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March, 5-6, 2005

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BRIEFLY

Cornell Corrections to host blood drive

Cornell Corrections, 3711 Wright Ave., will hold a blood drive from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday.

To sign up, call Tina Word at 264-0060.

Municipal Court closed all week

The Big Spring Municipal Court will be closed the week of March 7 through March 11. The computer system is being updated to a new, more efficient format and the staff will be training the entire week to learn the new system. The court will open for business March 14, at 8 a.m.

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Supers view House-backed finance bill cautiously

□ House bill falls \$1.2 billion short, according to documents. See Page 6A.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Area school superintendents reacted cautiously to a new school-financing bill unveiled by Texas House Democrats last week.

The plan, an alternative to House Bill 2, which is expected to be debated early this week, promises more money for bilingual and hard-to-educate students, teacher pay raises and more property tax relief.

Neither Michael Downes, Wayne Mitchell or Randy Johnson, superintendents at Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan, respectively, had a close look at the Democrats' plan as of Friday morning.

"Putting more money into edu-

cation is certainly a good start," Johnson said.

"But (the legislature) need to make sure that it's used in a manner most advantageous for Texas students."

The Democrats' plan, expected to be offered as a substitute during this week's House debate, proposes to spend \$5 billion in the classroom, in addition to money for enrollment growth. That's about \$2 billion more than the Republican-drawn plan would give schools.

"It's just a poor bill. It's more about school reform than school financing."



Michael Downes

Among the Democrats' top priorities: Bringing teacher pay, which now ranks 38th in the

Tootin' their horn

Forsan band using fund-raisers to make parade trip a reality

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Aside from mastering musical scores, members of the Forsan High School band have had to learn quite a bit of entrepreneurial skills this year.

Last year, the band was honored to accept an invitation to march in the 2005 Independence Day parade in Washington, D.C.

But there was a catch — an expensive catch. The band would have to come up with at least a majority of the \$145,000 needed to pay for the trip. And with no Donald Trump-like benefactor coming forth with a hefty check, the Forsan band members began learning the ins and outs of fund-raising.

So, they've sold cookies. They've planned car washes and bake sales. And they've been the grateful recipients of donations from various individuals and organizations from around the area.

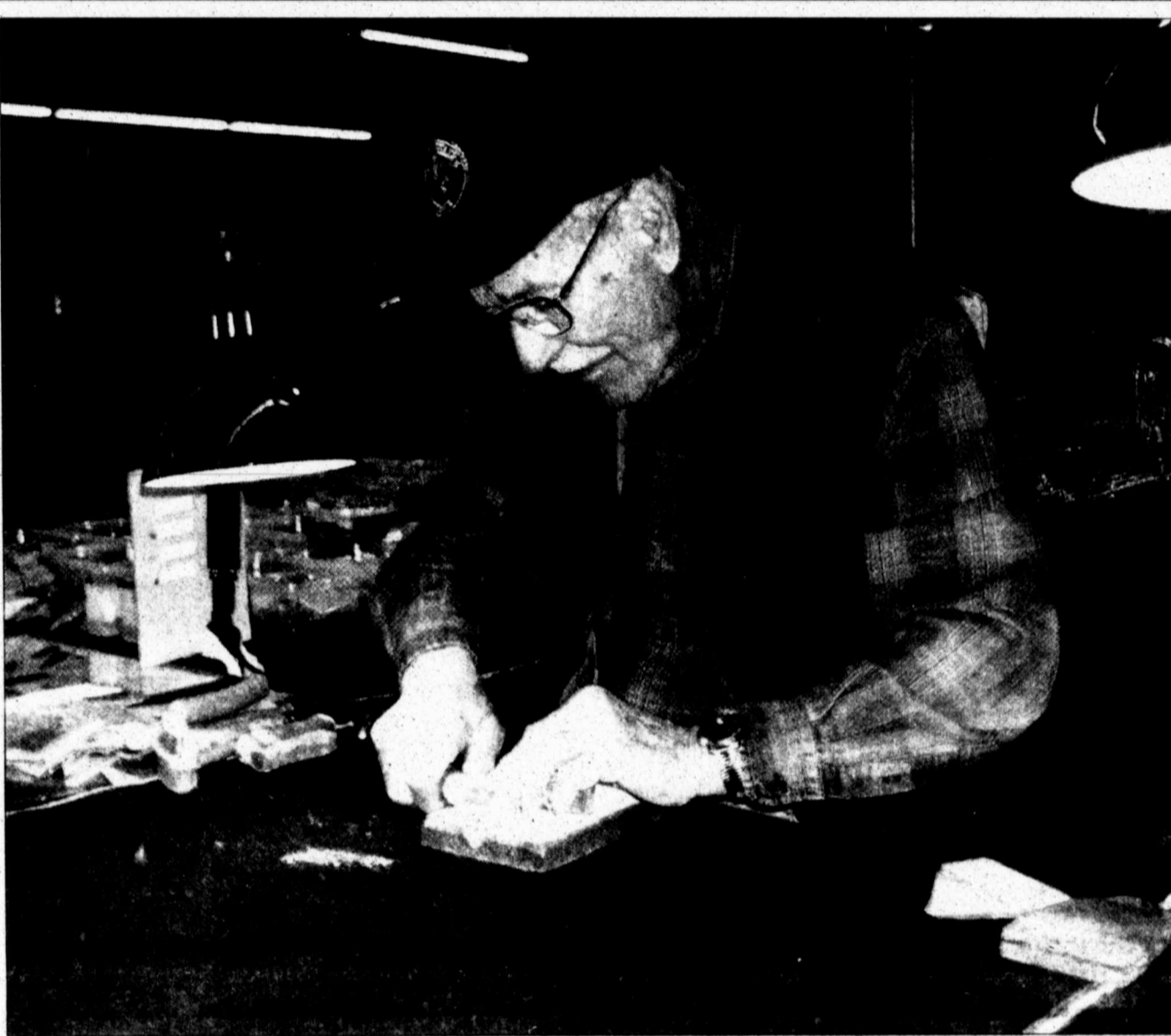
While the band is still short of its goal — and time is starting to become a factor — Director Jim Rhodes is optimistic that the trip will become reality.

"We've gotten a little more nervous, but there's a lot of things that have jumped out of nowhere to help us," Rhodes said.

One source of unexpected help has been the Eagle's Lodge of Big Spring. The organization, which conducts several fund-raisers throughout the year, has stepped to the plate to help the Forsan Band — the barbecue plate, that is.

The Eagles, in conjunction with the

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Rock aficionado and self-proclaimed ham Bud Trammell works a stone into an arrowhead during the 36th Annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday morning at the Howard County Fair Barn. Trammell, who is from Stephenville, is just one of many stone workers and vendors at the show, which continues Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fair Barn rocks!

Gem and Mineral Show continues Sunday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Howard County Fair Barn became rockhound central Saturday morning, as the 36th Annual Gem and Mineral Show kicked off what is sure to be a weekend of fun.

The show, which is hosted by the Big Spring Prospector's Club, draws gem and mineral

enthusiasts from near and far.

"I've lived in Big Spring for about 15 years and this is my fourth time coming out to the gem and mineral show," said Lorrie Grantham, who, along with her son Lucas, was among those perusing the many tables containing gems of every shape, color and size.

"I like looking at the stones that have been actually collect-

ed from the area and polished, because that kind of gives us some hope. We farm, and maybe we'll find some on our farm that we can look at. That's what I'm hoping to do for him (Lucas). I want to get him interested in this too."

Grantham said she and her son dabble in rock collecting.

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Washington Elementary students, from left, Kiowa Spears, Madison Currie and Ashley Garza count the more than 900 links purchased by their third grade class during the school's Links for a Cure fund-raiser. Schools around the area have been conducting Links events to support the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Linking up!

Area schoolchildren join Relay for Life effort

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Special to the Herald

Washington Elementary finished its Links for a Cure fund-raiser Friday, making it the fifth local school to join in raising money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Washington's final totals are not in yet, but already this school year, more than \$3,400 has been raised by schoolchildren at Coahoma Elementary, Moss, Marcy and Bauer.



Dunnam

The winning school will be announced and honored at the opening ceremonies of Relay for Life, May 13 at Blankenship Field.

Links for a Cure challenges schoolchildren to buy links on a paper chain for 10 cents each. As the chains grow, so does the spirit among par-

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Obituaries

Martha Jane Rankin



Martha Jane Rankin, 78, of Big Spring, died on Friday, March 4, 2005, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2005, at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Matt Miles, pastor, officiating.

She was born on April 23, 1926, in Cleveland, Ohio, and married David L. Rankin on June 6, 1948, in North Vernon, Ind.

Mrs. Rankin was raised in North Vernon, Ind., and graduated from Ball State University. She was a music teacher for six years and then was a homemaker. She moved to Big Spring in November of 2003 from Avon, Ind.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as regent a number of times and a member of the International Travel Study Club in Avon, Ind. Martha Jane was involved in and delivered Meals on Wheels for 25 years. She was interested in genealogy.

Survivors include her husband, David L. Rankin of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jonathan L. and Terry Rankin of Plantersville and Andrew D. and Amanda Rankin of Big Spring; three grandsons and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Nina Woolman; and one sister, Dorothy Anne Blackwood.

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

Ruby Ruth Greenhill

Ruby Ruth Greenhill, 83, of Big Spring died Friday night, March 4, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support groups

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

Encourager's Support Group - All widows and widowers are invited to the meeting beginning at 6 p.m. in the Spanish Inn Restaurant, 200 NW Third St. For more information call 398-5522.

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-13-23-34-35. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-9-7

Weather

Sunday - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Light and variable winds. Becoming south 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.
Sunday night - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Monday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the northwest in the afternoon.
Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.
Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. Highs around 70.
Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.
Wednesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.
Wednesday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday:

- RAFAEL CRUZ LOPEZ, 60, of 508 1/2 Father Delaney, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TIMOTHY PADRON, 22, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ANDRES CASTILLO, 18, of Stanton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of robbery.
- ANTHONY HIGNOJOS JR., 23, of Stanton, was arrested Saturday on charges of robbery and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- BLANCA CHRISTINA FRANCO, 21, of 1904 Highway 87, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption.
- FABIOLA VALDEZ OCHOA, 28, of 1401 Highway 87, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE/FICTITIOUS INFORMATION was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry.

Sheriff's report

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

- THEFT was reported in the 7100 block of Kyle Road.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 5200 block of Dawson.

