



## BSHS band to give Carnegie Hall preview concert

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Local residents won't be able to see the Big Spring High School Band perform at Carnegie Hall next month, but the band has arranged the next best thing.

The BSHS Band, under the direction of Rocky Harris, will perform its Carnegie Hall concert at 3 p.m. Sunday



Harris

at First Baptist Church.

The free concert is one of several traditional end-of-year concerts the program will perform for the public, Harris said.

The first of those performances will be at 6:30 p.m. tonight, when the Concert and Symphonic

bands offer a free concert at the high school auditorium.

The junior high school bands will be next to take the stage when they perform at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the junior high gymnasium.

The Sunday performance will feature the same music the band will perform when it plays at the famed concert hall in New York on June 6, Harris said.

"This will be kind of like a dress rehearsal," he said.

The concert will open with John Williams' arrangement of the Star Spangled Banner which was performed at the 2004 Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

The next piece, "Aguero," attempts to capture the romance and pageantry of the

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—6:30 p.m. today, high school auditorium, Concert and Symphonic bands.

—6:30 p.m. Thursday, junior high school gymnasium, junior high bands.

—3 p.m., Sunday, First Baptist Church, Big Spring High School band.

## Job fair

More than 40 employers signed up for annual event

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Area job seekers and employers will get the chance to meet face to face Wednesday, as the Big Spring Workforce Network prepares to hold a job fair from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Mary Gregg, assistant area manager for the local workforce network, said the fair will be very similar to the one held a year ago, and will hopefully match some job seekers with local employers.

"We have more than 40 employers signed up for this, and that number could grow between now and Wednesday," said Gregg. "I think the most telling detail is these are the same 40 employers that participated last year. That tells us they were happy with the results from the last job fair."

"The employers get to meet the job seekers face to face and visit with them one on one during the fair, and I believe that's a very big factor in this. They're able to talk to the job seeker and

### QUICK NOTES

**What:** Workforce Network Job Fair.

**Where:** Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

**When:** 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday.

make sure they will match up with the culture of their workplace."

Gregg said the fair, which is being held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, will also offer an element of fun for job seekers who decide to participate.

"We'll have hot dogs and drinks for all of the job seekers," said Gregg. "When they arrive, they will also be able to register for a door prize — an entertainment system that includes surround sound and a DVD player — that will be given away during the fair."

"Last year's job fair drew about 500 job seekers," she added. "We're really hoping to draw that many or more this year. We'll be keeping a closer count on the number of

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Spring blooms grace the Howard County area as this Bird of Paradise bush located near Washington Elementary School shows off its vibrant colors.

## Construction nears end for Forsan ISD

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

FORSAN — School officials here estimate that all construction projects authorized by the 2004 bond election should be completed by the end of July.

Superintendent Randy Johnson and school trustees heard an update on construction progress

during their regular meeting at the high school board room Monday night.

Johnson said projects at Elbow Elementary and work on the new high school practice gym are "substantially complete," meaning that only small finishing projects remain.

Renovation of the high school band hall, which has been delayed while

officials re-sited obstructions, should be completed by late July, Johnson said.

He said work on the band hall is the last of the major projects authorized by voters when they OKed a \$4 million bond in November 2004.

In other business, trustees:

• Learned that enrollment is up 30 students

from this time last year. Johnson said the district currently has 687 students enrolled in classes, compared to 657 students this time last year.

Elbow Elementary, which instituted a pre-kindergarten program this year, shows an increase of 20 students from last year, while

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## Barbara Morris exhibits the spirit behind Relay



Barbara Morris has never missed a Relay.

By NANCY KOGER

Special to the Herald

"My mother, who was a nurse, brought us up feeling that we ought to help others," said Barbara Morris.

Morris, chairman of on-site fundraising for this weekend's Relay For Life, remembers her parents pointing out that the first volunteers mentioned in the Bible were the men who let a sick man down from the roof to Jesus for healing.

"He didn't know them, they didn't know him; they just knew he needed help and where to help him find it," she said.

*"One reason Relay works is because of the people. We work hard, we play hard and we grieve together when we lose somebody."*

—Barbara Morris

With such encouragement, it's not surprising that Mrs. "Hoss" Morris has served on the American Cancer Society board for 11 years and worked with Relay For Life since its inception. She is the tobacco chairperson for the ACS board

and is proud to note that Big Spring now has 25 smoke-free restaurants.

She laughingly admits that it is a bit ironic for her, a longtime smoker, to head the tobacco committee and the annual "Smokeout Day."

However, knowing that her husband had throat cancer 13 years ago explains Barbara's interest.

"He used patches to quit smoking, but they didn't work for me. It was one of the hardest things I ever did, but having a husband lose his voice made it easier. I'm in this because of 'Hoss.'"

Her responsibilities as on-site

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### RUN FOR THE WALL

Big Spring's Vietnam Memorial will be the visited by more than 300 bikers around 10 a.m. Saturday, as the memorial will again be a stopping place along the route for a large group of West Coast bikers making the Run for the Wall from California to Washington, D.C.

Run for the Wall participants will stop at the Big Spring memorial en route to the nation's capitol where they'll participate in the annual Rolling Thunder observance on Memorial Day at the Vietnam Memorial.

In Sunday's edition of the Herald, it was announced the group would arrive about 11 a.m., but that schedule has changed.

### IMMIGRATION

President Bush says he will order 6,000 National Guard troops to help secure the Mexican border. See Page 6A.



### NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Authorities say a paraplegic who repeatedly filed claims and lawsuits for non-compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act was a con artist without any physical limitations.

After her arrest this month, Laura Lee Medley, 35, of Alhambra leaped from her wheelchair and ran for freedom.

After complaining earlier that she was having medical problems, the woman was taken by police to a Las Vegas hospital for treatment, said David Wert, spokesman for San Bernardino County.

"That's where the great miracle occurred," he said.

Obituaries

**Mildred Ann Johnson Smith**

Mildred Ann Johnson Smith, 92, a resident of Big Spring and Howard County for 30 years and formerly of Ackerly, died on Monday, May 15, 2006, at her residence following an illness of five months.

Mildred was born in the Valley View Community, northeast of Colorado City on Nov. 19, 1913, to Joe and Roxie (Hagler) Johnson. She graduated from Colorado High in 1930. Mildred was the last member of that class to pass away. She married Darrell Smith on Oct. 5, 1932, in Roswell, N.M. Darrell, Mildred and their young daughter, Sissy, moved to Ackerly in 1945, where Darrell and Mildred resided until 1976 when they moved to the Big Spring area.

Darrell preceded Mildred in death on Sept. 19, 1994. She was also preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. John Morgan (Marie) Hale of Llano; her daughter, Sylvia (Sissy) Jones and husband, Jeff, of Big Spring; grandchildren Carey Jones and wife, Tonda, and Chrissi Jones, all of Lubbock; great-grandchildren Caleb Jones and Cason Jones of Lubbock; one niece, Marilyn Hale of Llano; and first cousins, Ruth Cook of Garden City, Dr. Dale Johnson of Abilene and Max Caswell of Sweetwater.

Special appreciation goes to caregivers Rita Franco, Pat Richardson and the Home Hospice staff. Mildred was a homemaker and a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ. She enjoyed attending her church, the Ackerly Lunch Bunch, Senior Circle activities, reunions and homecomings.

Caring for small pets, particularly the dove in the neighborhood, was an enjoyable activity for Mildred. Her hobbies included staying busy creating handmade items to give to others along with baking wonderful desserts for others to enjoy. She particularly loved music and visits with her grandchildren and sister.

Mildred was a life time member of the Parents-Teachers Association; being honored by the Ackerly Class of 1951 with their yearbook dedicated to her in appreciation for her service to the school. Mildred, and her sister, Marie, spearheaded the historical dedication of their childhood school at Valley View, even compiling a booklet over-viewing the history of the community.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with Rick Cunningham and Royce Clay officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Marck Schafer, Joe Blessingame, Bob Tarbet, Eddy Herm, Ed Billingsley, Derwood Blagrove, Mike Grigg and Benni Green. Honorary pallbearers will be Art Blessingame, Robert Blessingame, Rex Zant and Joaquin Barraza.

Memorials may be sent to the Hospitality House, c/o Wayne Bristow, 1202 W. Fourth St., Big Spring 79720; the Building Fund at 14th & Main Church of Christ, 1401 S. Main St, Big Spring 79720; Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th Suite A, Big Spring, 79720; or your favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

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**Francisco V. Torres**

Francisco V. Torres, 79, of Big Spring died Monday, May 15, 2006, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Vigil services will be at 7 tonight, Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Mr. Torres was born on March 9, 1927, at New Braunfels to Petra and Anselmo Torres. He had lived in Howard and Dawson Counties for more than 50 years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army having served in Germany during World War II. He was a retired farm worker and a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Panfila R. Hernandez of Waco; five sons, Leo Torres of O'Donnell, Frank Torres of Ozona, Felipe Torres of Laurel, Miss., and Fermin Torres and Felix Torres, both of Waco; one daughter, Nelda Munoz of Brownfield; two sisters, Amelia Montalvo of Hempstead and Estolia Barrera of Lawton, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two daughters, Carmen Villareal and Mary Alice Torres; two granddaughters, Lisa Morales and Angie Munoz; two brothers, John V. Torres and Mauricio Torres; and a sister, Benita Padron.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

Take Note

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM VETERAN OF THE MONTH RECEPTION HONORING ANITA MASSEY is 6 p.m. May 23 in the museum's briefing room. For more information, call 264-1999.

WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK event at the Texas Department of Health, 501 Birdwell Lane is set for 9 a.m. until noon Thursday, featuring skin care, healthy gardening, exercise and door prizes. Call 263-9775 for more information.

**Wayne Rock**

Wayne Rock, 87, of Big Spring died at home, Monday, May 15, 2006, following a lengthy illness.



Mr. Rock was born on Dec. 12, 1918, in Snyder, Okla., to the late William and Myrtle Rock. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II where he was stationed in Italy with the rank of master sergeant. Wayne graduated from the Southwest Photo Arts Institute in Dallas. He was united in marriage to Joan Thompson on Nov. 26, 1966. He lived in many places in his lifetime, however, he considered two places to be home — St. Louis, Mo., and Big Spring.

Wayne worked in the educational film and commercial photography industry for more than 30 years. He worked for the University of Oklahoma filming movies and football games and later made a training video for NASA astronauts. After moving to Big Spring, he worked for Gamco Educational Software for many years and later retired from there.

Following his retirement he worked as a substitute teacher for the Forsan ISD. As an active citizen of Big Spring, Wayne was on the board of the Big Spring chapter of the American Business Club (AMBUCs) in the 1970s and 1980s, and the local Rotary club in the 1990s. He was also on the Howard County Fair Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission for many years. On Aug. 28, 1976, Wayne was ordained a Catholic deacon in the Diocese of San Angelo. He was a dedicated servant to the parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary where among his many other duties he served in the Men's Club.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 39 years, Joan; their three daughters, Tasha Barlow and husband, Robert, of Austin, Tonya Williams and husband, Chris, of Hutto and Lana Liles and husband, James, of Eagle Point, Colo.; one son, Barry Rock of Colorado; one brother, Decisel Rock of Norman, Okla.; grandchildren Elaine and Lenci Williams, Christopher Moore, Melanie Liles and Kristyn and Chelsea Rock; one great-granddaughter, Abigail Moore; and a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Bert Rock, Cecil Rock, Wilbur Rock and R.C. Rock, and by one sister, Opal.

Rosary will be at 7 tonight, Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at Nalley Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. Deacons Tim Graham and Ignacio Cisneros will preside over the wake. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer will preside. He will be assisted by Deacons Alan Neff, Tim Graham and Ignacio Cisneros.

