good! They look nice and clean.

Busy Izzie was a little girl who just loved cats. She even loved little kittens! Do you like kittens, too? Busy Izzie loved all cats and kittens. She would spend all day, each day, playing with her cat. Her cat's name was Chris. I don't know why she named her cat Chris. She just did! She played with

Chris all day long and sometimes way into the evening. She was always very busy with her cat. She never took the time to play with her brother, Big Boy.

Now, please don't ask me why Izzie's brother was named Big Boy. For I don't know that either. I am just telling this story the same way it was told to me, many years ago. I think he was called Big Boy because he was a big boy! Does any of this story make any sense to you yet? Me, either! Are you laughing again?

Big Boy loved to skateboard. He would skateboard all day long, but never in the streets or sidewalks. He always skated in safe places. He didn't want to get hurt and he didn't want to hurt anyone else. He would only skate in skateparks. Do you know how to skate on a skateboard?

As Big Boy got a little older, he got a little better at skateboarding. As he became a little older, he got even better. As he got a little older than that even, he became really good! He would be a champion, someday! He always asked Busy Izzie to come watch him skate, but Busy Izzie was always too busy!

When Big Boy was ten years old and had a birthday party, Busy Izzie could not come to his party because she was playing with Chris, the cat. When Big Boy was eleven years old and had a birthday party, Busy Izzie could not come to her brother's birthday party because she was just too busy! Big Boy was always very

busy too, but he always came to

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Busy Izzie's birthday parties. He was never too busy to help Busy Izzie with her homework. He was never too busy to help Busy Izzie with anything!

Then one day, Big Boy was walking down the street near his home when he saw it! It was a poster that seemed to be calling him! There was going to be a very big skateboarding contest next week! It was a contest that Big Boy wanted to enter, because he just knew that he would have a chance to win that contest! He did enter it and couldn't wait to tell Busy Izzie about how excited he was. He ran to his home where Busy Izzie was—? What was Busy Izzie doing? Did you say, "Playing with

Chris, the cat?" You are right! But Busy Izzie was playing so much with Chris that she did not even listen to what Big Boy was saying about the contest. This made Big Boy very sad! He turned around and slowly walked out of her room. Izzie never saw the tear in his eye!

The big day came! Contest day! Big Boy was ready. He had practiced and practiced. He knew that he was going to do his very best this day, even if his sister did not want to come watch him trying to win. It was his turn! He skated like he had always skated on that skateboard, except this time, even better! He skated and

skated, and won! He really won this contest! And, he got a very pretty blue ribbon as a prize. He couldn't wait to go home and show his prize to Busy Izzie!

He ran home! He flew into Busy Izzie's room! There was Izzie, playing with Chris, the cat! "Look, look Izzie. Look what I won," shouted Big Boy. Busy Izzie was so busy with her cat that she never even heard Big Boy! Big Boy was so hurt and when he turned and walked away this time, there were tears in both eyes. This story is getting really sad, isn't it?

Big Boy grew up! Big Boy left home to go to a bigger school far, far away. And he took his skateboard with him. He would miss Izzie! But, Izzie wouldn't miss him. Or would she? After all, she didn't even know he was gone, until it was almost too late!

One day, Izzie went into Big Boy's room to ask him a question. He wasn't there anymore, of course. Where is Big Boy? She wished that she had not been too busy for him. She wished that she had listened to him when he told her where he was going. She saw his blue ribbon on the wall. "When did he win this?" she thought. She saw little things here and there that made her wish she had taken the time to play with Big Boy just a little more. She started really missing him! She didn't know where he was. If only she had listened to him, even a little!

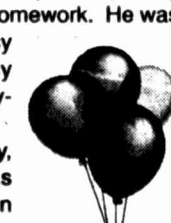
Then she heard it! It was on the television. She heard his name! She ran to the television. There he was, Big Boy! He had won the national championship for skateboarding! And Busy Izzie didn't

even know he could use a skateboard! How sad! Now, there were tears in both of her eyes!

Then the phone rang! Slowly, sadly, Busy Izzie walked to the phone. "Hello," she said as she wiped away all the tears. "Hello, Izzie?", the voice on the other end of the phone line said. "This is Big Boy. Do you remember me? I just called to say, I love you!" Big Boy never said a word about winning the championship. That wasn't as important as telling his sister that he loved her!