Take note

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF THE SOUTHWEST OFFERS BABY-SITTER'S CLASS set for 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday in Midland. Registration for the \$35 class is required. The class is open to all youth age 11-15. For more information or to register, call 432-570-6161, 432-332-5641 or 1-800-219-2154.

Or write to the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, 120 E. Second St., Odessa 79761 or P.O. Box 60310, Midland 79711.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF THE SOUTHWEST OFFERS LIFEGUARD TRAINING Tuesday through Thursday in Midland. Cost is \$150 and registration is required. Class is for those 15 and older who are strong swimmers. Course objectives include CPR for the professional rescuer, first aid, lifeguard responsibilities and pool safety. For more information or to register, call 432-570-6161, 432-332-5641 or 1-800-219-2154.

KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL REGULAR MEETING is noon Monday in the La Posada Restaurant. The recent meeting place poll will be discussed, among other items. The 2005 annual membership dues of at least \$5 are needed. Dues may also be mailed to KBSB Treasurer Jan Foresyth, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane

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

HERITAGE MUSEUM OPENS A NEW EXHIBIT, LAW AND ORDER, MARCH 15, featuring memorabilia from the Howard County Sheriff's Department, the Big Spring Police Department and local and past attorneys. Special items in the exhibit include the murder trial in Howard County and a 1902 shoot-out. Contact the museum for more information at 267-8255.

A BENEFIT BARBECUE COOK-OFF FOR THE FORSAN BAND WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP is set for March 12 at 703 W. Third. Categories are: brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves, sausage and jackpot beans. Cooks may register now by calling 263-6862.

HOWARD COUNTY A&M CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2005-2006 are being accepted. Applications may be obtained from Mike or Jeane Niklasch at 1409 E. Highway 350 or by calling the club president, Dr. Tom Dawson at 267-7911, ext. 216. Application deadline is April 15.

Bulletin board

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful regular meeting at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
- Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The Warren Family will perform at East Side Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Nursery is provided. Call 267-1915 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
- Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

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Bill Schaffner, pancake during Friday evening Salvation Arm

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Bill Schaffner, past president of the Big Spring Kiwanis, works some griddle-magic on a pancake during the group's annual Pancake Supper at the Howard College Cafeteria Friday evening. The local Kiwanis Club helps support many area charities, including the Salvation Army and the Westside Community Center.

SHOW

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and hopes seeing the fruits of other rock hounds' labor will make it easier for her and her son to survive the hardest part of rock polishing — waiting.

"Lucas and I like to collect rocks," said Grantham. "And we've tried polishing rocks with our little rock polisher, but I thought if I brought him here and let him see what they look like when we get finished might give us a little more patience when we're waiting for them to finish." "We've been looking

around at all of the different stones, and we may even buy some of them. I mean, they're already polished," she added with a laugh.

While the Granthams might consider themselves amateur rock hounds, it's not hard to understand the allure of the sparkling gems that adorn the many tables at the show, or in one man's case, the historical value of some of the processes by which the stones are shaped.

"I'm working on an arrowhead right now," said Trammell, working grooves into the edge of a long, brown stone. "This is a large arrow point.

I've got it napped on one side, and I just work it on down from there."

Trammell, who traveled to the Big Spring show from Stephenville, is just one of many gem and mineral enthusiasts that take their wares and displays on the road.

And like so many rock hounds, his interest in the hobby began when he saw a man creating an arrowhead similar to the one he was working on Saturday morning — 20 years ago.

"I was watching a guy doing it, and decided I wanted to do it myself," said Trammell. "I got a little information from him, and a whole lot of

VMC members laud efforts put forth by Eagles Lodge

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Members of Big Spring's Vietnam Memorial Committee are singing lofty praises for the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie No. 3188, which staged a stew supper and dance benefiting the VMC two weeks ago.

Eagles Lodge officials presented Gene Wilson, president of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, with a check for \$2,576 — proceeds from the supper and dance, as well as a sizable donation from the order.

"I don't see how we could be happier about the way the Eagles came through for us," Wilson said. "It was a great night for the people who went out and took part in the supper and dance. The food was excellent and the band, Nightwind Blues, was tremendous. We had a fantastic time."

Wilson said approximately 150 people turned out for the supper and dance.

"That was an excellent crowd, but obviously it

"They do so much for so many organizations, we really feel honored that they were interested in helping us out in this way."



Groves

wasn't enough to raise the kind of money that was donated to the committee," Wilson said. "So, there's just no way for us to tell the Eagles how much we appreciate what they've done. Just being willing to help raise money was fantastic, but to come through with additional money like this... Well, we really can't thank them enough."

Jerry Groves, publicity director for the VMC, stressed that the Eagles Lodge's donation was "just about enough to cover our cost of utilities at the memorial for a year."

"We really want to thank the Eagles for going out of their way to schedule this for us," Groves added. "They do so much for so many organizations, we really feel honored that they were interested in helping us out in this way."

The Eagles' decision to hold the fund-raiser was important, Groves noted, because the committee needs help in maintaining the memorial that draws visitors from all over our nation. Money is constantly needed for upkeep of the memorial.

And while any members of the VMC put their own money into that effort, but there's simply no way they muster all the funds needed.

"We constantly need money just to keep the memorial kept up," explained VMC member Jerry Groves. "A lot of the members of the committee put a bunch of their own money into maintaining the memorial, but there's no way we can do this by ourselves. Thank goodness the community has always responded and come through for us."

Both Wilson and Groves also noted that the Eagles' donation, allows the VMC to still have the two fund-raising events it is

allowed to hold each year. "Our charter as a tax-exempt organization limits the number of fund-raisers we can have each year, so we're doubly appreciative that the Eagles are taking on this project," Wilson said.

Groves also noted that VMC members are still in the midst of a fund-raising project — selling granite bricks that can be engraved with up to three lines of 14 characters per line.

The bricks are priced at \$30 each, and reservation forms are available at the Sparenburg Building, located at 309 S. Main.

"We feel like this is another way we can personalize the memorial for the veterans who served in Vietnam, as well as those who served during other wars," Groves added. "It's also a way for the families of those who died during the war, were prisoners of war or are still listed as missing in action to further honor those sacrifices."

Those who simply want to help support the upkeep and maintenance of the memorial can do so by making make a tax-deductible contribution by mailing their donation to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Odie Sanchez, 87, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Ruby Ruth Greenhill, 83, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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local American Legion post, the Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club, and the Big Spring Bass Club, will host a barbecue cook-off Saturday, March 12, at the lodge at 703 W. Third

St. Cooking will begin in the morning, with judging scheduled for 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per cooking team, with plates for sale at \$5 each.

And the band is not easing its fund-raising efforts, either. Rhodes said the group has plans to host a golf tournament at Big Spring Country Club on April 30, and

hopes to raise additional funds by selling baked goods and washing cars at Wal-Mart in the near future.

If all goes to plan, the band will spend the July 4 weekend in the Washington area. The group will spend three days in Alexandria, Va., seeing the sights and placing a wreath at the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier.

The highlight of their visit will be participation in the Independence Day Parade on Constitution Avenue.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

LINKS

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ticipants, said Carie Dunnam, principal at Marcy Elementary, which raised \$1,517 this year.

"There is a lot of excitement with Links," she said. "We got a competition between classes going and that really helps."

Dunnam said the second graders and fourth

graders were neck-and-neck until the final moments, when second graders pulled ahead.

"This is the second year in a row for second graders to win," Dunnam said, "and when I announced that they had won, I could hear the shouts all the way down here in the office."

For the first time this year, schools had the opportunity to conduct their two-week Links fund-raiser in the fall or

spring. Several schools chose the fall, when they could avoid conflict with TAKS testing and other activities.

But the competition is far from over. Other area schools are planning to conduct Links within the next two months, including Glasscock County Elementary, which has slated the last two weeks of March. Glasscock County was last year's winner.

Goliad Intermediate

School plans to conduct its own Links beginning April 25.

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OUR VIEWS

Young people's tsunami relief effort humbling

Doing the right thing is always its own reward. But there are times when individuals or groups do something that is in our view so phenomenal, that additional recognition is due.

Such is the case with Coahoma Elementary School students and staffers, who for the past few weeks collected loose change in an effort to help the victims of the tsunami that devastated several Asian nations in December.

True, the students' accomplishment earned them a front page story and photograph in Friday's edition of the Herald, but that still doesn't seem enough.

After all, we live in a community that takes great pride in the way its citizens continually respond to worthy causes.

We spend a great deal of space in this paper each year touting those who make our local American Cancer Society Relay for Life one of the nation's most successful; praise those who allow the Big Spring and Howard County United Way to reach its goal year after year and provide much-needed funding for 15 local agencies; and continually provide acknowledgment of those who contribute to dozens of other causes — so many of them, in fact, that it's impractical to attempt listing them all.

But when elementary students — basically the youngest of our citizens — respond in the manner that sixth-grader Skyler Coates and his schoolmates at Coahoma Elementary did upon seeing the plight of victims a world away from them, we are somewhat awestruck.

For about three weeks, the students and staffers dug into their pockets and donated their spare change, setting \$1,000 as the goal for their voluntary project.

The students not only collected loose change, but many of them donated their "juice money" each day, and in one instance, we're told, one student even donated a portion of the money she was given as a birthday present.

The result was a collection total of \$1,039.40 the students will be turning over to the American Red Cross.

We are humbled by their actions.

More than that, though, we are very, very proud of these young people.

And with the young people of Howard County displaying that kind of character, there's no doubt that our community's reputation for meeting the needs of worthy causes will continue far into the future.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we introduce our faith in You... Lord, to everyone we meet

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European justice rules top U. S. court

So now the U.S. Supreme Court is writing decisions based on what Our Betters in Europe think is best. That's what the Big Bench did on Tuesday when it issued a 5-4 decision, written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, overturning the death penalty for crimes committed by minors.

Let me stipulate. The outcome — an end to executions of those who committed crimes as minors — isn't what bothers me here. There is an argument to be made that, as per the Eighth Amendment, it is "cruel and unusual" to execute those convicted of crimes committed when they were minors. Minors, as Kennedy put it, are "categorically less culpable than the average criminal."

But the court didn't limit its guidance to the U.S. Constitution. Kennedy wrote that the court can and should consider "the overwhelming weight of international opinion against the juvenile death penalty," including opposition among "leading members of the Western European community."