The family will receive visitors at 6 tonight, Tuesday, May 16, 2006, prior to the rosary at the Rosewood Chapel or any time at the Rock's home. Pallbearers are Tom Corwin, Auriel Lafond, Lee George, Joel Lane, Raymond Holguin and Maurice Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial funds have been established in his name for Catholic Prison Ministries, c/o Diocese of San Angelo, P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo 76902, and Odyssey Healthcare, 1003 FM 700, Big Spring, 79720.

We would like to thank all the staff of the Veteran's Administration and most importantly, Lisa and Roxy of Odyssey Hospice for their help and support.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwlch.com](http://www.npwlch.com)

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**Carmen Viasana**

Carmen Viasana, 79, of Big Spring died Monday, May 15, 2006, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

**Herman Smith**

Herman Smith, 79, of Big Spring died Monday, May 15, 2006, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

**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

Police blotter

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

- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 41, of Colorado City, was arrested Monday on a local capias warrant.
- MARK RYERSON, 18, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on a local capias warrant.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 1200 block of Main Street.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 1200 block of Main Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION/ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 800 block of Eighth Street.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 1200 block of Main Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- RODNEY RAYFORD, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- CHARLES WESLEY CAMPBELL JR., 48, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of gambling device/equipment/paraphernalia.
- MARCELO THOMAS HERNANDEZ, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).
- DARRELL WAYNE CAPERTON, 52, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Light and variable winds.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 60. Light and variable winds.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 60s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 2-30-34-36-37.  
Number matching five of five: none.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 23-24-26-31. Bonus Ball: 28.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.  
Winning ticket sold in: Garland.  
Prize per winner: \$350,000.  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-1-7

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Odds & Ends

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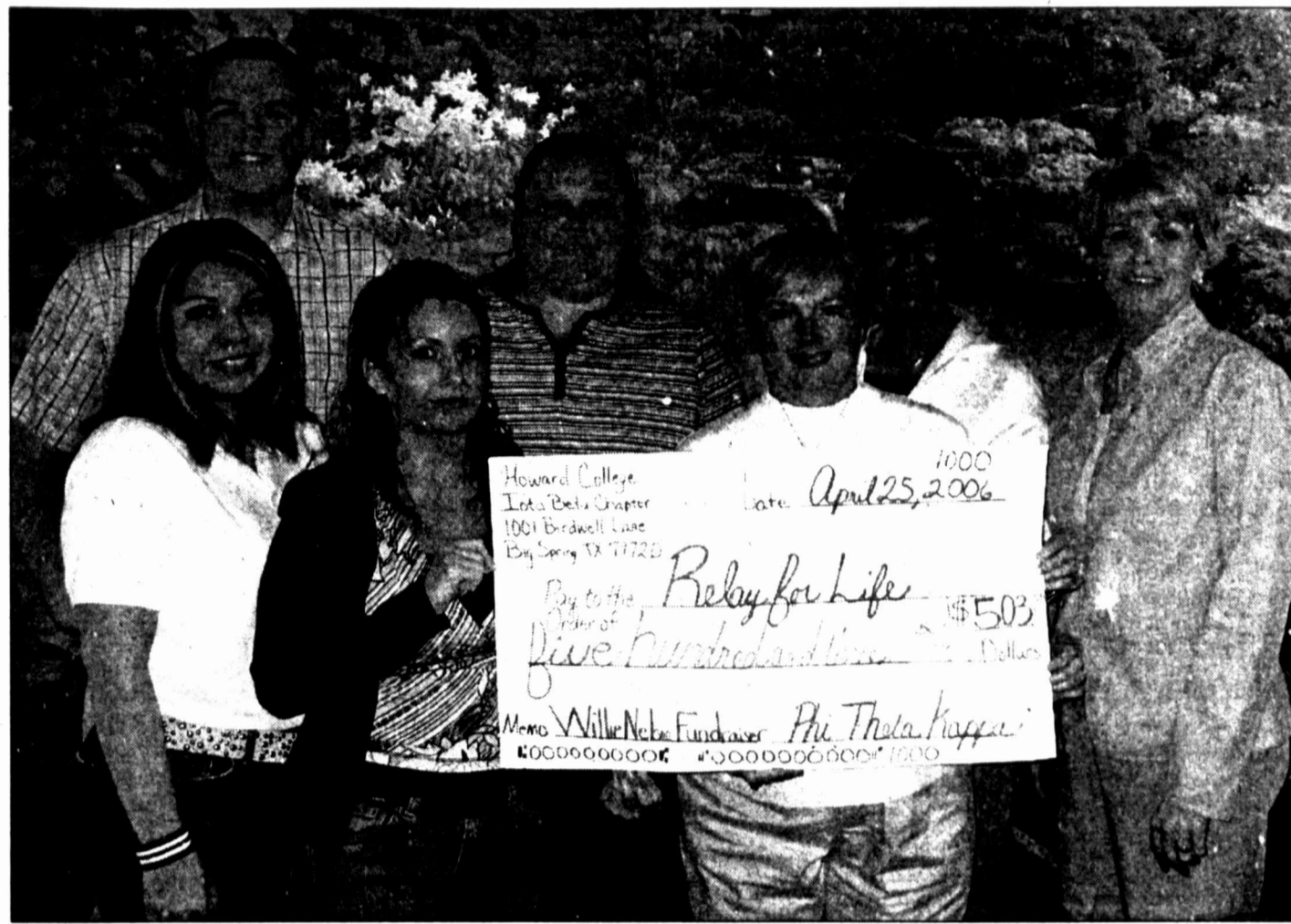
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## DONATION TO RELAY FOR LIFE



Courtesy photo

Vicki Stewart, third from right, chairman for the local Relay for Life event, receives a check for \$503 from the Howard College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Also shown are, from left, Staci Zavala, Tyler Sheppard, April Collins and Katherine Baum of PTK, Diane Wood, treasurer of Relay for Life and Barbi Jones, executive director of the area American Cancer Society chapter.

### Odds & Ends

#### Costumed candy impersonator

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, Wis. (AP) — Even the giant jelly bean went formal for a wedding at the Jelly Belly Store.

The bride, Lori Woolery, was walked down the aisle by a big, bright red candy — or at least a costumed candy impersonator — in top hat and gold bow tie.

That sight was enough to amaze 6-year-old Jack Downey from Elk River, Minn., visiting the store with his aunt.

"Why would a girl want to marry a jelly bean?" he asked.

She was actually was marrying Daymon Tracy, a truck driver, and they chose the unique location for whimsical reasons. "We were looking for something different," Woolery said.

The Rev. Larry Schneekloth performed the ceremony Wednesday in a corner of the store known as Jelly Belly Junction.

After the ceremony, the couple and the wedding party took a ride on the Jelly Belly train that carries

visitors on a tour of the premises.

"We put a 'just married' sign on it," store manager Mary Plebanek said.

#### John Deere graduates

ROCKLAKE, N.D. (AP) — A graduating high school class in a farming community has chosen John Deere green and yellow as its class colors.

"This is farming country," senior class president Casie Martin said. "We went full-fledged on the farming theme. Pretty much everyone voted for it."

Six of the 10 graduates this year are girls.

"Most of the girls are big John Deere fans," Martin said. "They wear John Deere shirts. Four of the six girls had class pictures taken with a John Deere tractor."

Selection of the class motto was more contentious than the class colors.

Some seniors wanted "Got-R-Done," a variation of Blue Collar Comedy Tour co-founder Larry the Cable Guy's catch phrase.

Four seniors are using the "Got-R-Done" on their graduation announcements but it's not the official class motto.

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enrollment at the high school has increased by 15, Johnson said. Junior high enrollment, however, has dropped five students from this time last year.

- Approved the purchase of a \$70,000 route bus. Johnson said the district attempts to purchase at least one new bus each year, but that effort has been sidetracked in recent years.
- Approved the resignation of Elbow Elementary music teacher Jeanine Fishback (who will become the new choir director at

Big Spring High School), fourth grade teacher Kara Freeman and third grade teacher Tonya Vess.

- Approved the employment of Mrs. Zane Yeater as fifth grade instructor, Kandi Lane to be a special education instructor at the elementary and Sandy Tucker as the new music teacher at Elbow.

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Spanish bull fight with a beautiful melody and aggressive counter-melodies, Harris said.

Charles Ives' "Variations on America" is next on the program, followed by "Incantation and Dance," composed by Texas native John Barnes Chance.

The concert concludes with "Thematic Variations on Dona Nobis Pacem," composed by former Texas Tech University music professor James Sudduth, who was a mentor to many band directors in Texas, including Harris.

"This music is professional grade — it's top of the line," Harris said. "These are all good pieces of merit. They were not written for student groups."

The band has been furiously raising the \$200,000 needed to finance the trip for most of the past year.

With financing secured, however, it is time now to concentrate on the trip's purpose — the music.

"The kids' attitude has

been great all year long," Harris said. "The school board (which guaranteed to make good on any financial shortfall) certainly gave us something

of a comfort zone, but we're still continuing our efforts to fund as much of the trip as we can."

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fund-raising chairperson at Relay include going to all the team captains' meetings during the year and walking the campsites during the event to help each team reach its goal. As she walks, she checks to see if a team needs something and helps them get what they need, as well as buying tickets from everybody.

Barbara has previously worked with team recruitment and the food committee. When Diane Wood was event chairperson, she realized the need for the on-site fund-raising coordinator and asked Morris to take the position.

In addition to Relay and ACS board, Morris is a member of the "Sam's WallyWorld Survivors" team from the Wal-Mart Supercenter, captained this year by Veronica Solis and Nancy Bond. She has worked at Wal-Mart for 23 years in various departments, now working nights in the receiving area. The local store underwrites Relay For Life, with the associates responsible for \$4,000, matched with \$1,000 from the corporation. Each member of the store team has to raise \$100 to gain a T-shirt, as well as helping the team meet the goal it sets.

In the years Morris has worked there, six associates have died of cancer and a number of the team members are survivors.

"It gets real when it has a name and is a person you've worked with," she said.

The feisty volunteer has not missed a single Relay, not even the one in 2003 when she was unable to work because of a broken knee-cap.

"I believe in Relay because our dollars have a thousand cures," she said.

Working with people from all parts of the community inspires her to continue.

"One reason Relay works is because of the people," she said. "We work hard, we play hard and we grieve together when we lose somebody."

Relay begins Friday at Blankenship Field.

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job seekers this year." Gregg said among the 40 participating employers are Alon USA, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Western Container, the Big Spring VA Medical Center and the city of Big Spring.

"Job seekers can go from table to table, filling out applications," said Gregg. "And the employers we have participating are some of the better paying employers in the Howard County area. This is an excellent opportunity for area job seekers to see what's out there."

For more information on the fair, contact the Big Spring Workforce Network at 263-8373.

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Billie Shults, 74, died Saturday. Funeral Services were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jacque Virginia Herrera, 59, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Keith Deon McGee, infant died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Francisco Torres, 79, died Monday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Mildred Smith, 92, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 until 6 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Time to combine a little fun with your good health

Looking for something fun and interesting to do for a couple or three hours this weekend? Well, the Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will be providing just that Saturday when it holds a "health and fun fair" as its way of saying thanks to the community and its residents.

The event, part of the center's celebration of Nation Nursing Home Week, is set for 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the facility's parking lot. The fair — which is open to the public — will feature a mixture of fun and free health services, according to Debbie Brookins, director of nursing.

"We'll have free cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure testing for the first 100 people who want to be tested," Brookins said. "These tests are very important to good health, and a lot of times people won't see any signs of trouble until there's already been permanent damage. These types of regular tests, even when people feel fine, are really a very important thing."

As advertised, however, fun will also be a major focus of the event.

Live music and plenty of hot dogs and drinks will be available for those attending the fair. In addition, an air slide and jumping pit will be available for children's amusement and a clown will provide face painting and balloons.