Busy Izzie cried and cried, but the tears were tears of joy now. She had made a lot of mistakes with her little brother, and she would never be too busy to listen to him. She listened to everyone from then on. And you know what? Those people had a lot of interesting things to say. Busy Izzie still loves her cat, but she also loves her brother, family and friends, and now, they all love her.

You will never be too busy to listen to your mother, father, brother, sister, or friends, will you? Open your mouth and let me check those teeth again. Okay! They look good. Good Night!



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mother. It's natural to
want to be where you're
most comfortable, doing
the things you usually do
when you're just being
yourself. In order to
make the most of the
astral vibes, add some
cleaning, organizing and
beautifying to the agenda,
so your home will truly
be your castle.

ARIES (March 21-April
19). Share what you
know, and encourage
those insecure people
who hoard information to
loosen up. Your team
mentality will catch on. If
there is a way for
everyone to succeed at
the same time, you will
find it.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). You bring together
people who would never
know one another if it
weren't for you. Also,
introduce

you to new
prospects. Ask more
questions — do

an
informal
background
check.

GEMINI
(May 21-
June 21).
Each

personal contact you
make tests your social
skills. Perfecting your
public persona propels
you forward in any area
of life on which you
focus. Close relationships
bring a bit of heaven to
your doorstep tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). Your idea takes
viable form. It helps to
work it out on paper —
the flaws and
opportunities come
shining off the page. On a
side note: Skip the
purchase you're
considering. It will soon
be on sale.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Collaborative decisions
are winners. Even your
most personal choice,
project or creation will
benefit from the input of
other talented
individuals. Ask for help,
especially from a Libra.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). Your standards for
yourself are admirably
high. If you can cheer
yourself on, you'll have it
made. When your
signmate Pink sings,
"Don't let me get me,"
she's singing about days
like today. Ward off self-
criticism.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
You're in a competitive
mood, but it's a good time
to avoid high-risk
situations. The usual
games are risky enough!
Children (and those who
act like children) need
your mature supervision
tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). Your mission is best
accomplished with the
assistance of at least
three other people. Use
your easy-going
leadership style. Make it
seem like their idea, and
they'll gladly follow your
plan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21). No one gives

you time to yourself, so
you'll have to make it —
possibly even fight for it.
Spending an hour
dreaming, planning and
visualizing your success
saves you from spending
three hours in an act of
futility.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). Thoughtful,
sacred silences are a
necessary part of growing
as a spiritual being.
Avoid idle chatter. It's
not what you say but how
you follow through on
those words that matters
most.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). Your "joi
d'vivre" helps you leave
your mark. People will
exclaim, "What style!
What charisma!" Well,
they may not exclaim it
out loud, but they are
thinking it. You could
even get a date out of it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). In regard to your
difficult loved one —
change your tactics. Do
the opposite of what you
have been doing. This
really works. However, it
will probably require that
you give up needing to be
right.

ASTROLOGICAL
QUESTIONS: "I am a
Gemini, confused about
what I feel for a Pisces.
What are my chances of
being involved with a
Pisces?"

A confused Gemini has
a high chance of getting
involved with any and all
signs for the exclusive
purpose of figuring out
what is going on! The
trick is not to get too
deeply involved. The
state of "confusion" is no
solid launching pad for a
healthy relationship. You
can leave this flummoxed
state by listing what you
like about your Pisces
friend and noting what
you don't like, too. Pisces
is a spiritual touchstone.
By listing the things that
attract you to your
Pisces, you're really
listing the qualities
hiding somewhere inside
yourself that want to
emerge. Likewise with
the repelling qualities of
your Pisces — when you
turn them around,
they're actually attributes
hiding in you that you
want to gain mastery
over or lose completely.
You will enjoy talking
over your findings with a
fellow air sign —
Aquarius, Libra and, of
course, Gemini. These
signs will help you
intellectually understand
the choices you've made
that have been largely
reactive and automatic.
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the vocal cords, and
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Simpson to record music
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9	Boston Legal (CC)	Boston Legal (CC)	Ver Para Crear (CC)	Becker (CC) 70s Show	Dynasty Reun- ion: Catfights	Decisiones	Law & Order: SVU	Seinfeld (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Independent Lans (CC)	Going Tribal (CC)	Movie: Instinct	Up for Grabs (CC)	NBA Basketball:	College Hill Zack & Cody Thurs-Raven	Phal of Future Thurs-Raven	Wrap-Up Special (CC)	Baseball Tonight	Kingdom Hospital
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12	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Paid Program	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids Divorce Court	News The Insider	Maria Celeste Pagado	Conan O'Brien Apex	Update/Israel Booker	Update/Israel Booker	DeeDee Catch (CC)	DeeDee Catch (CC)	The Caveman's	Score Invest. Blind Date	Inside the NBA (CC)	Coma-view (CC)	Sister, Sister Thurs-Raven	It's the Shoes 2 Live Stews	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