Be afraid, America. Be very afraid. European Union countries don't simply oppose capital punishment; they also oppose life without parole and mete out notoriously short sentences for heinous crimes. In recent years, a German court essentially sentenced a man who killed and ate another man — the killer was so proud he videotaped everything — to eight and a half years in prison. He is expected to walk free after five years.

The International Criminal Tribunal on Yugoslavia found a Bosnian Serb colonel guilty of aiding and abetting the genocide that

resulted in thousands of deaths. His sentence: 18 years.

Don't blame European juries. Judges made the above rulings, on a continent where juries get little respect.

If you're wondering who died and made Justice Kennedy — or Western Europe — king, consider that Kennedy also referred to the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child that prohibited the execution of minors — even though the United States failed to ratify that treaty. The definition of an activist judge could be a judge who calls on the government to adhere to a treaty it rejected.

Kennedy wasn't even on solid ground factually. "In sum," he wrote, "it is fair to say that the United States now stands alone in a world that has turned its face against the juvenile-death penalty."

"That's not quite true," said University of California at Berkeley professor Franklin E. Zimring, who was quoted extensively in The New York Times in support of Kennedy's continental leanings. Iranian law prohibits executions of minors but considers a 10-year-old girl to be an adult. Zimring noted. In 2004, The Christian Science Monitor reported that five countries — United States, China, Pakistan, Iran and Democratic Republic of Congo — executed minors in the previous five years.

Michael Rushford of the pro-death penalty Criminal Justice Legal Foundation admitted that the roster of countries that still have the death penalty for adults doesn't exactly "help the pro-death penalty cause," as many of those countries don't cherish the notion of freedom. On the other hand, America does not own those countries' abuses. In the meantime, Rushford noted, "The Supreme Court has now said we're all going to wear the same socks and we're

going to decide what a jury can decide."

That is the European Union model. Same socks. And jurors aren't welcome.

Kennedy also cited a "national consensus" in America against the juvenile-death penalty as a reason to overturn it. I must ask: Since when has the court issued rulings based on what average folk think?

Besides, if the Supreme Court did care what people thought, it wouldn't be looking to Europe to decipher the U.S. Constitution.

Zimring told me that the issue here isn't the 72 death-row inmates who committed capital murder as minors. Conservatives bristle at the mention of Europe, he explained, because, "As soon as you internationalize the discourse of capital punishment, then Arkansas no longer has a point."

That's right. But what else will Americans have to give up? Zimring noted that the United Nations has forced countries to end the juvenile-death penalty and the European Union forced Turkey to end capital punishment. He noted that the other countries complied for economic, not moral reasons.

Now, when countries have buckled to this pressure for the money, an America court interprets their surrender as an international trend against the death penalty. That is the EU way. Force dissenters to go along. Then boast that you have a consensus.

Individual rights? They're not high on the EU list. Then again, neither is punishment.

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Inside report: Rudy's road-blocks

Sen. Trent Lott looked like a supporter of Rudy Giuliani's presidential ambitions when the former New York mayor visited Lott's home state of Mississippi recently. But in private, he warned Giuliani about roadblocks in his presidential path.

Lott, who likes and admires Giuliani, told him that the New Yorker's support for abortion, homosexual rights and gay marriage are heavy burdens for a Republican to carry nationally. Giuliani protested that he never supported same-sex marriage, only civil unions.

Lott then advised that in Mississippi, they don't see any difference between gay marriage and civil unions.

A footnote: National Republican leaders would like to see Giuliani challenge Democratic Sen. Hillary Clinton for re-election next year, but that does not seem to be on his agenda.

The chilly relationship of the Bush administration with congressional conservatives warmed last Tuesday evening when Dick Cheney entertained the Republican Study Committee (RSC) at the vice president's official residence.

Cheney's last contact with the conservative RSC was his meeting in 2001 with Rep. John Shadegg of Arizona, then the committee's chairman. With the vice president seeking to reach out to the restive right, the current RSC chairman — Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana —

suggested the reception. About 30 members attended the event, which lasted two hours.

"Back in the days when I had some power, I was a conservative Republican member of Congress," Cheney told his guests. In one-on-one sessions with the vice president, the RSC members expressed concern over rising government spending and underlined their opposition to a tax increase as part of Social Security reform.

Howard Dean, who has minimized media exposure since his election as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, departed from the party line in telling a college audience that there are problems with the Social Security program.

Speaking at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., on Feb. 23, Dean totally opposed President Bush's advocacy of personal accounts as part of Social Security. However, he did not follow Democratic insistence that nothing need be done about the program. If Social Security is left alone, he said, benefits after 30 years would be 80 percent of what they are now.

Dean's divergence from the party line was reported only in the Cornell Daily Sun, the student newspaper.

As part of increasing congressional scrutiny of the United Nations, Republican Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma and his staff are investigating reports that the territory of Western Sahara (which is under Moroccan occupation) is not receiving tens of millions of promised dollars.

Inhofe is looking for a possible pattern of the UN not living up to

promised cash outlays for underdeveloped countries in need. In addition to the Western Sahara investigation, he also is looking into similar reports about Uganda.

As part of his inquiry, Inhofe has asked for the UN budget. The UN liaison told the senator he was the first legislator ever to make such a request.

Sen. John Kerry is sponsoring a resolution honoring black activist W.E.B. Du Bois, who officially joined the Communist Party late in life after faithful support of the Soviet line in world affairs.

Du Bois praised Soviet dictator and mass murderer Joseph Stalin as "great" and "courageous" and defended Communist North Korea for its 1950 invasion of South Korea. Du Bois was a founder of the NAACP, but was later expelled from the civil rights organization for opposing racial integration. A winner of the Lenin Peace Prize, Du Bois ended his life as an exile in Ghana (where he died in 1963 at age 95).

Kerry's resolution lauds Du Bois, a longtime socialist, for having "played an intricate role in the development of the entrepreneurial spirit, capitalism, and economic independence in the African-American community." The resolution is also sponsored by Democratic Sens. Edward M. Kennedy and Carl Levin, as well as 36 Democratic House members and one Republican, Rep. Dave Hobson of Ohio.

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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By STEVE REAGA
Staff Writer

The Big Spring School band had medal haul at the University Interscholastic League Solo and Ensemble Contest in Monahans.

Band Director I. Harris said more BSHS students received Division I rating highest possible Class 1 solo or ensemble.

Of that number band members received Division I rating more than one event, Harris said.

In total, BSHS had back 107 medals event, which was schools in Class below.

"It's definitely record," Harris said, "at least, it's the most since I've been here. They far surpass expectations we've set for them."

Four students from the State UIL and Ensemble Contest which will be held 30 in Austin.

BSHS students in Division I rating the Monahans contest were:

Flute Solo — M. McDaniel, Cryst. Spencer, Roberts, Paige Gainey, Fl. Oboe and Clarinet — Alex Garipey, Huddleston and Bravo; Flute Trio — Robin Anderson, Antonette Tuber, Andrea Haro, M. Fillingim, Melis Franco and Mel McDaniel; Clarinet — Malerie Agui Carrasco and Je Hernandez; Flute — DeAnna Carl, Andrea Haro, M. Metcalf and Fin Melissa Franco, Gainey, Alexan Garipey and Cr. Ward; Clarinet — Julie Cadenh Malle Carrasco, McMeans and C. Padron; Corney, Veronica Landi



Solo and ensemble

BSHS band hauls in medals at meet

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School band had quite a medal haul at the recent University Interscholastic League Solo and Ensemble Contest in Monahans. Band Director Rocky Harris said more than 70 BSHS students received a Division I rating — the highest possible — on a Class 1 solo or ensemble. Of that number, 35 band members received Division I ratings in more than one event, Harris said. In total, BSHS brought back 107 medals from the event, which was open to schools in Class 4A and below. "It's definitely a record," Harris said. "At least, it's the most ever since I've been here ... They far surpassed the expectations we had for them. We're very proud of them." Four students qualified for the State UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest, which will be held May 30 in Austin. BSHS students receiving Division I ratings at the Monahans contest were: Flute Solo — Melody McDaniel, Crystal Ward, Spencer Roberts and Paige Gainey; Flute, Oboe and Clarinet Trio — Alex Gariepy, Kami Huddleston and Jessica Bravo; Flute Trio — Robin Anderson, Antonette Tubera and Andrea Haro; Meredith Fillingim, Melissa Franco and Melody McDaniel; Clarinet Trio — Malerie Aguilar, Malle Carrasco and Jennifer Hernandez; Flute Quartet — DeAnna Carlisle, Andrea Haro, Morgan Metcalf and Finja Wieve; Melissa Franco, Paige Gainey, Alexandra Gariepy and Crystal Ward; Clarinet Quartet — Julie Cadenhead, Malle Carrasco, Rochelle McMeans and Cynthia Padron; Cortney Heinis, Veronica Landin, Maleah

McGee and Rochelle McMeans; Saxophone Quartet — Diana Barraza, Shane Bowles, Scott Fankhauser and Jose Ramirez; Jessie Berry, Brandon Green, Oscar Natividad and Jared Sanchez; Misc. Woodwind Ensemble — Jessie Berry, Billy Davis, Brandon Green and Spencer Roberts; Jared Sanchez, DeAnna Carlisle, Olivia Castillo and Whitney Weir; Clarinet Choir — Malerie Aguilar, Julie Cadenhead, Paul Diaz, Jennifer Hernandez, Cynthia Padron and Chris Rieger; Cornet/Trumpet Solo — Mark Lozano; French Horn Quartet — Alyssa Rains, A.J. Riddle, Marshall Vanpelt and Samantha Whitehead; Brass Quartet — Braden Burchett, Ryan Harris, Mitchell Lowery and Mark Lozano; Trombone Quartet — Ryan Harris, Adam Heinis, Mitchell Lowery and Jacob Martinez; Brass Sextet — Braden Burchett, Adam Heinis, Bryan Juan, Alyssa Rains, John Volker and Andy Whittenburg; Blaze Carroll, Joel Flores, Desmond Garcia, Bridgette Rodriguez, Carolyn Sellers and Marshall Vanpelt; Six or More Brass — Josh Islas, Mark Iturralde, Bryan Juan, Larry Luna, Royce Perez, Eric Welch and Todd Woodridge; Percussion Ensemble — J.W. Beauchamp; Cody Carnes, Austin Cox, Ricky Dominguez, Simon Hilario, Oralia Holland and Nick Narbaiz; J.W. Beauchamp, Austin Cox, Billy Daves, Simon Hilario, Kami Huddleston, Curtis Osburn, Meagan Smith, Eric Welch and Jarod Wilkerson; Cody Carnes, Curtis Osburn and Nick Ross.