All in all, it would seem that Parkview has found an extremely inventive way of not only thanking its employees and their families for the work they do, but to involve the facility's residents and the rest of the community as well.

Saying "thank you" is always a good idea.

So is having your blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose level tested.

And there's no question that there's nothing wrong in having a little fun.

That's why we encourage readers who have the opportunity to drop by and combine all three on Saturday. We think you'll be glad you did.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Instead of worrying, Lord, may we talk to You in prayer.  
Amen

## Let's see ... Who needs a woman?

The headline on the AP story this morning on the latest report out of Duke is that the accuser originally claimed she had been raped by 20 men. I have no way of knowing, but I'd wager money that the headline writer was a man. Before you jump on me, let me tell you that there's a reason for today's madness.

The purpose of the report, commissioned by Duke and written by two former university presidents, is to try to explain why it took Duke so long to respond to the allegations that have since become a national story, a led to the cancellation of a lacrosse season, the firing of a coach and the indictment of two players.

As it turns out, the president of the university didn't even learn about the case until he read about it a week later in a student newspaper, so convinced were Duke authorities that it would just "blow over."

Duke President Brodhead didn't realize that there were racial overtones until nearly two weeks later because Duke was relying on secondhand information that no charges were likely. That was so even though a female Duke police officer was with the woman in the police station that night and found her crying uncontrollably, beyond comfort, a rather telling sign that this was no minor incident likely to blow over.

The president of Duke is a white



SUSAN  
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man.

So are all the senior officials. Would having a woman on the senior management team have made a difference? That is a question I am constantly asked in this world where women have yet to make it to the top in large numbers, whether we are talking about universities, corporations or politics.

Sometimes, as here, the answer seems clear. When it does, it is worth pointing out.

President Brodhead's predecessor at Duke was Nan Keohane, the former president of Wellesley, a woman I know well. It is just impossible for me to believe that Nan would not have reacted differently to this situation because of her experiences in women's education.

But Duke is hardly alone. While 20 percent of all colleges are led by women, a large number of them are community colleges, two-year institutions or women's colleges. When you narrow the list to private institutions and universities that grant advanced degrees, the number drops to under 10 percent, according to one recent study by the American Council on Education. That means that over 90 percent of the schools are run by men. While half the Ph.D.s in this country are granted to women, three quarters of the tenured and tenure-track faculty are men.

The situation in corporate America is even more one-sided. In the Fortune 500, 490 of the largest companies are run by men and only 10 by women; the number of directors has gone flat at

roughly 12 percent female, and the number of top earners has stalled at under 5 percent.

And yet more and more of the issues facing universities and corporations deal explicitly with issues of gender. And it is not only the case that women are more sensitive to these issues, as Keohane would have been, but also that they have the credibility, at times, to take unpopular steps that men would not dare take. Maybe suspending the whole lacrosse season was the wrong step to take so long as the presumption of innocence applied to the team.

No one has yet explained to me, an ardent champion of the rights of rape victims, why it was right to call off the season in advance of any proof or indictments. But I'm not sure anyone other than a respected feminist could have made such a decision without enduring the ire of the feminist community. There are some things only a woman can do, because only she will be trusted by other women.

It was because the university delayed so long, and failed to take the case seriously in the first instance, that it was arguably forced to overreact, and impose rather draconian sanctions, before it had examined any evidence, and before any charges had been filed. The truth is that in such cases, a management team that includes women has MORE flexibility, not less, to mete out appropriate sanctions.

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## Thinking outside the footprints

No one in my family died at the World Trade Center, so I cannot speak as one personally bereaved. But I can speak as a New Yorker who lived through that day and stayed on here with my kids, desperately hoping nothing like that ever happens again:

The memorial, with a price tag heading toward \$1 billion, must be radically scaled down. Spend the savings on safety — in the name of those who died.

If America really wants a fitting tribute to the victims, this would be it: Their names emblazoned on the side of new fire trucks, Geiger counters and police radios that (unlike those used on 9/11) actually work in emergencies. That way, we'd see the names of the loved ones we lost, every day, all around us. "Look, there goes Tim's ambulance, racing to save a life." "Hey, there's Mira's subway train camera, watching the tracks for suspicious movement." The dearly departed would become an almost angel-like presence, forever watching over



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us.

Yes, forever. As the equipment wore out, their names would be transferred to new equipment. Thus would the dead be ever preserving life.

I am keenly aware that the families of the victims spent years in the painful process of devising the memorial that is currently planned. But that memorial is starting to sound untenable, with costs spiraling and donations halted after only trickling in.

Respectfully, I ask the families to consider putting a simple, beautiful park and a wall of the names at the site. It would still be a place to gather and mourn. But it would be far less extravagant than the complex of soaring exhibition halls and sunken reflecting pools now planned.

One of the reasons donors have been slow to give money, I suspect, is that the memorial as designed didn't resonate for them. The pools are so understated as to be bland, and yet they cost a lot. The same goes for the giant slurry wall that family members fought to keep exposed. To make matters worse, the blueprints have remained in flux: One day the design is safe, the next day the terrorism experts declare it a

death trap. Who gives money to a memorial this volatile, not to mention pricey?

Now that donations have been halted, it is time to pause and reconsider the whole plan, before we begin building something too complicated, expensive and uninspiring.

Let us think outside the footprints, if you will, about what would make for a more meaningful memorial. While the idea of commemorating the dead on safety equipment sounds radical, it does dovetail with everyone's dearest wish: that terrorism never again take another life.

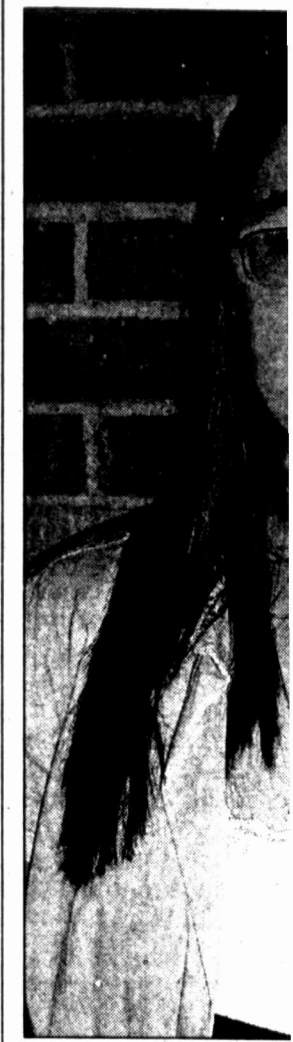
If the bulk of the memorial funding could be transferred to anti-terror equipment bearing the names of the dead (admittedly, a red tape nightmare), the dearly departed would spend eternity preserving life.

That is holy work.

That would be a holy memorial.

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The Big Spring Independent, participated in the fair, and Cortnee Holt

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By MICHAEL GRACZY

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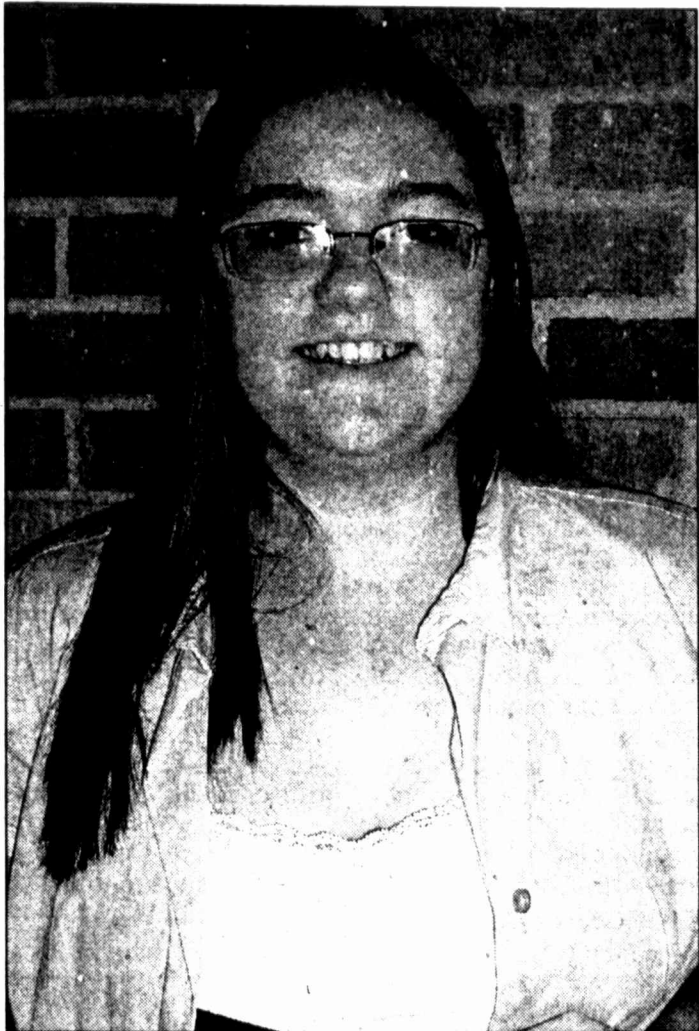
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BSHS' BEST



The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees recently honored these students for advancing to state or national-level competition in their fields. Michelle McMurtrey, left, participated in the state UIL Journalism contest, Logan Wright, center, and his partner Will Shipman will compete in the National Forensic League debate tournament this summer, and Cortnee Holt, right, competed in the state powerlifting meet.

Herald photos/Steve Reagan

Reprieve may mean temporary halt to Texas executions

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press Writer

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The Texas drug procedure is similar to the one in Florida but until Monday's ruling similar appeals in Texas death penalty cases have failed. This was the first case to raise the question in the state courts.

"I'm assuming that's the basis under which they granted the stay," said Catherine Greene Burnett, one of O'Brien's lawyers. "The Court of Criminal Appeals has indicated, it appears, its willingness to temporarily defer executions until we have a better sense from the high court whether challenges of these types can be raised."

"I would assume, particularly in light of this decision, ... the Court of Criminal Appeals itself would want to remain in a holding pattern and would do in other cases as they've done in this case."

A ruling by the Supreme Court in the Florida case is anticipated by July.

The Texas court ruling Monday made little sense to Randy Ertman, whose daughter was one of the girls killed in the savage attack involving O'Brien and five companions.

"I don't have any respect for any politician," a despondent Ertman said of the court, whose members are elected. "They're a joke — a real joke."

Ertman had planned to be in the death chamber Tuesday in Huntsville, where 363 inmates,

including eight this year, have received lethal injection since 1982, and watch O'Brien die. He and his wife, along with the Pena's parents, were instrumental in changing Texas prison procedures to allow relatives of murder victims to watch the execution.

"It closes the death chamber door," said Dianne Clements, president of the Houston-based victims rights group Justice For All. "There's no door open except more appeals."

However, a spokesman for Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, whose office handles death penalty appeals once they reach the federal courts, was unwilling to make that kind of generalization.

"We'll continue to address legal challenges presented in individual cases as they're brought through proper legal channels," Jerry Strickland said.

An indication of the ruling's impact could come quickly. Texas prison officials were scheduled to execute another inmate, Jermaine Herron, on Wednesday evening.

Herron's lawyer, Rick Rogers, said he wasn't certain what he or others could do for Herron, condemned for a double slaying in Refugio County in South Texas nine years ago.

"It seems it would be inequitable if he doesn't get a stay," Rogers said.

"We're not attacking the method of execution," said Jay Burnett, Catherine Burnett's husband and another of O'Brien's lawyers. "We're not saying you can't execute him."

"All they have to do is change the drug," he said.

"We are confident in our process and do not believe it to constitute cruel and unusual punishment," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said.