DENNIS THE MENACE

"ONE GOOD THING ABOUT VEG-TABLES, JOEY, THEY REALLY MAKE DESSERT TASTE GOOD."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Today was a lot like yesterday, Grandma. So you're right — history does repeat itself."

HAGAR

"I JUST BOUGHT THIS SPECIAL DUCK CALL..."

"WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT IT?"

"LUNK!! LUNK!! LUNK!!"

"THE SALESMAN SAID IT WAS FOR 'HARD OF HEARING DUCKS'!"

BLONDIE

"YOU SAY YOUR BOYFRIEND IS VERY TIMID?"

"YES, HE SAYS THE SWEETEST THINGS TO ME BY E-MAIL, BUT HE'S AFRAID TO TELL ME IN PERSON."

"J.C. Dithers, you miserable, low-down..."

FLUID SWING

"WHAT GOLFERS DEVELOP AFTER 2 HOURS IN THE GRILL ROOM."

WIZARD OF ID

"YOU DIDN'T FINISH YOUR OATMEAL."

"I'D LIKE A HORSEY BAG."

AGNES

"I WILL RAISE MY CRY TO THE HIGHEST OF POWERS! THEY CAN'T CANCEL MY FAVORITE COMIC STRIP!"

"IT'S AN OUTRAGE! COMPLETELY UNFORGIVABLE! A MOST REPRESENTABLE TRAGEDY OF JUSTICE! IT'S A CONSPIRACY!! IT'S IMMORAL! IT'S A BLACK EYE ON OUR CONSTITUTION!!"

"HELP ME OUT... I'VE READ THIS NEW STRIP FIFTY TIMES... I DON'T GET THE HUMOR AT ALL!"

"IT'S AN AD FOR GUTTERS."

HI AND LOIS

"THIRSTY AND I HAVE BEEN SEEING A MARRIAGE COUNSELOR."

"IS IT HELPING?"

"NOW WE HAVE TO GO SEE A FINANCIAL COUNSELOR TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PAY FOR THE MARRIAGE COUNSELOR."

THE OTHER COAST

"SO FAR, WE'VE ISOLATED AND IDENTIFIED DROOLING, SCRATCHING, SHEDDING AND ROLLING ON PERSIAN RUGS."

SNUFFY SMITH

"SHRIEK!! A SNAKE JEST CRAWLED INTO MY LAUNDRY BASKET!!"

"OH, DON'T BE SO SPLEENY, ELVINEY!! I CAN GIT IT OUTTA THAR FER YA!!"

"JUUUUG-HAAAAID!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY

"WHAT'S A MEGABYTE?"

"1,024 KILOBYTES."

"WELL, I LEARNED SOMETHING TODAY."

"BUT YOU DIDN'T ASK ME ABOUT GIGABYTES, OR TERABYTES, OR PETABYTES..."

"...OR EXABYTES, OR HENTABYTES, OR..."

"I'VE LEARNED NOT TO ASK YOU QUESTIONS!"

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 2, the 122nd day of 2006. There are 243 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 2, 1945, the Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin, and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria.

On this date:

In 1519, artist Leonardo da Vinci died at Cloux, France.

In 1670, the Hudson Bay Company was chartered by England's King Charles II.

In 1863, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Va.; he died eight days later.

In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized.

In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

In 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, the controversial Republican senator from

Wisconsin, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

In 1960, convicted sex offender and best-selling author Caryl Chessman was executed at San Quentin Prison in California.

In 1965, the Early Bird satellite was used to transmit television pictures across the Atlantic.

In 1972, after serving 48 years as head of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover died in Washington at age 77.

In 1994, Nelson Mandela claimed victory in the wake of South Africa's first democratic elections; President F.W. de Klerk acknowledged defeat.