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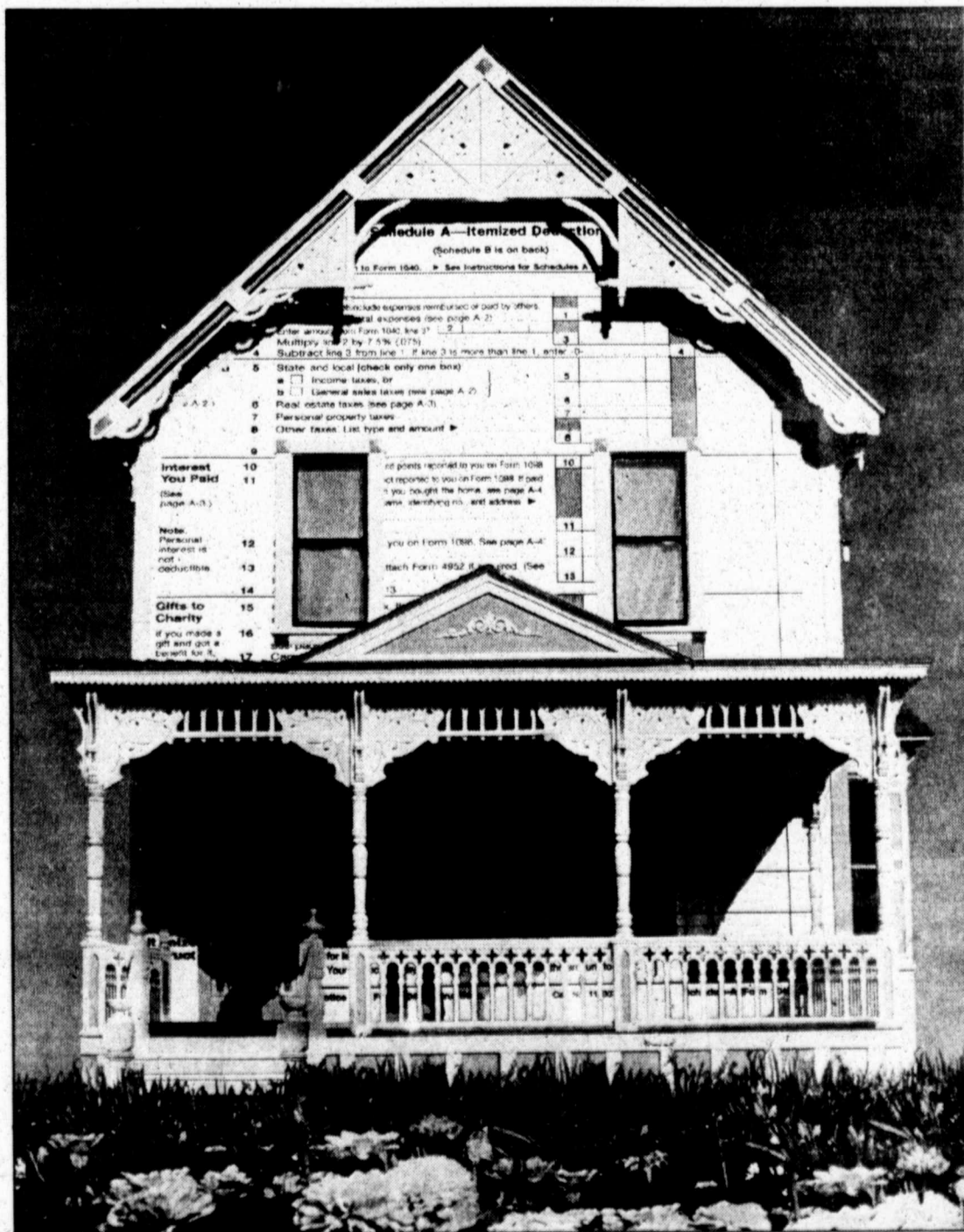
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House bill falls short of property tax relief

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A massive tax bill expected to be debated next week by the full House falls \$1.2 billion short of promised school property tax relief, according to documents obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

The legislation would generate \$9.5 billion over the next two years from a reformed business tax, expanded and increased sales taxes, and an additional \$1-per-pack cigarette tax, according to an estimate by the state Comptroller's office.

The tax bill is a replace-

ment measure for a one-third reduction of school property taxes that will cost \$10.8 billion over the next two years. That leaves a \$1.24 billion gap between the amount of money the state would have under the proposal and the cost of the property tax relief House leaders have promised.

A spokeswoman for Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick said the discrepancy will be corrected with technical amendments to the legislation when it comes up for debate on the House floor next week.

An additional tax on newspapers is expected to

be added to the legislation, but it will generate about \$30 million in revenue, still falling short of the promised break.

Under the House plan, property taxes would drop from a cap of \$1.50 per \$100 in assessed property value to \$1.

A staffer for Republican Rep. Jim Keffer, who wrote much of the tax bill, said the difference could be a result of a difference in effective dates of the legislation.

Most of the revenue in the bill, about \$3.5 billion, would come from a reform of the state's main business tax, which allows five of every six

business to avoid paying. The new system would tax wages in Texas at 1.1 percent of salaries under \$80,000 per employee.

Under the proposal, the state sales tax, now at 6.25 percent, would be increased to 7.2 percent, and would be expanded to include other products and services such as bottled water, billboard advertising, car washes and vehicle repair services. The motor vehicle and boat sales tax would be increased to 7.35 percent.

The measure was approved by the House tax-writing Ways and Means Committee earlier

this week and is expected to get consideration by the full chamber late next week.

Many lawmakers have promised relief from skyrocketing property taxes, while at the same time overhauling the school finance system that largely depends on the revenue. Some have argued that significant tax relief has become a misplaced priority, while other state services, like public schools, remain needy.

Revising the state's system for paying for public

schools has been a top priority for many lawmakers this session. Lawmakers are under pressure after a judge last year ruled Texas' school finance system unconstitutional, calling the \$30 billion system "financially inefficient, inadequate and unsuitable."

The state appealed his ruling to the Texas Supreme Court, but a final decision is not expected until after the current legislative session.

FINANCE

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nation, to the national average by 2007. That would cost an estimated \$2.5 billion.

The competing plan also proposes \$650 million to reinstate a health care stipend to all school personnel, rather than just to teachers.

Property taxes would be reduced by a lesser amount, offering instead an increased homestead exemption of \$45,000. That system would free up more money to flow into the classrooms, proponents said. The structure of the funding formulas and taxing options does not significantly change, they said.

The tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee approved a measure Wednesday that replaces a reduction in school property taxes with a new business tax on wages and a number of other new taxes.

Downes declined to comment on the Democrats' bill until he had more time to examine its details, but said a better alternative to HB 2 was desperately needed.

State District Judge Scott McCown's decision that prompted the rush for school financing reform stated that the state needed to ensure that schools were not only funded adequately, but in an equitable manner, "and in my opinion, House Bill 2 fails on both counts," Downes said.

Downes indicts HB 2 on several areas, starting with its call for perfor-



Johnson

mance pay for teachers.

"I believe every teacher deserves a raise, and House Bill 2 doesn't give every teacher a raise," Downes said.

"Some teachers will be left out under that scheme, and I think that's wrong."

At the very least, he believes, the state needs to raise the base salary for first-year teachers — \$24,240.

Johnson added his voice to those calling for more teacher pay.

"Teacher recruitment is a big issue that is about to become a critical one," he said. "There is already a shortage of teachers in Texas. Here in Forsan, it isn't as much of a problem, but there is a shortage state-wide, and all of the projections I've seen show that it will be critical in the near future."

Mitchell welcomes the idea of more teacher pay, but worries about the financial details.

"There's nothing wrong with (teacher raises) as long as they have the money to pay for it," he said. "Just who will foot the bill on that?"

Downes said HB 2 also fails to meet the district judge's ruling because it doesn't adequately address the equity issue.

The bill has a "hold harmless" clause in it, meaning that schools will

receive at least as much funding as they have in previous years. The problem with that, Downes said, is that it does nothing to reduce the disparity between property-rich and property-poor districts that prompted the judge's decision in the first place.

Mitchell also said HB 2 fails to properly address the "adequacy vs. equity" issue.

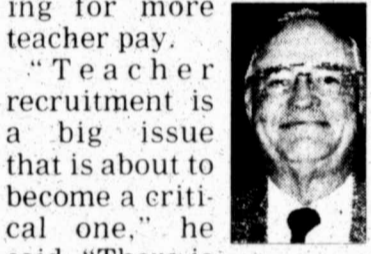
"It addresses both of them negatively," he said. "The bill does benefit some (property-rich) schools, and they certainly are entitled to some relief, but it hurts a lot of people on the other end of the scale."

Downes also claims that the bill unnecessarily usurps local-district authority by mandating the start and end of the school year. Under the plan the school year would start around Labor Day and would end no later than June 7. He also disagrees with a provision that would have high school students taking "end of course" tests instead of the current Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standardized exams.

"It's just a poor bill," Downes said in summation. "It's more about school reform than school financing."

Johnson also disagrees with many provisions in HB 2, but acknowledges that creating a perfect school finance bill might be a pipe dream.

"Not everybody is going to be happy," he said. "This state is just so diverse — you have large



Mitchell

schools, small schools, inner-city schools, rural schools — that to come up with a financing formula that deals with all this is a horrendous task.

"But we need to make big steps toward equalizing funding," Johnson said.

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Former Iraq hostage returns to Italy

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Nursing an injured shoulder, an Italian journalist held by Iraqi insurgents returned to Italy on Saturday, a day after she came under gunfire from U.S. troops while on her way to freedom. An intelligence agent who had helped negotiate her release was killed.

President Bush expressed regret and promised to investigate the incident, which happened at a checkpoint in Baghdad. The military said U.S. soldiers, not knowing the car was carrying journalist Giuliana Sgrena, fired after it failed to slow down.

But Bush's phone call late Friday to Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi did little to assuage anger in Italy, which has been holding its breath over Sgrena's fate for weeks. The shooting was likely to set off fresh protests against Berlusconi for keeping 3,000 troops in Iraq despite strong opposition.

"Another victim of an absurd war," said Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio, leader of the Green Party.