Ertman and Pena were trying to get home from another friend's house in time to meet their curfew. They took a short cut along some railroad tracks and stumbled on a group of teenagers drinking beer after initiating a new member into their gang.

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## They said...

"Utilizing the National Guard is an effective, short-term stopgap to immediately strengthen border security as long-range reforms begin to take effect."

— Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

"The decision to send troops is the shot in the arm we need to strengthen our borders and protect our families."

— House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

"We must protect our borders, but militarizing our borders is a desperate response by the president to his and Republican Congress' policy failures."

— House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

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— House Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

"If the president thinks by taking one step forward with enforcement the House will follow with two steps backwards with amnesty, he's confusing us with the Senate."

— Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo.

"We don't need a military solution to break a political stalemate."

— Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.

"Until the federal government can convince the American people that it is serious about securing our borders, it will be hard to consider other factors of immigration reform."

— Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.

"Unarmed National Guard troops driving bulldozers, who can't make arrests, would essentially be useless."

— Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas.

"The National Guard already is stretched to the limit by repeated tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as providing disaster assistance in their own states."

— Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

# Bush to send thousands of Guard troops to border; give path to possible citizenship

By NEDRA PICKLER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, trying to build support for a major overhaul of the nation's tattered immigration laws, said Monday night he would order as many as 6,000 National Guard troops to secure the U.S. border with Mexico and urged Congress to give millions of illegal immigrants a chance at citizenship.

"We do not yet have full control of the border and I am determined to change that," the president said in a 17-minute prime-time address from the Oval Office.

Bush gave strong support to a plan that would give many of the 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States an eventual path to possible citizenship — a move derided by some conservatives in his own Republican Party as amnesty. He rejected that term.

"It is neither wise nor realistic to round up millions of people, many with deep roots in the United States and send them across the border," he said. "There is a rational middle ground between granting an automatic path to citizenship for every illegal immigrant and a program of mass deportation."

The Guard troops would mostly serve two-week stints before rotating out of the assignment, so keeping the force level at 6,000 over the course of a year could require up to 156,000 troops.

Still, Bush insisted, "The United States is not going to militarize the southern border."

The White House wouldn't say how much the deployments would cost, but said the troops would be paid for as part of \$1.9 billion being requested from Congress to supplement border enforcement this year.

The president timed his speech hours after the Senate began intense debate on an immigration bill that has been getting increasing attention in a year when all House seats and one-third of Senate seats are up for election. The rare televised, prime-time Oval Office address signified the high stakes for Bush, who has been asking for an immigration overhaul since his 2000 campaign.

House Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., indicated Bush may have some trouble getting some conservatives on board with his overall plan.

"While I appreciate the president's willingness to tackle big problems, I have real concerns about moving forward with a guest worker program or a plan to address those currently in the United States illegally until we have adequately addressed our serious border security problems," Blunt said.

Bush said the National Guard troops would fill in temporarily while the nation's Border Patrol force is expanded. He asked Congress to add 6,000 more Border Patrol agents by the end of his presidency and to add 6,700 more beds so illegal immigrants can be detained while waiting for hearings to determine that they can be sent home.

For many years, the government has not had enough detention space to hold illegal immigrants, so they were released into society and most did not return for their court date. "This practice, called catch and release, is unacceptable and we will end it," Bush said.

The Border Patrol would remain responsible for catching and detaining illegal immigrants, with National Guard troops providing intelligence gathering, surveillance and other administrative support. Yet the National Guard troops would still be armed and authorized to use force to protect themselves, said Bush homeland security adviser Fran Townsend.

They are to come from the four border states — California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas — but those states' governors may also seek Guard troops from other states. Reaction was mixed among the nation's governors.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said troops might provide short-term relief but he did not believe border protection was an appropriate role for the National Guard. California has thousands of Guard troops in Iraq and might need them in case of earthquakes, floods or other emergencies, he said.

"So if you have 6,000 in Iraq and send another 6,000 to the border, what do we

have left?" Schwarzenegger asked.

But another Republican border state governor, Rick Perry of Texas, said he was glad the administration had decided the Guard had a role to play along the border. "We have the ability to multitask," Perry said.

The White House hopes deployments to the border will begin in early June.

Many congressional Republicans said they supported Bush's plan to use National Guard troops at the border. But he ran into criticism from Democrats and some other Republicans.

"Democrats are willing to support any reasonable plan that will secure our borders, including deploying National Guard troops," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "But Americans don't want a plan that's been cobbled together to win political favor. This cannot turn into another long-term military deployment with no clear plan."

Bush said the nation has more than doubled the size of the Border Patrol during his presidency and has sent home about 6 million people entering the United States illegally. Still, he said, that has not been enough. "For decades, the United States has not been in complete control of its borders," the president said. "As a result, many who want to work in our economy have been able to sneak across our border, and millions have stayed."

He called for enactment of a guest worker program to allow immigrants to take low-paying jobs, and he said employers must be held to account for hiring illegal immigrants.

He said that a tamper-proof identification card

for workers would "leave employers with no excuse" for violating the law.

And he stressed that those who want to earn citizenship should have to assimilate into society, learn English, pay fines for breaking the law and pay back taxes.

"What I have just described is not amnesty," Bush said. "It is a way for those who have broken the law to pay their debt to society and demonstrate the character that makes a good citizen."

The president's call for tougher border security is part of a broader plan to overhaul a system that he has described as inhumane, with desperate for

eigners risking their lives for a chance to earn U.S. wages.

The issue raises emotions on all sides, with many Americans and influential conservatives in Congress angry that foreigners are taking jobs and draining resources across the country.

The White House hopes that the tougher security will be enough to get House conservatives to support the work permits and citizenship proposals that they have been opposed to.

A bill that passed the House last year ignored those ideas and instead would increase criminal penalties for illegal immigrants and construct 700 miles of fencing.

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One dead, one in

DALLAS (AP) — A man was injured after both were jacking Monday evening.

The two were taken to a Mustang when the K.W. Wilkins. He suddenly took the Mustang Monday.

The injured victim was taken to a local hospital and was able to flag down a taxi driver, Watson.

"The victim was taken to a hospital for help," he said.

District mulls 'no

DESOTO (AP) — A school district is considering a new policy that would allow students who fail classes to be removed from school activities as spectators.

The "no-pass, no-play" state's existing no-pass, no-play policy would allow students to fail extracurricular activities as well as classes.

Some supporters of the policy say it would encourage students to be more diligent in their studies.

"The idea came from Alton Frailey, superintendent of an Independent School District who only pass during their slack off. We need to work to come to the table."

Frailey said he would like feedback before re-adopting the policy next school year. He would like to hear from parents and students about the policy, which would carry over to the next year.

Preliminary discussions about the proposed policy are running through DeSoto school board meetings at a recent meeting.

"The majority of the board is in favor of the policy and expects to present it to the voters," said Frailey.

Court refuses to

LUBBOCK (AP) — Monday declined to grant a writ to Texas Tech researchers trying to cure a plague bacteria scare.

Dr. Thomas C. Butler was given a temporary license to sell 200-charge including a five-year sentence in late 2004.

In October, a three-judge panel of the Circuit Court of Appeals granted a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the case was denied.

The appeal to the Texas Supreme Court was filed in April 2005.

"We're obviously not asking the Supreme Court to reverse the Supreme Court's decision on the appeal."

Butler was convicted on charges, with most of the charges he defrauded a bank's accounts center. The investigation that led to Butler's conviction was conducted by FBI agents.

He was acquitted of smuggling and illegal possession of a deadly germ, and of missing a plane.

Jurors found Butler guilty of an unauthorized export of a plague sample in January 2004, for \$250,000 per year from a petting school, and to return to the school.

After a reporter contacted Butler, a woman who works for the school has no comment.

Turley said that he did not necessarily the end of the case Monday that there is a possibility to start a campaign.

"Scientists around the world are concerned about the Butler case," Turley said. "Scientists who do not fear they'll be prosecuted."

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TEXAS BRIEFS

One dead, one injured in Dallas carjacking

DALLAS (AP) — A woman was killed and another injured after both were shot during an apparent carjacking Monday evening, a Dallas police official said. The two were traveling in a white 1996 Ford Mustang when the carjacking occurred, said Sgt. K.W. Wilkins. He said that the two men who apparently took the Mustang had not been caught late Monday.

The injured victim, who was in critical condition at a local hospital and was undergoing surgery, was able to flag down motorists for help, said Lt. Rick Watson.

"The victim was covered in blood and was asking for help," he said.

District mulls 'no-pass, no-attend' rule

DESOTO (AP) — Educators and parents in DeSoto are considering a rule that would prohibit students who fail classes from attending extracurricular activities as spectators.

The "no-pass, no-attend" rule would go beyond the state's existing no-pass, no-play rule, which prohibits a student who fails a class from participating in extracurricular activities.

Some supporters of the proposal in DeSoto, located 15 miles south of Dallas, said the policy would spur students to be more diligent in their studies.

"The idea came up at a cabinet meeting," said Alton Frailey, superintendent of the DeSoto Independent School District. "We have good kids who only pass during their (athletic) season, then they slack off. We thought, 'What if we made them work to come to the games as well?'"

Frailey said he would gauge staff and community feedback before recommending the policy for the next school year. He said the district could administer the policy with electronic identification cards, which would carry academic information.

Preliminary discussion has focused on enforcing the proposed policy starting in grade five or seven and running through grade 12.

DeSoto school board members were receptive to the idea at a recent meeting.

"The majority of parents I come into contact with want and expect success from their child," board president Janice Pettis Ingram said.

Court refuses to hear case of former prof

LUBBOCK (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court Monday declined to review the case of a former Texas Tech researcher whose report of missing vials of plague bacteria in 2003 caused a bioterrorism scare.

Dr. Thomas C. Butler, who voluntarily gave up his medical license to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners in 2004 after being convicted of 47 charges including fraud, completed serving his two-year sentence in late November.

In October, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Butler's convictions and a petition for the whole appellate court to review the case was denied in January.

The appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court was filed April 10.

"We're obviously disappointed by the decision of the Supreme Court, but we always understood that Supreme Court review is rarely granted," said attorney Jonathan Turley, who represented Butler in his appeals.

During his trial, Butler testified FBI agents forced him to make the admission to calm the public's fears.

Butler was convicted in December 2003 on 47 of 69 charges, with most of the guilty verdicts related to charges he defrauded the university's health sciences center. The charges stemmed from a federal investigation that followed his report.

He was acquitted of the most serious charges of smuggling and illegally transporting the potentially deadly germ, and of lying to federal agents about the missing vials.

Jurors found Butler guilty of the mislabeling and unauthorized export of a FedEx package that contained plague samples he sent to Tanzania.

In January 2004, Butler agreed to settle with Tech for \$250,000 pertaining to charges related to the school, and to retire.

After a reporter calling Butler's home identified herself, a woman who answered said Butler would have no comment.

Turley said that the Supreme Court decision is not necessarily the end of Butler's fight. Turley said Monday that there are still many people who would like to start a campaign for a presidential pardon.

"Scientists around the world have been shocked by the Butler case," Turley said. "I've heard from scientists who do not accept material from the U.S. for fear they'll be prosecuted."

Session ends with school funding plan

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer  
AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislature's answer to the state's school finance crisis now rests with Gov. Rick Perry.

With two weeks left to avoid the threat of schools closing, lawmakers sent Perry a landmark tax overhaul hoping to prevent a freeze on state money to schools. The Legislature adjourned the 30-day special session on Monday. It had been called in response to a Texas Supreme Court order to fix the unconstitutional system by June 1.

The session was the sixth attempt in three years to address the difficult issue.

Their plan calls for a new money source for K-12 education, including a new business tax and an increase to the tobacco tax. That money will allow school districts to reduce school property taxes by about a third over the next two years.

The package also would implement some education reforms, including a \$2,000 teacher pay raise and a uniform school start date.