One year ago: Pvt. 1st Class Lyndie England, the young woman pictured in some of the most notorious Abu Ghraib photos, pleaded guilty at Fort Hood, Texas, to mistreating prisoners. (However, a judge later threw out the plea agreement; England was later convicted in a court-martial and sentenced to three years in prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Theodore Bikel is 82. Actor Roscoe Lee Browne is 81. Bianca Jagger is 61. Country singer R.C. Bannon is 61.

Singer Lesley Gore is 60. Actor David Suchet is 60. Singer-songwriter Larry Gatlin is 58. Rock singer Lou Gramm (Foreigner) is 56. Actress Christine Baranski is 54. Singer Angela Boffill is 52. Actress Elizabeth Berridge is 44. Country singer Ty Herndon is 44. Rock musician Todd Sucherman (Styx) is 37. Wrestler-actor The Rock (Dwayne Johnson) is 34. Actress Jenna Von Oy is 29. Olympic gold medal figure skater Sarah Hughes is 21. Actress Kay Panabaker ("Summerland") is 16.

Thought for Today: "Like ships, men founder time and again." — Henry Miller, American novelist (1891-1980).

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 After-bath wrap
 - 5 Take along
 - 10 Intellect
 - 14 Lend of tennis
 - 15 Actress Zellweger
 - 16 Ancient Peruvian
 - 17 Boy Scout beginner
 - 19 Mishap memento
 - 20 Savor
 - 21 Country stops
 - 22 Comparative word
 - 23 Most achy
 - 25 Defrost
 - 27 Sold-out theater letters
 - 28 Left the launching pad
 - 31 Julius Caesar's city
 - 34 Chorus member
 - 37 Yogi of baseball
 - 38 French friend
 - 39 Before
 - 41 Was introduced to
 - 42 Spicy sauce
 - 44 Kid's taboo
 - 45 "Aha!"
 - 46 Argument's foundation
 - 48 Everybody Hates Chris network
 - 50 Road-ice treatment
 - 51 Comes up
 - 54 Folding beds
 - 56 Made a hole in one

- 59 Confuse
- 61 "Holy cow!"
- 62 Railroad boss
- 64 Courtroom penalty
- 65 Placed pressure on
- 66 Things (list heading)
- 67 Adversaries
- 68 Walks heavily
- 69 Winter vehicle
- 6 Modernize, as a factory
- 7 Part of, as a plot
- 8 Inert gas
- 9 Arrives at
- 10 Foul-up
- 11 Little wrigglers
- 12 Final Four org.
- 13 Mend, as socks
- 18 One looking
- 24 Fly high
- 26 Mulligan-stew maker
- 28 Unable to decide
- 29 Just for the asking
- 30 Destiny
- 31 Harsh sound
- 32 Poet Khayyám
- 33 Significant event
- 35 Dots connector
- 36 In addition
- 39 Beach toy
- 40 Military stint
- 43 Breaks to bits
- 45 Is emphatic
- 47 Don't hit the hay
- 49 Cotton fabric
- 51 Said additionally
- 52 Laud
- 53 Shoe material
- 54 Shirt piece
- 55 Dayton's home
- 57 Science author Sagan
- 58 Therefore
- 60 Nudge a little
- 63 AMA members

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Laugh Lines

What pen does a baby write with?
A play pen!
What did the paper say to the scissors?
"Cut it out!"

What did the paper and pen say to the ranch hand?
"Write 'em, cowboy!"

"BEST RIDDLE BOOK EVER"

KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"We (the court) conclude that, in the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."
— Chief Justice Earl Warren, in 1954, regarding the landmark Supreme Court case of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

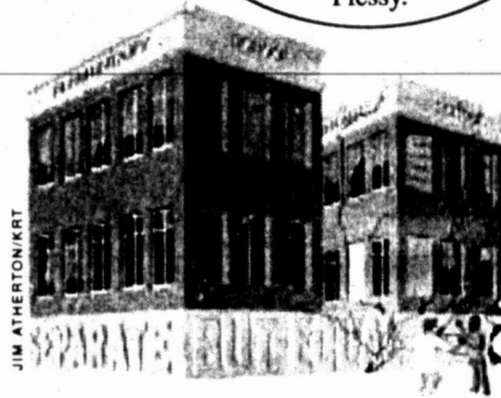


Wacky Facts

In 1896, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld, in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the right of U.S. states and localities to mandate racial segregation.