A communist senator called for a protest Saturday in front of the U.S. Consulate in Milan.

Syria weighs troop pullback from Lebanon

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syrian President Bashar Assad was under pressure Saturday to announce a full troop withdrawal from Lebanon, though the announcement officials said he's likely to make — a partial pull-back — won't please President Bush, who said anything short of a full withdrawal would be unacceptable.

Assad's announcement, expected to be made during a speech to his parliament, is seen as a bid to ease increasing Arab and U.S.-led international pressure over the presence of 15,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon.

His unscheduled speech comes after a rough week, beginning with the resignation of his allied government in Lebanon and ending with the Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah telling him face-to-face to get all his forces out of Lebanon quickly.

Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Walid

Mouallem said he believes Assad will announce a pullback of his country's troops in his speech.

Mouallem, during a visit to Moscow, told Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that Syrian and Lebanese leaders have agreed on an action plan for carrying out the 1989-Arab brokered Taif Accord. But he would not say when. "You will hear details of this plan soon," he said.

Democrats: Bush budget makes deficit worse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are attacking President Bush's budget for worsening the already bleak deficit picture, even as a new congressional analysis of his fiscal plans shows no end in sight for huge amounts of red ink.

A report Friday by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said under Bush's budget, federal deficits over the next 10 years would get no lower than a projected \$229 billion in 2010. It excluded the potential costs of Bush's plan to revamp Social Security, any costs for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan after this year, and other possible expenses.

The CBO also raised new questions about the president's ability to meet his goal of halving federal deficits by 2009.

The report projected a deficit that year of \$246 billion. That would meet Bush's target of halving the \$521 billion shortfall he projected for last year — a figure that ended up being \$109 billion too high. But it would not be close to cutting last year's actual, record \$412 billion deficit in half.

Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, top Democrat on the House Budget Committee, said the report's "deficits paint a dismal picture, which the president's budget only makes worse."

Bush administration sets up shop to sell Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new Social Security war room inside the Treasury Department is pumping out information to sell President Bush's plan, much like any political campaign might do.

It's part of a coordinated effort by the Bush administration. The internal, taxpayer-funded campaigning is backed up by television advertisements, grassroots organizing and lobbying from business and other groups that support the Bush plan.

The president's opponents are organized too, though they do not enjoy the resources of the White House or Treasury to sell their message.

For the administration, the communications effort is being coordinated out of Treasury's public affairs office through the new Social Security Information Center. Three people have been hired, with two more hires possible soon. The first three employees are veterans of the Bush-Cheney campaign or the Republican National Committee.

"The uber purpose is to centralize and coordinate the administration's public affairs and communication activities," said chief Treasury spokesman Rob Nichols. "Standing up this office demonstrates how important fixing Social Security is."

Martha Stewart enjoys comforts of home

KATONAH, N.Y. (AP) — Ambling the grounds of her 153-acre estate after five months in prison, Martha Stewart said it felt good to be home but also reminisced somewhat wistfully about her time behind bars.

"I didn't really miss material things at all," she said to reporters gathered at her mansion. "It was kind of nice to have a rest from the material things. And from this," she added, laughing and pointing to the media horde.

On her first day home Friday, a cheerful Stewart walked her dog, Paw Paw, into a snowy paddock and handed treats

over a fence to her five horses, caressing them. Later, she ducked inside her new greenhouse and emerged with handfuls of lemons.

"People make jokes about making lemons into lemonade," she quipped.

Flight attendant pleads guilty

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A flight attendant accused of leaving a bomb note on an airplane pleaded guilty Friday to one count of intentionally interfering with a flight crew.

Gay Wilson, 38, faces up to 63 months in prison when she is sentenced May 13, said Debra T. Phillips, chief of the criminal division in the U.S. Attorney's office in Nashville. Wilson, of Arlington, Texas, has been jailed in Kentucky since the incident.

"I think it's an excellent resolution," Phillips said. "It provides closure and saved a huge trial and a lot of witnesses. We were fully prepared to try this case. It's always good when the defendant steps up and admits her guilt."

Wilson was off duty and traveling on an American Airlines flight with 129 passengers from Dallas to Boston on May 27 when, in Nashville airspace, she went to the bathroom and claimed she found a bomb note, authorities said.

The note read: "There is a bomb on board this flt (sic) to Boston in cargo Live Sadaam (sic)!"


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Securing borders

"We are focused on properly equipping and manning the force in order to protect freedom for a sovereign Iraq."

By NICOLE DALRYMPLE
Gulf Region Northern District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

MOSUL, Iraq — Securing Iraq's borders is a focus for both Iraqi and Multinational forces.

Together, Iraqi border police and coalition forces patrol the borders deterring the illegal crossing of insurgents into Iraq. An estimated \$25 million is being spent to construct 100 new border forts along the northern borders of Iraq, as well as rehabilitate and enhance numerous points of entry. Currently, in several northern provinces, 34 forts are under construction and 66 others are planned to start in the coming months.

"The Iraqi Interim Government understands the importance of having secure borders," said Lt. Col. Paul Hastings, spokesman for Task Force Olympia. TF Olympia serves as the command and control element for coalition forces in the two northern governorates of Iraq — Ninewa and Dahok. "They are demonstrating commitment and resolve to secure the borders for the Iraqi people."

Controlling the borders is a primary tenet of Iraq's internal security plan, explained Carol Hewes, program manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Northern District's Security and Justice Sector.

"The border forts provide a base of operation

for the border police, who act as the eyes in remote areas away from the central points of entry. The points of entry are similar to our border crossings in the States. They provide a staging area for all pedestrian and vehicular traffic entering and exiting Iraq," he said.

The 133 Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) is overseeing the renovations of 27 existing forts and the construction of 15 new ones, while the Corps is providing construction management and quality control for the 100 new forts and the points of entry. Work is ongoing in four northern provinces.

"Renovations will take approximately two to three months and new forts will take about six," explained Capt. Dave Bouffard, battalion civil engineer for the 133 ECB(H).

"The forts are being constructed using a concrete masonry process that maximizes the use of locally available materials. All construction is being done by local Iraqis. No Coalition Forces are participating in the actual construction."

"The forts function as the Iraqi border patrol's command outpost from which they run 24-7 operations," explained Bouffard.

"All forts include living quarters and office space, as well as independent life support sources for water, fuel, power generation and sewer."

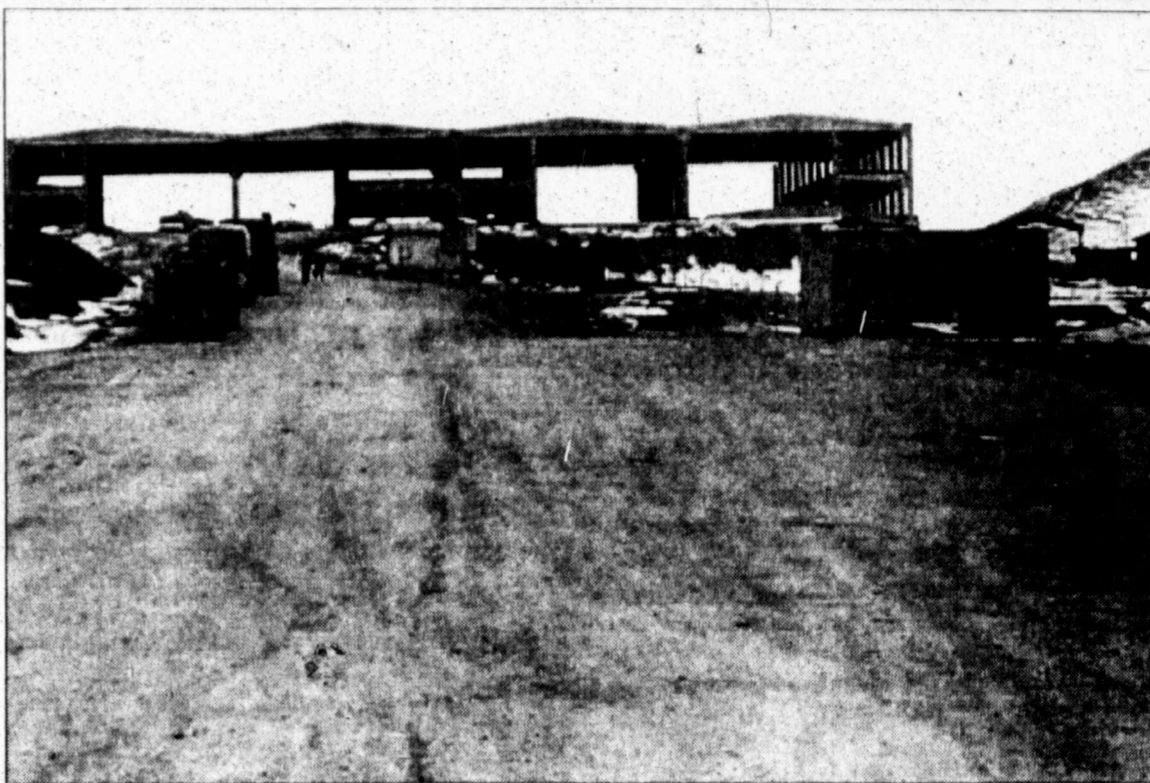
More than \$2 million is being spent to upgrade and renovate existing border points of entry. The upgrades include vehicle staging and inspection areas, seizure and storage areas, a banking facility for currency exchange, guard posts, a customs facility and an immigration facility.

"We know how important it is to prevent foreigners from coming into Iraq," said Wilson Myers, Project and Contracting Office representative for Iraq's northern governorates — Dahok, Irbil and Ninewa. PCO is the contracting agency for distribution of the construction funds. "We are focused on properly equipping and manning the force in order to protect freedom for a sovereign Iraq."

The new forts will provide additional capabilities and staging areas for the Iraqi security forces. While most Iraqis will never see a fort, due to its remote location, there are direct benefits to the Iraqi people, according to Hewes.

"You hear about the insurgents in Mosul and around the country," she said.

"I think if we can continue to take steps to keep them out of Iraq that has a significant impact on people's lives and their security. The border forts are the front line defense for Iraq. The border police are cutting down on the number of insurgents and weapons entering the country and that's significant."



Two million dollars is being spent to upgrade and renovate existing border points of entry in Iraq. This one in northern Iraq will soon have a vehicle staging and inspection area, seizure and storage area, banking facility for currency exchange, a customs facility and an immigration facility.