Perry is expected to sign the legislation into law.

The Legislature's adoption of the package Monday caps three years and four special sessions of grappling with the complex issue. This special session, which had to end by Tuesday, was the first time in the three years lawmakers faced the threat of a school shutdown because of the order from the state's high court.

Perry's re-election could hinge on what has been accomplished in the special session.

The House also finalized a measure that would dedicate all money raised from the new taxes to property tax relief until school districts get their tax rate

The Texas Legislature ended a special session Monday to address a state Supreme Court order that it change the school funding system. Lawmakers also passed several other measures. Here's a look at what legislators approved:

- SCHOOL FUNDING BILLS**
- **SCHOOL REFORM:** Replaces some school property taxes with \$2.4 billion in budget surplus money and allots additional money for schools and teachers. The measure includes a \$2,000 pay raise for teachers, counselors, librarians and school nurses; a required school start date, the fourth Monday in August beginning with the 2007-2008 school year; a merit pay program giving school districts money to pay bonuses to teachers for improving student academic performance; and a new high school allotment that gives districts an extra \$275 for every high school student.
  - **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF:** Dedicates all the revenue raised by the other school finance tax bills to property tax relief.
  - **BUSINESS TAX:** Changes the state's business tax so that more companies will have to pay it. The \$3.4 billion tax expansion will be used to offset a reduction in property taxes. The business tax would be levied on 1 percent of a company's 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.
  - **USED VEHICLE TAX:** Taxes the sale of used cars on a standard value rather than trusting sellers to report the true sales price. The measure is expected to generate an extra \$70 million in the next two years.
  - **CIGARETTE TAX:** Raises the 41-cent-per-pack cigarette tax by \$1 per pack. The tax is expected to raise almost \$700 million in the first year.

- OTHER LEGISLATION**
- **FUNERAL PROTESTS:** Makes it a Class B misdemeanor to protest within 500 feet of the site of a funeral service from one hour before to one hour after the service.
  - **PHARMACY SCHOOL:** Transfers the administration of the Irma Rangel School of Pharmacy from Texas A&M University-Kingsville to the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center.
  - **FUTUREGEN PLANT:** Sets state title provisions dealing with a \$1 billion, near-zero emissions coal-powered plant Texas would like to host as part of an initiative led by the U.S. Department of Energy and a consortium of nine companies.

down to \$1 per \$100 of land value. Once the \$1 rate has been reached, one-third of the revenue would go to school funding. Most school districts have a tax rate at or near the current state maximum of \$1.50.

Some lawmakers opposed that measure, arguing that it would lead to other state needs being neglected in favor of more property tax cuts. Many Democrats objected because more money wasn't being spent on schools.

"Let's be real, the challenges facing Texas schools today are just as great as they were thirty days ago," said Democratic Reps. Jim Dunning of Waco, Garnet Coleman of Houston and

Pete Gallego of Alpine in a joint statement. "Texans expected lawmakers to not only cut property taxes, but also develop a real public school finance plan."

Experts say changes made in the law are not sustainable with current revenue and would come up \$10.5 billion short by the year 2010. That could lead to other programs being cut or new taxes, budget analysts say.

"We're going to have to wait and see how much revenue is generated from this new tax," said Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate. He suggested the state's projected \$8.2 billion revenue surplus could be "overly conservative."

The tax structure adopted was based on a proposal from the Texas Tax Reform Commission, a panel of state business leaders appointed by Perry to come up with a solution. The commission was led by one-time Perry opponent and former Comptroller John Sharp.

On this year's property bills, an 11 percent reduction in the property tax rate will be offset by use of the surplus.

The business tax would be levied on 1 percent of a company's 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.

Contract Bridge

Timing Is Everything

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ J 10 8  
♥ A 10 9 3  
♦ Q 9 3  
♣ K J 7

**WEST**  
♦ K 7 5  
♥ Q 8 7  
♦ K 8 5 4  
♠ 6 4 2

**EAST**  
♦ Q 9 4 3 2  
♥ J 6 4 2  
♦ A 2  
♠ 8 5

**SOUTH**  
♦ A 6  
♥ K 5  
♦ J 10 7 6  
♠ A Q 10 9 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 NT

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

The race for the establishment of tricks is a highly distinguishing feature of notrump contracts. Given more time, each side would usually be able to develop and win more tricks than it does in the ordinary course of events.

In this deal, for example, South starts with eight tricks, and would have no trouble making 10 if he could get the opponents to cash the A-K of diamonds right away. He would in the process acquire two diamond tricks, which he does not have

ready-made, and the play would essentially be over.

But if the defenders function efficiently, they can win the race against time and defeat the contract. Assume West leads the four of diamonds and East wins dummy's queen with the ace. (The purpose of the queen play by declarer is to get East to return a diamond, which East might not do if the queen remained in dummy.)

But if East is alert, he does not return a diamond. He views the queen play with a jaundiced eye and returns the spade three instead. With the deuce and three of diamonds in view in his own hand and dummy, he concludes from the lead of the four that West has at most four diamonds and South therefore also has four.

The spade shift beats declarer fair and square. South plays the six, whereupon West takes the king and returns a spade. East ducks, of course, and South wins with the ace. Declarer can cash eight tricks but is then finished.

Finding declarer with only two spades might be viewed as a lucky shot by East, but actually it is not that unlikely on the bidding. Since South has four diamonds and opened with one club, he might easily have five clubs. Declarer's other four cards are then almost certain to be divided 2-2, which means he has exactly two spades.

Tomorrow: Appearances are deceiving.  
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The winners of each category will be revealed to the public in our upcoming special section "The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 18, 2006.

Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Please vote in as many categories as possible.



**Dining/Restaurants**

- Barbecue Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Barbecue Ribs \_\_\_\_\_
- Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Buffet \_\_\_\_\_
- Burritos \_\_\_\_\_
- Catering \_\_\_\_\_
- Catfish \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Chile Rellenos \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese \_\_\_\_\_
- Coldest Beer \_\_\_\_\_
- Cookies \_\_\_\_\_
- Cup of Coffee \_\_\_\_\_
- Desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Donuts \_\_\_\_\_
- Drive Thru Window \_\_\_\_\_
- Enchiladas \_\_\_\_\_
- Fajitas \_\_\_\_\_
- French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Hamburgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Cooking \_\_\_\_\_
- Hot Dog \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Locally Owned Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Margaritas \_\_\_\_\_
- Nachos \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Salads \_\_\_\_\_
- Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Steaks \_\_\_\_\_
- Tacos \_\_\_\_\_

**Grocery Stores**

- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Meats \_\_\_\_\_
- Produce \_\_\_\_\_

**Businesses**

- Abstract/Title Co. \_\_\_\_\_
- After School Care \_\_\_\_\_
- Alterations \_\_\_\_\_
- Animal Hospital \_\_\_\_\_
- Apartments \_\_\_\_\_
- Appliances \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Garage \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Glass \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Parts \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Wrecker \_\_\_\_\_
- Bail Bond \_\_\_\_\_
- Bakery \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank ATM \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Drive Thru \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Hours \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Trust Services \_\_\_\_\_
- Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Barber Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Beauty Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Book Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Cabinet Maker \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpet \_\_\_\_\_
- Cellular Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Check Cashing \_\_\_\_\_
- Construction \_\_\_\_\_
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**Businesses**

- Cotton Gin \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit Union \_\_\_\_\_
- Day Care \_\_\_\_\_
- Drinking Water Co. \_\_\_\_\_
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- Farm Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Fencing Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Fitness Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Garden Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Gas Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Gift Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Golf Course \_\_\_\_\_
- Hardware Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Health Food Store \_\_\_\_\_
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- Home Health Care \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Improvement \_\_\_\_\_
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- Janitorial Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Kennels \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_
- Lawn Care Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Liquor Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
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- Muffler Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Museum \_\_\_\_\_
- Nail Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- New Car Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Office Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Oil Change \_\_\_\_\_
- Optical Center \_\_\_\_\_
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- Retirement Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Roofing Company \_\_\_\_\_
- RV Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- RV Park \_\_\_\_\_
- Screen Printing/ Embroidery \_\_\_\_\_
- Septic Tank Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Siding Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Signs \_\_\_\_\_
- Storage Units \_\_\_\_\_
- Swimming Pools/Spas \_\_\_\_\_
- Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Tattoo Parlor \_\_\_\_\_
- Television Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- To Get A Loan \_\_\_\_\_

**Businesses**

- Transmission Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Travel Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Used Car Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Video Rentals \_\_\_\_\_
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**People**

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- Architect \_\_\_\_\_
- Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Auctioneer \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Teller \_\_\_\_\_  
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- City Employee \_\_\_\_\_
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**IN BRIEF**

**HC sets girl's summer basketball camp dates**

Howard County women's basketball head coach F. Diddle and assistant coach Eric Rodev have announced dates for three summer basketball camps to be held at Doro Garrett Coliseum. For more information, call 264-5043 or 816-4327. Pre-registration for all three camps is also encouraged.

**C.G.A. sets date for annual scholarship golf tournament**

The Chicano Golf Association has set the 16th annual scholarship tournament for May 27-28 at Comanche Trail Course.

The tournament is a two-person (pick your own team) scramble and it costs \$75. Free food is provided.

For more information, call 264-2366 or 264-7116.

**HC sets boy's summer basketball camp dates**

The Howard County men's basketball coaching staff will be conducting two camps this summer and the camps will take place in July.

There will be an hour security during the camp and the camp includes breakfast, lunch and dinner for boarding campers. For more information, call the athletic office at Howard College at 264-5044. Enrollment is limited.

**Tryout dates set for HC athletic teams**

The Howard County men's basketball team will be conducting local tryouts in the near future.

The basketball team will be holding its tryouts on Thursday, May 25, at the Doro Garrett Coliseum at 11 a.m. For more information, call 264-5044.

The HC baseball team will be holding its tryout on Saturday, June 10, at Barber Field beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call 264-5046.

The University of Texas Permian Basin will also be holding its baseball tryout on Saturday, June 10, at the Jan and Roden Baseball Field on Saturday, June 10 at 10 a.m.

**Coahoma sets date for final athletic booster meeting**

Coahoma will be holding its final athletic booster meeting on Tuesday, May 23, at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma ISD Athletic Director Kim Nichols classroom.

The meeting will be held to elect officers for next year.



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### HC sets boy's summer basketball camp dates

The Howard College men's basketball coaching staff and players will be conducting two camps this summer and both camps will take place in July.

There will be 24-hour security during the camp and the cost includes breakfast, lunch and dinner for boarding campers and lunch for commuters.

For more information, call the athletic office at Howard College at 264-5040. Enrollment is limited.