Linda Carol Brown was only 8 years old, in 1954, when she became the center of a major court battle that would desegregate schools. The case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, overturned *Plessy*.

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In The News

Vote divides Omaha schools by race

Lawmakers in Nebraska made a very controversial decision last month. They voted to divide Omaha's schools into three districts. The districts would be divided according to race: one mostly black, one mostly white and the other mostly Hispanic.



Some are calling the decision a return to the days of segregation, when people were separated by race. Others say the new law is a way to make sure minority students are not forgotten and get a good education.

A LOOK AT THE ISSUE

Opponents say the law makes segregation legal. In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to end the policy of "separate but equal" in schools. That landmark decision made segregation illegal.

"We will go down in history as one of the first states in 20 years to set race relations back," said the law's opponent, state Sen. Pat Bourne, of Omaha.

The state's only black senator and one of the law's biggest supporters, Ernie Chambers said: "There is no intent to create segregation." He says the schools are already segregated because children of the same race tend to live in the same neighborhood and attend the same neighborhood schools.

Supporters say creating three separate districts would give minority groups improved resources, skilled teachers and a better overall education. They say dividing the schools will give equal focus to all three divisions so minority students are not forgotten. They also argue the law will give minorities more control over decisions that affect their students.

Most of Nebraska's minority students go to Omaha's public schools.

Omaha Public Schools have 45,000 students. About 46 percent of the students in the school system are white, 31 percent black, 20 percent Hispanic and 3 percent Asian or American Indian.

A DEBATE OVER RACE IN SCHOOLS

The school division would not happen until July 2008. That gives lawmakers time to make changes or come up with a new plan.

It also gives opponents time to file lawsuits to stop the racial division of Omaha's schools. Omaha Public Schools Superintendent John Mackiel said the law is unconstitutional and will be struck down.

No matter what happens, supporters hope the law forces the state to take a serious look at Omaha's public schools.

— Jill Egan

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in full bloom for MOTHER'S DAY

FLOWER BASKET CUPCAKE

This spring, present edible flower baskets to your nearest and dearest.

To make one, first frost a cupcake (baked from your favorite recipe) with white icing. Cut flower-shaped jujubes in half width-wise and set them on top of the cupcake, then glue M&M's Minis to the centers with a dot of icing. To make the leaves, cut green jujubes in half width-wise, then cut each piece in thirds and set them near the flowers. Finally, add a piece of black licorice for a handle and tie on a colorful fruit leather bow. — FamilyFun magazine



PAPER BLOSSOMS

For flowers that last and last, make these tiny tissue paper buds to serve as a pretty and graceful reminder that love blooms eternal.

A bare branch, tissue paper and glue are all it takes to present mom with a bouquet of delicate, easy-care blossoms she'll love.

Directions: Use a glue stick to attach green tissue paper triangles (1- to 2-inch squares cut in half on the diagonal) to 1- to 2-inch squares of purple (or pink) tissue paper (the exact placement isn't important). Shape each pair of tissues into a bud by wrapping them, purple side in, over the point of a dull pencil. Slide the blossom off the pencil a bit and twist the end into a small point. Then use craft glue (we used Kids Choice) to fix the twisted end of the bud to a clean and dry bare branch.

— FamilyFun magazine

Show your mom how much you appreciate her with these fun flowery projects



LOVELY LETTERING

You've probably got a billion funky fonts on your computer, and it's fun to play around with them to make cool cards and projects. But don't underestimate the appeal of hand-lettered signs, cards, scrapbook pages and journal entries — sometimes, your own "fonts" are way cooler than a computer's!

If you need some ideas for lovely lettering styles for your next project, check out "Letter Art 2" (American Girl, \$7.95), a collection of 14 awesome alphabets that are sure to look groovy on anything you create. The book explains an easy way to transfer designs to your invitation, journal page or poster, and provides examples of all of the type styles in uppercase and lowercase letters and numbers. But it's not just about copying what the book does — you can take any of the styles and personalize the colors, shapes and designs until they're exactly what you want. We love the "Super Style" alphabet, where each letter is "wearing" a cute accessory, and the "Cookie Crunch" typeface, where each letter looks like a cookie (with a few bites missing, of course!).

Pick up "Letter Art 2" at bookstores or online book-sellers.

— Becky Sher



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