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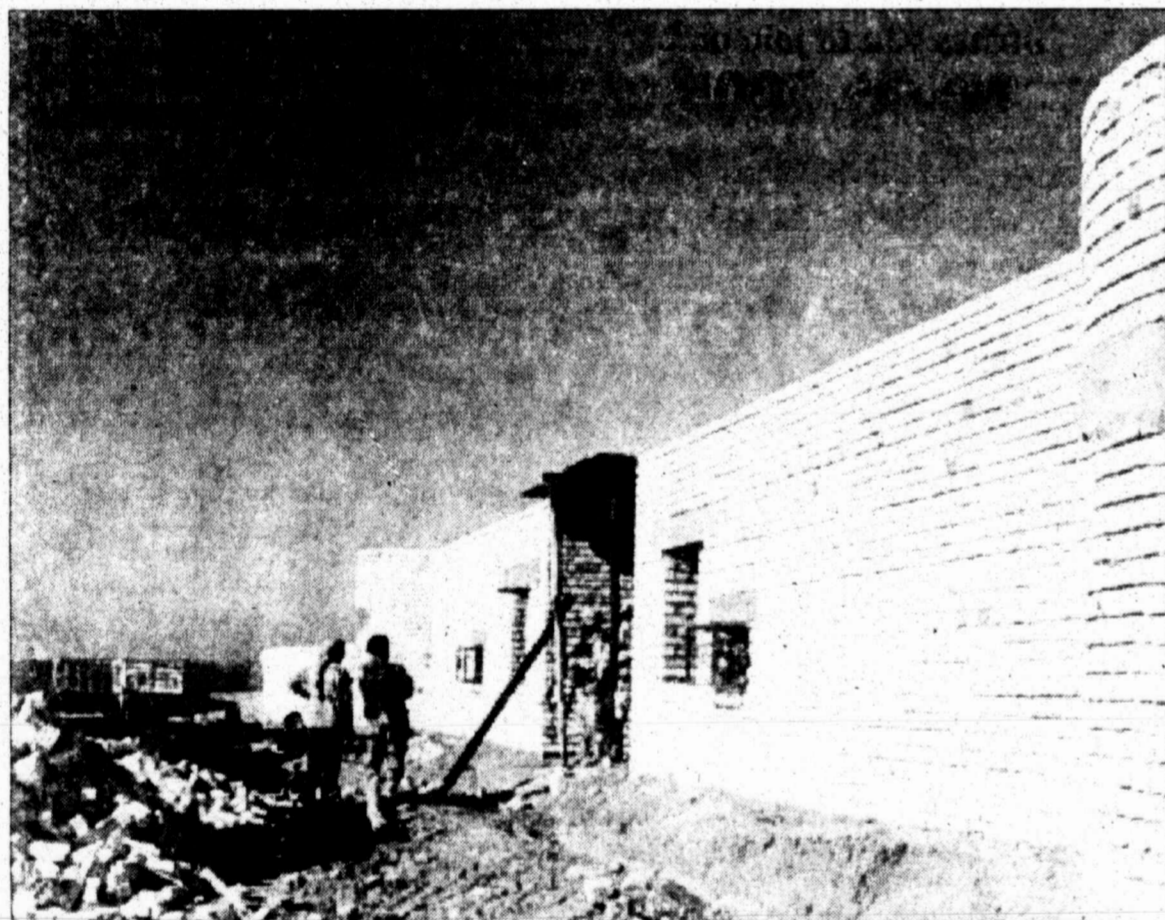
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1. "Saw," Artisan Home Entertainment.
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3. "The Notebook," New Line Home Entertainment.
4. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
5. "Ray," Universal Studios Home Video.
6. "Shall We Dance," Miramax Home Entertainment.
7. "The Grudge," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
8. "Friday Night Lights," Universal Studios Home Video.
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10. "Mr. 3000," Dimension Home Video.

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1. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
2. "Mulan 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
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4. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 5. "Ray," Universal Studios Home Video.
 6. "Aloha Scooby-Doo," Warner Home Video.
 7. "Garfield the Movie," FoxVideo.
 8. "Shall We Dance," Miramax Home Entertainment.
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 10. "Thomas & Friends: Sodor Celebration," Hit Entertainment.

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1. "The Notebook," New Line Home Entertainment.
 2. "Saw (Widescreen)," Artisan Home Entertainment.
 3. "Shark Tale (Widescreen)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 4. "Shark Tale (Pan & Scan)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 5. "Saw (Pan & Scan)," Artisan Home Entertainment.
 6. "Taxi (Widescreen Extended Edition)," FoxVideo.
 7. "Ray (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
 8. "Taxi (Pan & Scan)," FoxVideo.
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Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders

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- HOT POP SINGLE:**
"Candy Shop," 50 Cent (feat. Olivia).
- TOP POP ALBUM:** "O," Omarion.
- HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLE:** "Let Me Love You," Mario.
- TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM:** "O," Omarion.
- HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK:** "Bless the Broken Road," Rascal Flatts.
- TOP COUNTRY ALBUM:** "Feels Like Today," Rascal Flatts.
- TOP VHS RENTAL:** "Saw."
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HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Honeymoon" by James Patterson, Howard Roughan (Little, Brown)
2. "The Broker" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
3. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
4. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
5. "Prince of Fire" by Daniel Silva (Putnam)
6. "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton (HarperCollins)
7. "Prep" by Curtis Sittenfeld (Random House)
8. "The Da Vinci Code: Special Illustrated Edition" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
9. "Blood Memory" by Greg Iles (Scribner)
10. "The Forgotten Man" by Robert Crais (Doubleday)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "French Women Don't Get Fat" by Mireille Guiliano (Knopf)
2. "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
3. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen

- (Warner Faith)
4. "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big" by Jose Canseco (ReganBooks)
 5. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
 6. "Bob Greene's Total Body Makeover: An Accelerated Program of Exercise and Nutrition for Maximum Results in Minimum Time" by Bob Greene (Simon & Schuster)
 7. "He's Just Not That into You" by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo (Simon Spotlight Entertainment)
 8. "Secrets of the Millionaire Mind: Mastering the Inner Game of Wealth" by T. Harv Eker (HarperBusiness)
 9. "Men in Black: How the Supreme Court Is Destroying America" by Mark R. Levin (Regnery)
 10. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (Rodale)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
2. "The Calhouns: Suzanna and Megan" by

3. "Blowout" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
4. "The Last Juror" by John Grisham (Dell)
5. "The Narrows" by Michael Connelly (Warner)
6. "Dean Koontz's Frankenstein: Prodigal Son" by Dean Koontz, Kevin J. Anderson, (Bantam)
7. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
8. "3rd Degree" by James Patterson and Andrew Gross (Warner)
9. "Digital Fortress" by Dan Brown (St. Martin's Press)
10. "A Death in Vienna" by Daniel Silva (Signet)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
2. "The Curious Incident of

- the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
3. "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult (Washington Square Press)
4. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
5. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger (Harcourt/Harvest)
6. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)
7. "The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
8. "The Birth of Venus" by Sarah Dunant, (Random House)
9. "What You Wear Can Change Your Life" by Trinni Woodall, Susannah Constantine (Riverhead)
10. "Supernanny" by Jo Frost (Hyperion)



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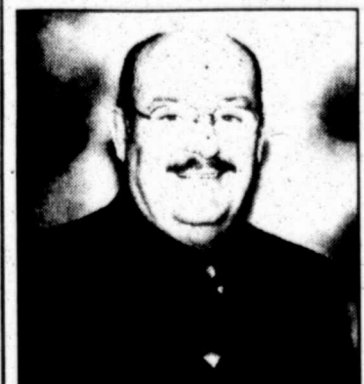
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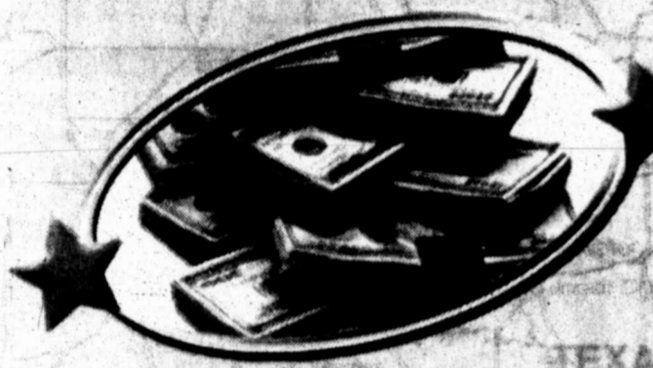
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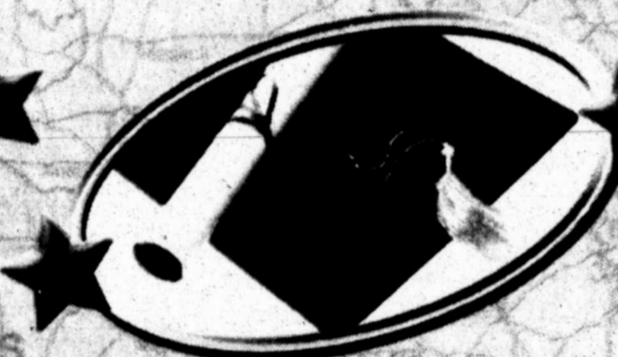
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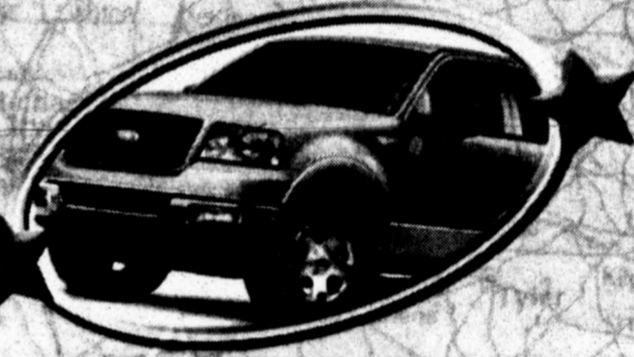
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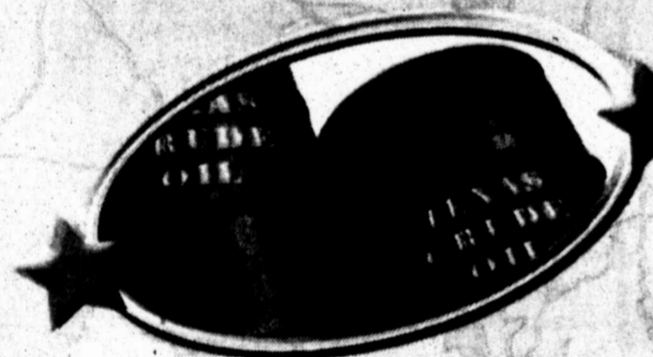
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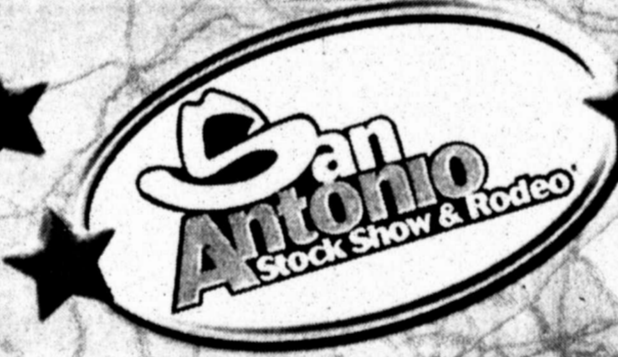
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Weekend Edition, March 5-6, 2005

IN BRIEF

Howard to play in Region V Tourney

The Howard College men's basketball team secured second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Thursday with a convincing win over arch rival Midland at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks' regular season is over, but the team will now travel to Lubbock for the Region V Tournament next weekend. Howard (25-5, 11-3) will play Friday at 12:30 p.m. against either Grayson or Weatherford.