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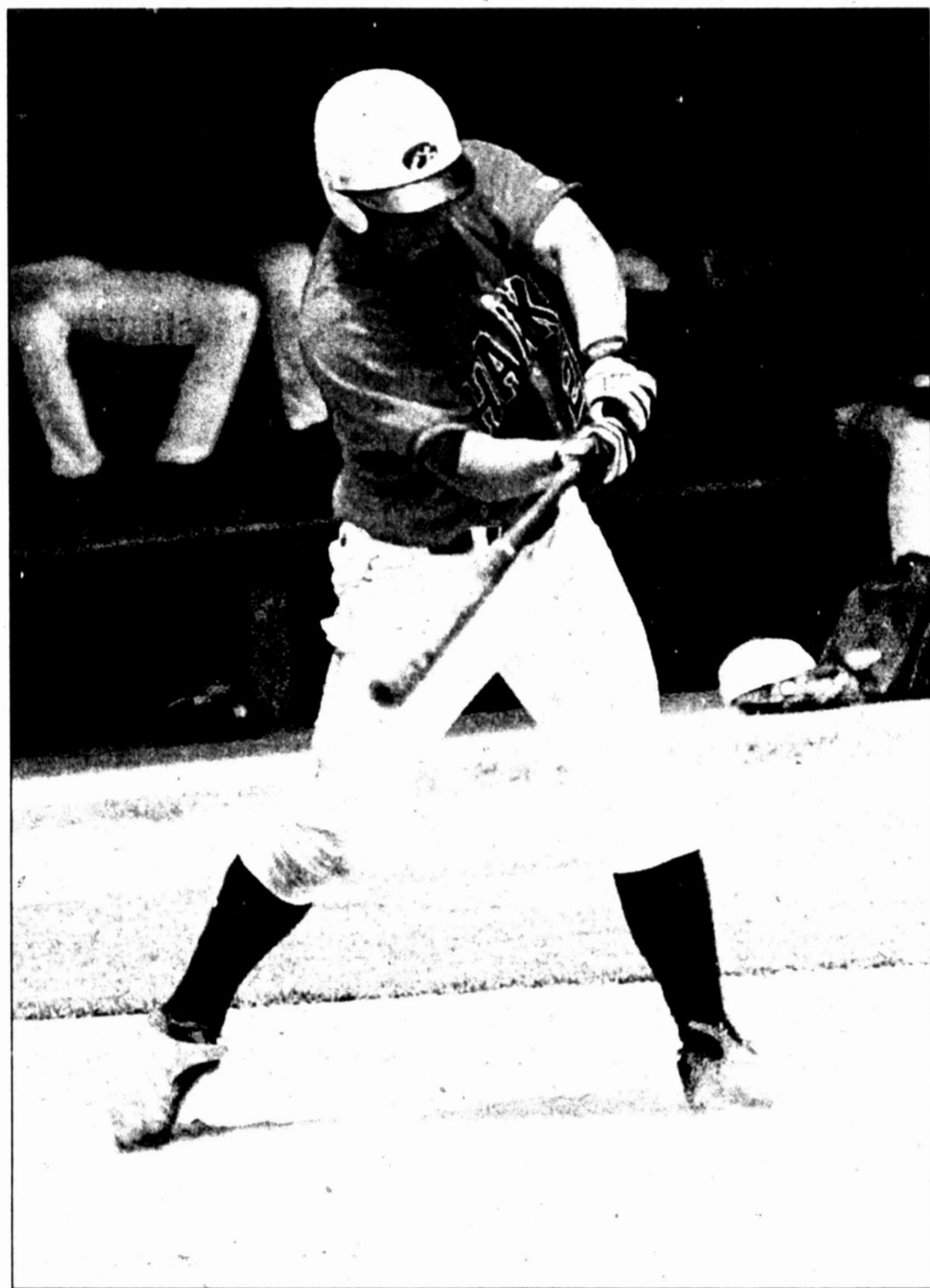
The University of Texas Permian Basin will also be holding a baseball tryout soon. The Falcons will hold their tryout in Odessa at the Jan and Ted Roden Baseball Field Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m.

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Coahoma will be holding its final athletic booster club meeting of the year tonight at 6 p.m. in Coahoma ISD Athletic Director Kim Nichols' classroom.

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## McLennan ends Hawks' season at regionals



Howard freshman Barrett Lowenstein drives a ball into play during action at the Region 5 Tournament against Grayson Monday. The Hawks beat Grayson Monday morning before ending their season last night against McLennan.

### Howard eliminates Midland, Grayson; Hawks drop out after loss in fourth game

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball team's run at the Region 5 championship ended early Monday night at Walt Driggers Field on the campus of McMurry University in Abilene. The Hawks stayed alive in the tournament with an 11-5 victory over Grayson in the first game of the day, but then bowed out of the tourney last night after falling to McLennan (16-9) for the second time in three days.

"The guys played hard and I am proud of them," said Howard head coach Britt Smith. "They battled to the end and that's all you can ask of them."

The Hawks took only 16 players to the tournament and used every pitcher for each game, but still nearly reached the championship game. A win over McLennan would have put the Hawks in a loser's bracket title game against North Central and a possible chance at the Region 5 title against Temple. Temple beat North Central Monday evening, 14-9, to reach the championship game(s).

"The pitching caught up to us and we didn't take advantage of our chances against McLennan," said Smith.

Howard stranded 12 runners on base and

allowed seven runs in the ninth inning to McLennan. The Hawks tried to rally in their half of the ninth inning with five runs, but the Highlander held on to advance and knock Howard out of the tourney.

The home plate umpire was the focus of the game against McLennan as he had a very tight strike zone and a play in the ninth inning opened the game wide open for McLennan.

Sophomore Matthew Shepherd took to the mound and walked the first two batters of the inning. The third hitter singled to deep left field, causing sophomore Dusty Dallas, who already had a sore ankle, to crash into the wall.

The runners for McLennan held up on the bases to see if the ball dropped into play and after it hit the ground the hitter and the runner on first crossed paths. No out was recorded on the play until Dallas, who stayed down for several minutes after hitting the wall, threw to third base for the force out. The umpires took several minutes to decide the call and might have rattled Shepherd and the Hawks.

"I don't like to talk about the umpires because it just leaves room for excuses," said Smith. "They have a tough job."

Shepherd gave up four

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## Dallas takes big lead over Spurs

### Mavericks' role players continue to shine in Dallas

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — This type of series is exactly why the NBA will likely change its playoff format next season.

Because, so far, the Dallas Mavericks and San Antonio Spurs have delivered a riveting second-round series perhaps better suited for a conference final, with the Mavericks' 123-118 overtime win Monday night another thriller.

Jason Terry scored four of his 32 points in overtime, including the go-ahead layup and the clincher — an arching jumper over the lunging, outstretched arms of Tim Duncan to put Dallas up 3-1 in the series.

If the Mavericks beat the defending champions Wednesday in San Antonio, they'll advance to their second conference final in four years.

The finals is where the Spurs and Mavericks could have only met if the top two playoff seeds were based on records — which NBA commissioner David Stern announced before Monday's game would likely happen next season. The Spurs won just three more games than Dallas in the regular season, but Dallas was dropped to the No. 4 seed behind the other two division winners.

But even if it's not a series with the NBA Finals on the line, it has played out that way.

"That was the best game I've ever been a part of," said Mavericks forward Jerry Stackhouse, who scored 26 points off the bench. "The emotional roller coaster was unbelievable."

The loss gave San Antonio its first three-game skid of the season and the daunting task of trying to become just the ninth team in NBA history to climb back from a 3-1 deficit. The Spurs' own history isn't on their side, either: Since Duncan came aboard in 1997, the Spurs are 0-5 when trailing this deep into a playoff series.

They also haven't won an elimination game to keep a series going; the only time they won when facing elimination was Game 7 of last year's finals.

"The bottom line is that we could have come out of here with two wins," San Antonio coach Greg Popovich said.

"It's not like we're playing horrible and they're playing great. We're right there."

The close game was emblematic of the entire series, with the exception of the Mavericks' 22-point blowout win in Game 2. The Spurs won the opener 87-85 and Dallas took the series lead Saturday with a 104-103 win.

Game 4 on Monday played out a lot like Game 3: a frenetic fourth quarter with three lead changes, clutch shots and high emotions. Before Dirk Nowitzki hit two free throws with 8.5 seconds left to force over



Dallas Mavericks center Dirk Nowitzki, left, goes up for a shot past San Antonio Spurs' Michael Finley during the first half of Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinals at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Monday. The Mavericks won the game in double overtime and now lead the best-of-seven series 3-1.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring sets date for physicals

Big Spring High School and Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin have announced the dates for athletes to get pre-participation athletic physicals for the upcoming seasons. The physicals are for students entering grades 7-12 next year and are required for students who wish to participate in athletics entering seventh, ninth and 11th grades or for those who do not already have one.

The physicals will be given at the Big Spring High School Auditorium Saturday at 10 a.m. for seventh graders, 10:15 a.m. for ninth graders and 10:30 a.m. for 10th, 11th and 12th graders. The doors will close promptly at 11:30 a.m. Athletic physical forms are available through coaches, Rankin and online at bsisd.esc18.net (look under: Schools, BSHS, Athletics, Athletic Forms).

For more information, contact Rankin at 264-3647.

Lady Steers set date for banquet

The Lady Steers Athletic Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria.

The price for a ticket is \$10 and all athletes — except seniors — will pay this year. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Cook at the ATC, at the attendance office from Mrs. Pineda or at Dakota's Flowers and Gifts.

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time, Spurs defensive specialist Bruce Bowen was so disgusted with the foul call that he yelled, "That's terrible!" — loud enough for Stern to hear from his front-row seat.

Before that, former Mavericks All-Star Michael Finley hit a stunning 3-pointer from the wing to silence the crowd that booed him all night, briefly putting the Spurs ahead 111-109 with 15.4 seconds left.

Duncan, who finished with 31 points and 13 rebounds, had a chance to win the game in regulation but his 6-footer at the buzzer was short when Mavericks center Erick Dampier forced a difficult shot.

"We've had no answer for (Duncan) all series," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said. "But I tell you, our big guys are battling."

Including Nowitzki, who didn't seem bothered at all by the sprained right ankle he got after taking an awkward tumble in Game 3. He finished with 28 points, half of which came at the foul line.

"I felt great early on,"



San Antonio Spurs' Manu Ginobili, left, and Bruce Bowen, right, try to knock the ball away from Dallas Mavericks' Josh Howard during the first half of Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinals at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Monday.

said Nowitzki, who also had nine rebounds and shot 7-of-12 from the field. "I was a little worried because it was still swollen this morning but it loosened up right before the game."

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 33 points and

Manu Ginobili scored 26. Parker got off to a blistering start, scoring 16 of his points in the first quarter.

At that point, Johnson said he pulled aside guard Devin Harris and challenged him to steal the spotlight.

It seemed to work. Harris finished with 18 points and threw a smart cross-court pass to set up a crucial long jumper from Terry with 23 seconds left in regulation.

"I've had situations like that where a guy torched me early in the game,"

Johnson said. "But can you come back? What are we going to remember at the end of the game?"

For most, probably another intense finish to a gripping series.

"They're the champs," Terry said. "They still got plenty more."

Millwood solid in Rangers' win over Yankees

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer NEW YORK — The Texas Rangers are playing clean baseball in wet weather.

Kevin Millwood threw seven crisp innings, Mark Teixeira hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth and Texas beat the New York Yankees 4-2 Monday night

on another rainy day at the park for the Rangers.

"I think we'll be all right when we get to Houston. They've got a roof," Millwood said.

Brad Wilkerson homered to begin the comeback from a two-run deficit, and Texas improved to 11-5 on the road by snapping an eight-game losing

streak to the Yankees that dated to last season.

Michael Young and Hank Blalock each drove

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Bedtime Stories

SHARI AND HER DISLIKES

When Shari was very young, just like you and me, she wasn't very happy. She always had a frown on her face. She never smiled! Never! Not at anyone or anything. Her mommie could not make her smile. Her daddy could not make her smile. And they were clowns!

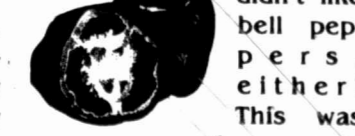
This story is already sad, and we haven't even started, have we? But, we know that it will have a happy ending, don't we? Let me tell you what happened to make this a very happy story. Are you ready for bed? Who is reading this story to you? Is it your mommie? Is it your daddy? Is it your brother? Is it your sister? Is it a friend? Do a favor for me, quickly, give this person a great big hug. I'll bet this person loved that! I'll bet you did, too!

Okay, on with the story. When Shari was one year old, her mom tried to feed her some tomatoes.



Eeeeeuuuuuu! Shari didn't like them at all! That was the first thing that made Shari unhappy. I like tomatoes, don't you?

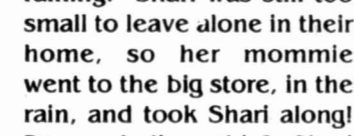
When Shari was two years old, her mom tried to feed her some bell peppers.



Yuck! Shari didn't like bell peppers, either! This was the second thing that made Shari unhappy! I like bell peppers, don't you? I love the bright colors of a bell pepper. What do you like about these peppers?

When Shari was three years old, her mommie wanted some mushrooms

for her own meal, but she didn't have any in her freezer. She needed to drive to the big store down the street to buy some mushrooms, and it was raining! Shari was still too small to leave alone in their home, so her mommie went to the big store, in the rain, and took Shari along! Do you believe this? Shari didn't like mushrooms, or driving in the rain! And, on top of that, Shari's mommie had to wake Shari up from a nice warm bed.



Early one morning to do that! And of course, Shari didn't like getting up early. Either! This was the third, fourth, and fifth thing that made Shari unhappy!

Oh yes, she didn't like hot weather, either! And she lived in the South, where it is almost always warm. Poor Shari. Nothing made her happy, or was there something out there somewhere that could make Shari happy? Let's find out!

When Shari was ten years

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old, her mommie heard her singing. Why would a very unhappy little girl be singing? I sing only when I am happy, don't you? Let's see why Shari seemed happy. This was so unusual! But, it sure did make Shari's mommie happy to hear the singing! This must mean that Shari is finally smiling! Nope! Not yet!

Shari opened the front door to their home and saw that the weather was nice and cold, and this made her sing. She never did like hot weather! Now, she could go outside and play games in this cold weather. Her smile just grew a little! She loved to drink cold water from the water fountain. This made her smile a little bigger! Not a great big smile, but a very big grin!

She heard her neighbor's newborn baby making little quiet baby sounds, and this made her grin get much

bigger, for everyone loves a little baby. She smelled the things her neighbors were cooking, and she loved these smells, and she grinned even more.

Then, years later, it happened! She was already nineteen years old. But, it did happen! Shari finally saw that there are so many

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more things to smile about than there are things to frown about, that she decided to try to give her mommie the biggest smile she had ever seen!

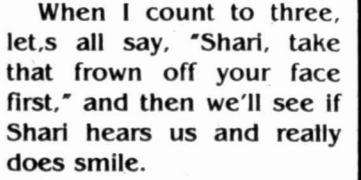
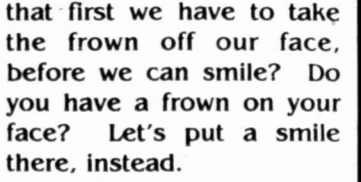
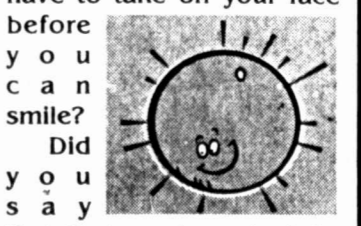
Shari tried to smile. She tried again! Nothing was happening! Oh! No! She couldn't smile! Her face just couldn't do it! Would she never smile? I did tell you in the beginning of this story that it would have a happy ending, didn't I? So,

let's make Shari smile. Do you know how to smile? Do you know what you have to take off your face before you can smile? Did you say that first we have to take the frown off our face, before we can smile? Do you have a frown on your face? Let's put a smile there, instead.

When I count to three, let's all say, "Shari, take that frown off your face first," and then we'll see if Shari hears us and really does smile.

One, two, THREE! "Shari, take that frown off your face first!" It worked! Shari's mommie just called me and told me that Shari is smiling a real smile. Shari's mommie also asked me why we are up so late, and we should be asleep. Smiling Shari just came to the phone and said to tell us, "Good Night"

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HOWARD

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hits and two walks after the controversial play and needed sophomore Eamonn Donovan to finish the inning.

It was 9-4 at the time of the call, but Howard entered its final at-bat down 16-4.

The Hawks made it interesting in the ninth as Dallas stayed in the game to hit a grand slam home run. He hit three home runs in the two games Monday and finished with a team-high 13 on the season.

McLennan jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings. Ryan Lormand hit a two-run home run off starter Scottie Stephen in the second inning. Stephen took the loss after allowing five earned runs on four hits. He walked two, hit a batter and struck out one.

Howard got on the board in the fourth with a solo home run by sophomore Will Basom. However, the Hawks stranded the bases loaded in the inning and left seven on base in the first four innings.

Steffan Guest of McLennan hit a solo home run off freshman Lance Brown in the fifth to make it 6-1, but Howard answered with three runs in its half of the fifth to cut the deficit to 6-4.

Freshman Barrett Lowenstein singled and scored in the inning, sophomore Daman Aaron walked and scored and sophomore Darby Brown reached on an error and scored. Dallas also delivered an RBI single, but Howard stranded two runners on base. McLennan got one more

run in the sixth before going up 9-4 with two runs in the eighth.

The game started about 45 minutes behind schedule and finished up after midnight Tuesday morning.

**Howard 11, Grayson 5**  
The Hawks advanced to Monday's night game against McLennan after eliminating Grayson earlier in the day.

Dallas hit two 2-run home runs in the game to lead the Hawks. The first blast put Howard up, 3-2, in the fourth and then his second home run in the sixth inning gave the Hawks the lead for good at 6-4.

"The difference in this game was Dusty Dallas," said Smith. "He has had home run power all season and just has a knack for hitting them when we need them."

The Hawks scored four runs in the sixth inning to take an 8-4 lead and then freshman Bobby Gonsoulin came onto the mound in relief during the seventh inning and got Howard out of a jam, stranding two Grayson runners on base.

The Vikings scored one in the inning, but Howard still led 8-5.

"The pitchers were outstanding for us in this game," said Smith. "I'm just happy for the kids because they have worked so hard this year."

Aaron homered for Howard in the seventh inning to make it 9-5 and then Lowenstein crushed a two-run triple in the eighth inning to score sophomore Jeff Storms and Brown to finalize the scoring at 11-5. Both runs were scored with two outs.

"Honestly, we didn't really play well in the



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard sophomore Eamonn Donovan delivers a pitch to the plate against Grayson Monday at Wait Driggers Field on the campus of McMurry University in Abilene during the Region 5 baseball tournament. The Hawks defeated Grayson in the early game to avoid elimination, but then bowed out of the tournament with a loss in the nightcap to McLennan.

game, but the kids played hard," said Smith. "We probably would have blown them out if we did a few things better in the game. We outplayed them and outworked them though."

Stephen started on the mound and was nearly flawless in his two innings of work. He struck out two and did not surrender a hit. Sophomore Parker Sisk allowed two runs in the third inning, freshman Lance Brown faced the minimum in the fourth and Donovan allowed one run in his only inning. Gonsoulin got six outs

in the seventh and eighth inning and recorded the win. He allowed two hits, but stranded three Grayson runners on base. Freshman Kenny Smalley pitched a perfect ninth inning as well.

"We were pretty good on the mound," said Smith. "Hopefully we can continue that against McLennan later tonight."

Lowenstein's RBI double in the first inning scored Storms to make it 1-0.

Freshman Ryan Pruitt had an RBI double in the fifth to make it 4-3 Howard and Storms and Brown both had RBI sin-

gles in the Hawks' four-run sixth inning.

Howard eliminated two teams in the tournament. They knocked out Midland Sunday and ended Grayson's season Monday.

The Hawks were the final team from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference team in the tournament before losing Monday.

Top-ranked and defending national champion New Mexico bowed out after losing its first two games. Odessa College knocked out New Mexico, but was eliminated by McLennan.

RANGERS

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in a run for the Rangers, who had played only 5 1/2 innings since Wednesday because they were rained out twice in Boston over the weekend. They beat the Red Sox 6-0 on Friday night in a game cut short by showers.

"We're the rainmakers," manager Buck Showalter said. "Is it supposed to rain tomorrow?"

A little bit.

"Good," he said.

In other AL games, it was: Chicago 7, Minnesota 3; and Boston 11, Baltimore 1. Kansas City's game at Cleveland was postponed by rain and will be made up as part of a day-night doubleheader on Aug. 12.

Mike Mussina delivered another fine outing for the Yankees, who have lost consecutive games and managed only three runs in 23 innings. Without injured sluggers Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui, New York has scored 12 runs in the last five games.

First baseman Jason Giambi, who made a diving stop in the third to save a run, left after the seventh with a strained neck.

"As the game went on it got stiff. It'll be all right, it's not anything serious," he said.

Giambi hopes to play Tuesday night, but manager Joe Torre wasn't so sure.

"He couldn't turn his neck. We certainly don't want to go without him for an extended period of time," Torre said. "Remember in the spring when we were talking about who's going to hit 3-4-5-6? We don't have those problems right now."

Millwood (4-3) retired his final 12 batters after Robinson Cano's RBI single in the fourth and beat the Yankees for the first time. With play ready to resume after a 22-minute rain delay in the middle of the eighth, the right-hander threw a few warmup pitches, then came out.

"He was honest with us. He had stiffened up a little bit," Showalter said. "Kevin's not the kind of guy that's going to let his heart get in the way of his head."

The Rangers hadn't used their bullpen since Wednesday. Francisco Cordero worked a scoreless eighth and Akinori Otsuka got three quick outs for his fifth save.

Millwood allowed two runs and five hits, throwing 55 of 78 pitches for strikes after entering 0-3 with a 5.92 ERA in four starts against the Yankees.

He fanned six and walked none, rebounding from a 15-5 loss to Minnesota in his previous start when he gave up nine runs and nine hits in 1 1/3 innings.

With the score tied at 2 and rain beginning to fall, Gary Matthews Jr. opened the eighth with a double that was fumbled by 21-year-old rookie Melky Cabrera in left field. Matthews advanced on a wild pitch by Kyle Farnsworth (1-1) and scored when Teixeira singled on an 0-2 offering.

Blalock added a broken-bat RBI single, making it 4-2.

Mussina reeled off his ninth straight solid start. Looking to become the first seven-game winner in the majors, he yielded two runs in seven innings. He had won five consecutive starts.

Bubba Crosby's two-out RBI single put the Yankees ahead in the second.

Astros fall to Giants, Bonds still stuck on 713

By JANIE McCAULEY  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Barry Bonds has made history in this town before.

He'd do almost anything to have it happen again.

San Francisco's slugger hit his 70th home run against the Astros to tie Mark McGwire on the way to the single-season record of 73 in October 2001. Now, his target is the Babe.

This chase is proving even tougher.

Before the Giants beat the Astros 10-1 on Monday night, Bonds said he would settle for any kind of hit to get back on track.

He delivered an RBI double in the Giants' five-

run third, yet his streak without a home run reached seven games — leaving him stuck at 713 in this chunk of Houston listing 713 as its area code.

That's still one homer shy of tying Babe Ruth for second place on the career list.

"This thing, it's like chasing two ghosts, you know?" Bonds said before the game. "Babe Ruth, I think he just kind of hovers over people a lot."

On a warm night at hitter-friendly Minute Maid Park, where the thermometer read 76 degrees at first pitch, Bonds watched teammate Pedro Feliz hit his fourth career grand slam and Randy Winn lead off the game

with his fourth homer of the year.

Bonds went 1-for-3 with the double, a walk, a called strikeout and a popup before Jason Ellison replaced him in left field in the seventh. Mike Matheny drove in two runs and Feliz matched his career high with five RBIs for the Giants.

Bonds scored in the Giants' five-run third, when Feliz hit the first pitch he saw off the brick facade in left field for his team-leading seventh homer.

The 41-year-old Bonds hasn't homered since a 450-foot shot to right May 7 at Philadelphia. He ended an 0-for-15 funk with the double.

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Friday, 5 p.m. (one game)

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Regional Quarterfinals

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Game 1: Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Game 2: Saturday, 3 p.m.