If Howard wins its first-round game, they will likely play No. 2 Temple Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

The tournament will take place at the Rip Griffin Center.

Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil April 16 at 2 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl during Howard College's annual rodeo.

The cost is \$15, which includes ticket into rodeo.

For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

Baseball camp set for middle of March

The Mickey Owen Baseball School will take place Saturday at the National League Little League Field off South Highway 87.

The camp is broken into two sessions as the first one takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the second one goes from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Each session is broken down into instruction, practice and play.

One session costs \$40, but participants can get both camps for \$60. Participants can save \$10 if registered by March 10.

The first session will cover general instruction on hitting, fielding and throwing, while session two is position instruction involving catchers, pitchers, infielders and outfielders.

The camp is for anyone ages six through 12.

The camp advises athletes to bring their own glove, cap, baseball pants, baseball shoes and gym shoes.

For more information, contact the Mickey Owen Baseball School at 1-800-999-8369.

Ragball tournament set for early April

A ragball tournament to benefit Relay For Life has been set up for April 2 and 3 at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

Registration for the tournament will take place Saturday at 1 p.m.

The tournament costs \$10 per player to play and each team must have five men and five women.

If interested or for more information, call Angel at the Big Spring ISD bus barn at 264-4108.

Hawks' offense shines in three victories

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Howard College's baseball team improved to 12-2 this season with three wins recently as the offense carried the team over Muskegon Community College and the UTPB JV.

The Hawks scored 47 runs in three games as they defeated Muskegon Wednesday and swept the UTPB JV on the road Friday.

Howard 10
Muskegon 4

Freshman Daman Aaron threw a complete game six hitter as the Hawks won a nine inning game with Muskegon.

Muskegon led 4-2 after four innings, but Howard scored eight unanswered runs in the final four innings to claim the win. They scored three in the fifth, five in the eighth and did not have to bat in the bottom of the ninth.

"It was good for us to see a team like that because they do a lot of bunting and play a lot of small ball and that is what conference rival



Frank Phillips does a lot of," said Howard coach Britt Smith. "We handled things well and I was glad to get the win."

Aaron pretty much dominated Muskegon, according to Smith. He allowed one earned run on six hits, while striking out nine and walking one. The three unearned runs were the result of one Howard error at the start

of the third inning.

"Daman threw outstanding for us and pretty much didn't give Muskegon a chance to win," said Smith.

Freshman Darby Brown led the Hawks at the plate as he went four-for-five with four RBIs and two doubles. Sophomore Ryan Femath went two-for-four with two RBIs and two doubles, while sophomore Tanner Mattison hit his third home run of the season.

The Hawks' offense kept swinging Friday against UTPB as they won the first game 14-3 in five innings.

"We were good offensively all day long," said Smith. "Our pitching really wasn't good at all, but they did what they had to do to get the wins for us."

The Hawks scored at least one run in every inning, including five in the second and six in the third.

UTPB scored one run in

Howard 14
UTPB JV 3

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Lady Chaps take out Howard in DH

• Midland gets sweet revenge on Hawks at Foundation Field

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Howard College softball team dropped to .500 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference after losing two games to rival Midland Friday at Foundation Field in Big Spring.

The Lady Chaps — who were eliminated in the championship game at the Region V Tournament last year by the Hawks — swept their rival 5-0 and 5-3.

Howard 0
Midland 5

Midland (19-3-1, 4-0) scored two runs in the second inning and never looked back, taking game one easily. The Lady Chaps added one run in the fifth and two more runs in the seventh.

The Hawks couldn't mount any kind of offense in the game and were shut down in sequence on several different occasions. Howard got two runners — sophomore Amy Hitzfeld and freshman Whitney Hufford — on in the bottom of the sixth inning, but were unable to push them across the plate.

Freshman Bethany Rose and sophomore Paula

Sanders both reached base safely in the seventh inning, but the Hawks' final chance was denied on three pop outs.

Jody Clark started the game on the mound for Howard (4-10, 3-3) and gave up two runs in two innings. She was pulled after her second inning of work for sophomore Andrea Renteria. Renteria pitched the final five innings and gave up three runs. Clark was issued the loss.

Brianna Dairy pitched a two-hitter for Midland and the Lady Chaps recorded 10 hits at the plate.

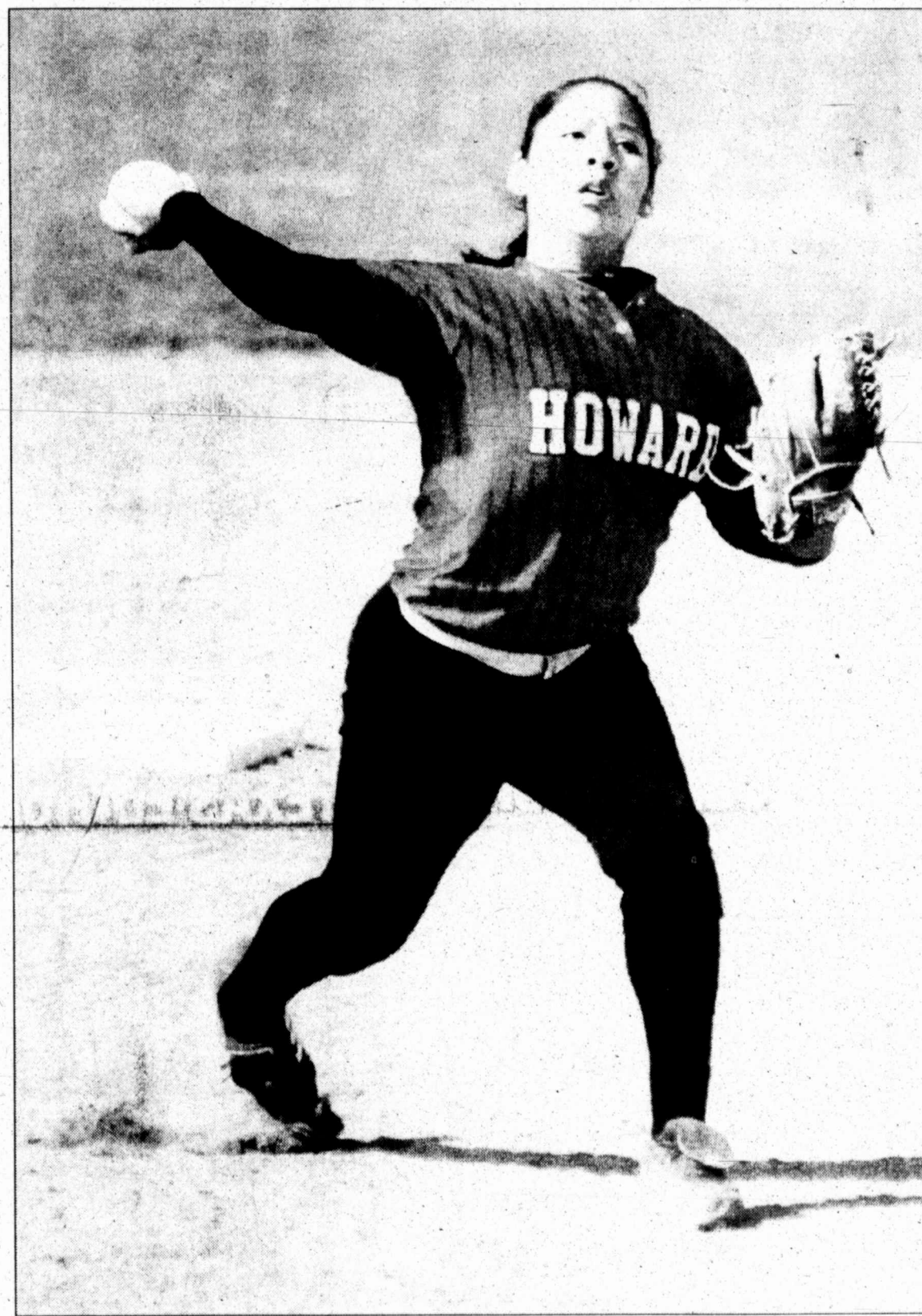
Howard 3
Midland 9

The Lady Chaparrals got up on Howard early and hung on for the victory in game No. 2 of Friday's doubleheader.

Midland led 2-0 through five innings, but Howard battled back in the sixth to tie the game up. The Lady Chaps' starting pitcher — Elizabeth Oberst — pitched a no-hitter through five innings before Howard's offense exploded in the sixth.

The Hawks trailed 3-0 heading into the sixth inning, but three runs on Howard's only three hits of the game put the Hawks right back into

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard sophomore third baseman Analisa Arellano throws out a runner during game No. 1 of Howard's doubleheader with rival Midland at Foundation Field Friday. The Hawks lost both games to the Lady Chaps, 5-0 and 5-3. They are now 3-3 in conference play, while Midland improved to 4-0.