Game 3: Saturday, 30 minutes after Game 2 (if needed)

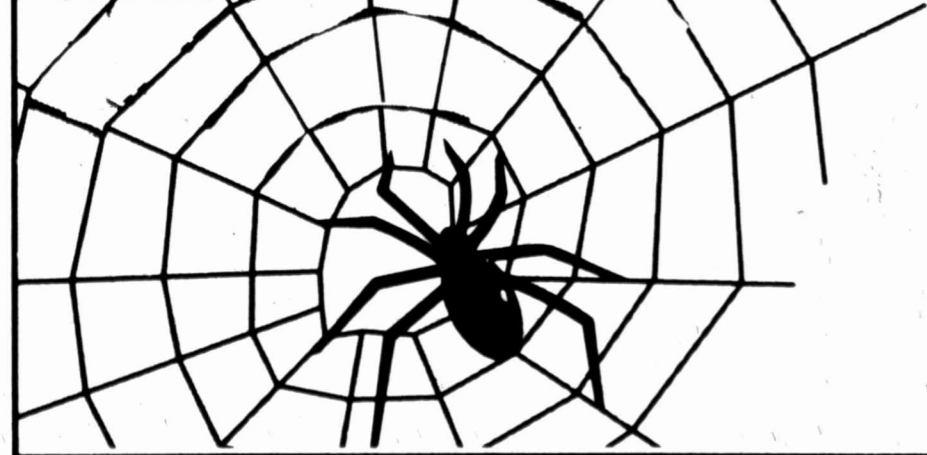
• The games will be played in Abilene at Wait Driggers Field on the campus of McMurry University.

The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

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**This Date In History**

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Today's Highlight in History:  
On May 16, 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie "Wings" won "best production," while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.  
On this date:  
In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.  
In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the 5-cent piece.  
In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him.  
In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.  
In 1960, a Big Four summit conference in Paris collapsed on its opening day as

the Soviet Union leveled spy charges against the U.S. in the wake of the U2 incident.  
In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.  
In 1977, five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.  
Five years ago: Former FBI agent Robert Hanssen was indicted on charges of spying for Moscow. (Hanssen later pleaded guilty to 15 counts of espionage and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.)  
One year ago: Mexican President Vicente Fox regretted any hurt feelings for saying that Mexicans in the United States were doing the work that even blacks wouldn't.  
Today's Birthdays: Author Studs Terkel is 94. Actor George Gaynes is 89. Actor Harry Carey Jr. is 85. Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 62. Actor Bill Smitrovich is 59. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 53. Actress Debra Winger is 51. Soviet gymnast Olga

Korbut is 51. Actress Marc Wunningham is 47. Rock musician Boyd Tinsley (The Dave Matthews Band) is 42. Singer Janet Jackson is 40. Country singer Scott Reeves (Blue County) is 40. Actor Brian F. O'Byrne is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 38. Tennis player Gabriela Sabatini is 36. Country singer Rick Trevino is 35. Actor David Boreanaz is 35. Musician Simon Katz is 35. Actress Tori Spelling is 33. Actress Melanie Lynskey is 29. Actress Megan Fox is 20. Actor Marc John Jefferies is 16.

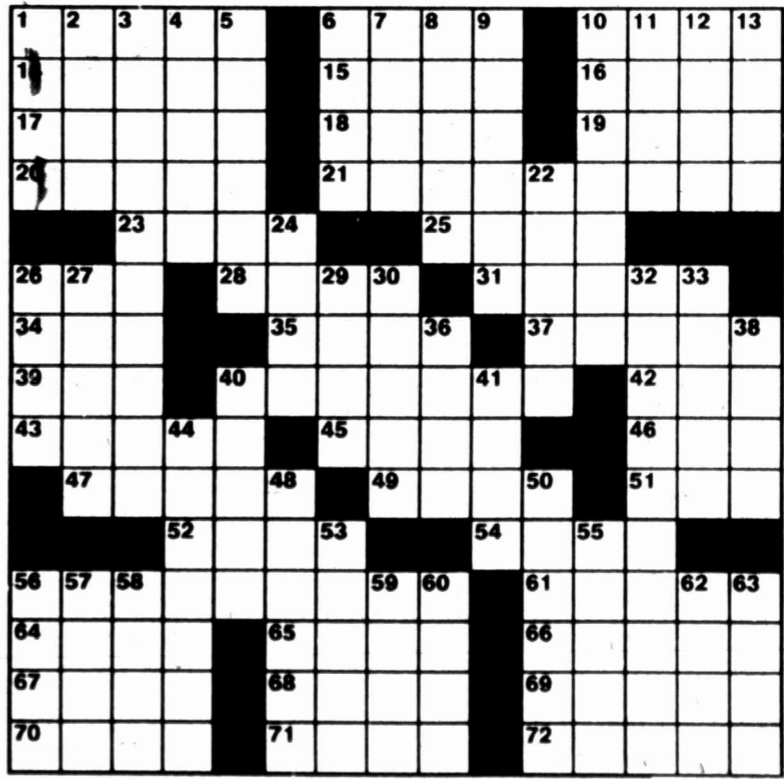
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- The Sahara Desert, in North Africa, covers 3.5 million square miles.
  - Musical instruments in an orchestra are divided into four groups, or sections: woodwinds, brass, percussion and strings.
- World Almanac for Kids

# KIDNEWS

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Chatter Box

"I'm a horror-movie fan: 'Halloween,' 'Nightmare on Elm Street,' 'Friday the 13th.' I freak myself out sometimes when I'm home alone."  
— Carrie Underwood, in Self magazine.



In The News

## Talking to a baseball legend

Willie Mays is arguably the greatest player in all of baseball history. During his 22-year career with the New York/San Francisco Giants, he won 12 Gold Gloves, appeared in 24 all-star games and ended his career as the Giants' franchise leader in games played (2,857), with a .302 lifetime average.



He is fourth among all players in career home runs with 660, trailing only Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and his godson, Barry Bonds.

Mays has a lifetime contract with the Giants as special assistant to the president of the club. Time For Kids kid reporter Sam Rubinroit and his brother, Seth, sat down for an interview with Mays at the Giants' spring training facility in Scottsdale, Ariz., to discuss kids in baseball, Barry Bonds and more.

TFK: You're a living legend. What is it like to be Willie Mays?

MAYS: First of all, I don't see myself that way. My name is Willie Mays. I enjoyed what I did for a long time, but I don't see myself as a legend.

TFK: What type of advice do you have for kids who want to be professional baseball players?

MAYS: I don't give advice because it's very difficult to say. I see a kid doing something wrong, I try to tell him, and if he doesn't like it, I pass. But if he does like it, hey, I'm right there to try to do whatever I can. Let the kid play and have fun, let him grow up as a child, get a kick out of what he wants to do growing up and help him along.



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TFK: You turned down college scholarships in basketball and football. Do you regret your decision to skip college?

MAYS: If I were coming along today, I'd go and get an education. Education is very, very, important. I had to go to professional ball because I wanted to make sure to care for my family.

TFK: Other than Barry Bonds, who are your favorite baseball players today?

MAYS: Barry's not my favorite baseball player (laughing). I watch a lot of kids play baseball, and I have a lot of friends in baseball, but I don't pick any one or two. I've had (Barry) since he was 5, so whatever he does I try to watch. But he's good, so I don't really have to do too much to help him along.

TFK: Do you think some of the love of the game is taken away when some players are making more than \$10 million?

MAYS: I think players should make as much as they can. How long can they play? But the owners, they can go on forever. All they do is sit around in an office. And the players, they have to go out and perform every year.

TFK: Do you think athletes have to be role models for kids?

MAYS: No. The role model is your mother and your father. Those two are the ones who help you do what you have to do. We are athletes. Your mother and father are the ones who bring you up. How do you think you (got) an education like you did? Who helped you with that? Your mother. I didn't help you with that. These guys didn't help you. Your mother and your father are your role models.

— Sam and Seth Rubinroit

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# BARBIE TELLS ALL

## The lady in pink talks about her musical and her breakup

By GEORGEA KOVANIS  
Detroit Free Press

For the first time ever, international glamour girl Barbie has spoken. The usually tight-lipped star/fashion plate broke her silence with help from stage double Erin Coors, the 24-year-old actress who plays her in "Barbie Live in Fairytopia." The musical extravaganza — Barbie is a wingless fairy who must save her home — is touring the country.

From her humble beginnings as a teenage model from Willows, Wis., to her careers as an astronaut, paleontologist, Army medic, three-time presidential candidate and now a super-successful actress, Barbie Millicent Roberts has led a life most of us would envy.

Plus, she has remained youthful and has kept her stunning figure since showing up on the scene in 1959.

During the wide-ranging conversation, Barbie shared her thoughts on the more than 90 careers she's had, her fitness regimen and her on-again-off-again relationship with Ken Carson.

The Piscean Pair — both share March birthdays — dated for 43 years before parting ways in 2004. Lately, Ken has publicly stated he wants to rekindle the romance. Could a resumption be in the works?

Q: What are you looking forward to (about your first touring stage show)?

A: I'm just really excited about seeing my fans.

Q: You never age. How do you stay looking so great?

A: I just keep in good shape. This show, with the dancing and singing, it's very athletic.

Q: Do you have any beauty secrets?

A: Not really. It's just being a good person and taking care of yourself.

Q: Do you ever get tired of walking on your toes?

A: No. My shoes are beautiful. I love them.

Q: But you're always on your tiptoes — even when you're barefoot! Does that build calf muscles?

A: Yes, it's great.

Q: Now let's get on to the personal, which is what everyone really wants to know about a star of your magnitude. What's going on with you and Ken Carson?

A: Ken is in my upcoming movie.

Q: But what's the status of your relationship?

A: I'd rather not comment on that.

Q: How come a doll like you doesn't have a date?

A: I'm a very hard worker. ... I have had a lot of careers. I'm very focused on my career right now.

Q: You HAVE had a lot of careers! Ever thought about seeing a career counselor to help you focus?

A: I have not.

Q: I heard GI Joe has a big crush on you.

A: Really? I didn't know that. That's very nice.

Q: Interested?

A: I'm not even focusing on that right now.

Q: Tell us something about the show.

A: On the set, we've used 100 pounds of glitter, so everything is sufficiently sparkly.



Barbie Millicent Roberts

AGE: 47.

RESIDENCE: El Segundo, Calif., in a custom-built dream home; has vacation homes everywhere, including Malibu.

EDUCATION: Willows High School in Willows, Wis. Attended various colleges, medical and veterinary schools.

CAREERS: More than 90, including teenage fashion model, astronaut, paleontologist, doctor, nurse, Army medic, ballerina and flight attendant.

PERSONAL: Single; no children. Split from longtime boyfriend Ken Carson two years ago. Had a rebound relationship with Aussie surfer Blaine.

PETS: Has had at least 43 pets, including 21 dogs, 14 horses, three ponies, six cats, a parrot, a chimpanzee, a panda, a lion cub, a giraffe and a zebra.

SPLURGES: Barbie has more than a billion pairs of shoes and gets 100 new pairs every year.

FAVORITE COLOR: Pink.

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Flip and Dive Barbie MATTEL

# Pony

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The annual Pony West ride has become a tradition in the Spring area during the past several years, and even more spectators are gearing up for another spectacular ride and 3.

The two-day ride, v



John Hosey, supervisor of the local Salvation Army Saturday drive

# Mail call 7,800

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Despite falling short of the pound goal, Saturday's Post Office 14th annual "Hunger" Food Drive hauled in a huge success.

"We consider it a goal was 15,000 pounds, but we had 7,800 pounds, which is a success," said John Hosey, supervisor of customer service at the local post office. "All gathered at all is a success."

# Search for Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS  
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Area residents interested in the art of search and rescue will

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