Paredez runs way to college athletics

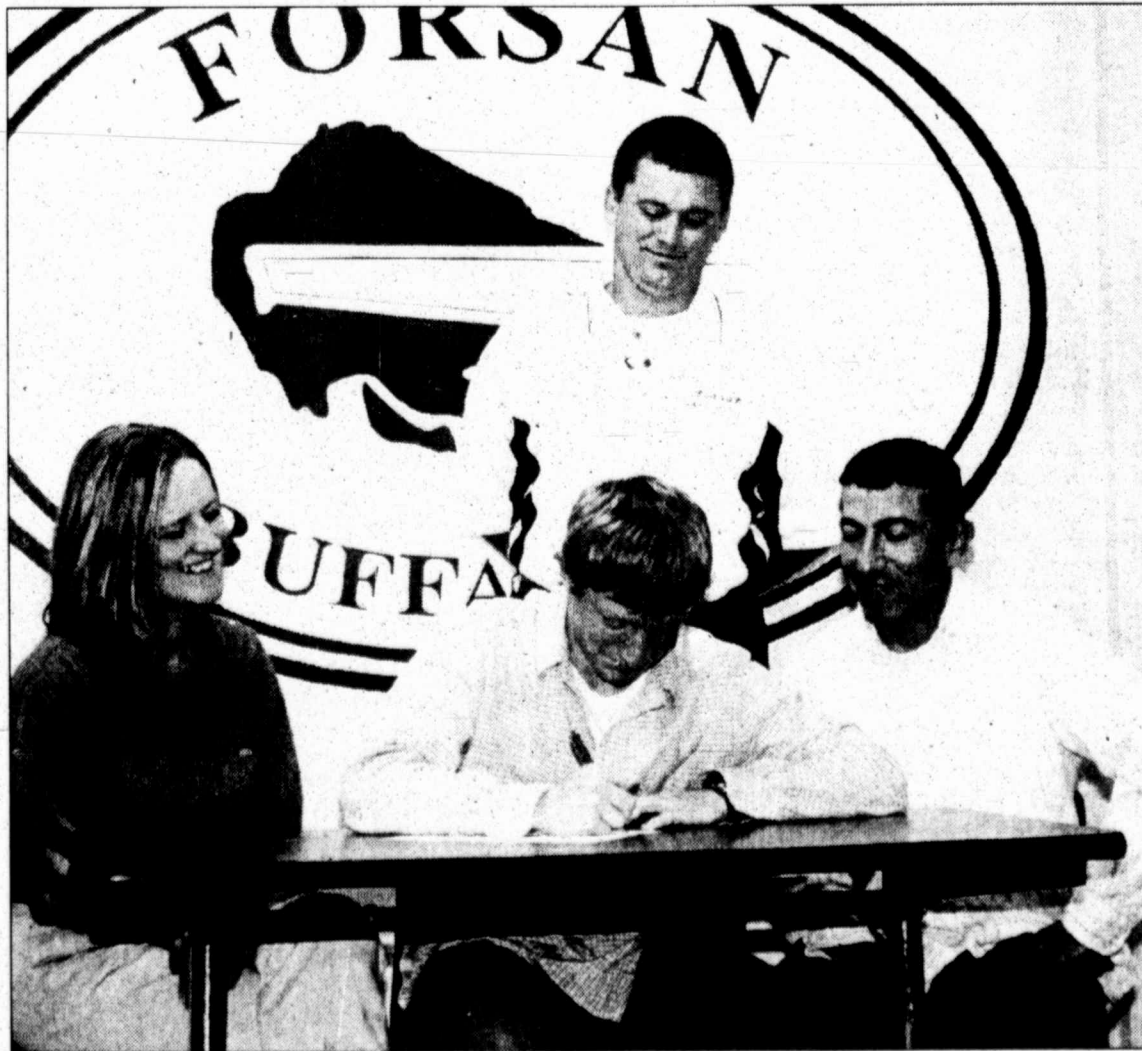
• Track star decides on the College of the SW over McMurray

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

After a successful four-year athletic stint at Forsan, senior Trey Paredez has decided to take his talents to the next level as he recently signed a letter of intent to run cross country and track at the College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M.

Paredez — who was also active in football, basketball and tennis at some point in high school — ultimately chose Southwest over McMurray University in Abilene.

"Southwest has a good track team and they gave me more money," said Paredez. "The school has new dorms and the track program is fairly new so I



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Forsan senior Trey Paredez, front and center, signs a letter of intent to run cross country and track at the College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. His parents and head track and football coach Tommy Thompson, back, witness the event.

should be able to make an immediate impact."

Paredez is currently participating in his fourth year in track at Forsan and competed in

cross country for the fourth year in the fall.

"Trey is a good athlete and he has been successful in everything that he has done here," said boy's

track coach Tommy Thompson, who also coached Paredez this past football season. "If he'll

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Coahoma, Roberts get shut out of Greenwood

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

SNYDER — Junior Kali Roberts' shut down Midland Greenwood's offense and an error by Greenwood assisted the Bulldogettes in their big third inning as Coahoma's softball team recorded a win at the Snyder Tournament Friday, 4-0.

Coahoma scored three runs in the third inning, but an error by Greenwood kept the inning alive.

Roberts earned the win on the mound as she didn't allow Midland to cross the plate. Greenwood's Kendal Schneider took the loss.

The Bulldogettes added an insurance run in the fifth inning. The game only went six innings.

Coahoma was led at the plate by Liz Conley and Ashle, New as each recorded doubles.

IN BRIEF

Webber plays 'best' game in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Chris Webber had his best performance in four games with Philadelphia, scoring 24 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in the 76ers' 98-89 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers Friday night.

Allen Iverson led Philadelphia with 31 points, and Samuel Dalembert added 15. The 76ers are 2-2 in four games with Webber in the lineup following the trade that sent him from Sacramento to Philadelphia.

LeBron James led Cleveland with 34 points, and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 22 points and 11 rebounds. The Cavaliers have lost five straight.

Hill, Francis lead Magic past Knicks

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Grant Hill scored 29 points and rookie Dwight Howard added 20 points and 15 rebounds to help Orlando snap New York's three-game winning streak and defeated the Knicks, 111-89.

Kelvin Cato added 14 points and Steve Francis had 13 points and nine assists for the Magic.

Walker, Payton win in return to Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Antoine Walker and Ricky Davis each scored 18 points, and Gary Payton added 10 in his return to Boston's lineup as the Celtics defeated the expansion Charlotte Bobcats, 104-84.

Boston is 4-0 since Walker returned to the team last week in a trade with Atlanta.

Payton, who resigned Friday after being waived by Atlanta Tuesday, played 21 minutes. He was traded to the Hawks — along with Tom Gugliotta, Michael Stewart and a future first-round pick — last week in the deal that brought Walker back to Boston.

Bryant scores 40 in win over Mavericks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant scored 10 of his 40 points in the final 2:15, Caron Butler had 20 points and Los Angeles snapped a four-game losing streak, defeating Dallas Friday, 118-115.

Lamar Odom added 18 points and 11 rebounds, helping prevent the Lakers from slipping under the .500 mark for the first time since they were 3-4.

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the game. However, they failed at the chance to take the lead as they stranded runners on second and third. Midland also committed three errors in the sixth inning.

Midland came through in the seventh inning with three hits and a bases loaded blooper scored two runners from second and third base. The runs gave Midland the lead for good as they knocked off Howard 5-3 after the Hawks failed to cross the plate in their final at-bat.

Renteria again entered the game in the third with a 2-0 deficit. She gave up the final three runs and took the loss.

Howard hosted rival Odessa College Saturday at Foundation Field, but results of the game were unavailable at press time.

The Hawk women will return to the diamond Tuesday and Wednesday as they host Western Nebraska at Foundation Field, beginning at 1 p.m. each day. Howard and Western Nebraska will play two games each day, as well.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard sophomore Paula Sanders tries to get out of the way of a pitch thrown to the plate Friday during Howard's two losses to rival Midland at Foundation Field. Sanders was hit by the pitch on the play.

Northern Iowa edges Texas Tech

Led by Moran, Panthers get by Red Raiders in Lubbock

LUBBOCK (AP) — Patrick Moran was one of three Northern Iowa players with two RBIs in a 9-7 win over Texas Tech on Friday night.

Texas A&M takes down Southern California

ROUND ROCK (AP) — Coby Mavroulis hit a two-run homer to lead Texas A&M past Southern California 3-1 Friday night.

Mavroulis' home run capped a three-run fourth inning for Texas A&M (10-4), which then rode the arm of Jason Meyer the rest of the way. Meyer (4-0) pitched eight-plus innings, striking out four and giving up one unearned run on five hits.

Ryan Hill drove home Texas A&M's other run

Clayton Daniels and Andrew Farmer also drove home two runs for Northern Iowa (4-4), which snapped Texas Tech's six-game winning streak.

Northern Iowa scored four runs in the first inning off Randy Gattis (2-1), who lasted just two-

thirds an inning. Jake Hansen (2-0) threw 4 1/3 innings for Northern Iowa, giving up three runs on three hits.

Chris Williams homered for Texas Tech (12-5), which never led. Joseph Callender was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Cody Fuller added three hits.

with an RBI single to score Parker Dalton.

Southern Cal's Ian Kennedy (1-1) lasted seven innings, striking

out 10 but surrendering three runs on four hits.

Robert Lopez scored the lone run for Southern Cal (6-3).

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each of the second, third and fourth innings.

Brown and Femath led the Hawks at the plate again. Brown went three-for-four with two two RBIs, while Femath doubled and homered. Sophomore Albert Ruiz went a perfect three-for-three from the plate, as well. He also added three RBIs.

Sophomore Zach Sewell got the win on the mound as he threw four of the five innings, gave up two earned runs on four hits, while striking out five and walking three.

Freshman Matthew Sheppard pitched the fifth inning and gave up just one hit.

Howard 23 UTPB JV 16

The Hawks collected 21 hits in game No. 2 against UTPB and won a slugfest 23-16 as the pitching again was subpar, according to Smith.

"The game was disappointing from a pitching standpoint, but offensively it was a great day," said Smith.

Howard scored 11 runs in the third inning and got up on UTPB 18-1 after two and a half innings.

UTPB scored six runs in its half of the third inning to cut the Hawks' lead to 18-7. They added three runs in the fourth and two runs each in the final three innings.

Howard scored one in the fourth and finished off the game with a four run seventh inning.

Mattison, Brown, freshman Will Basom and freshman Jared Smallwood each collected three hits, while Femath and Aaron recorded four hits apiece. Brown went three-for-three on the day and improved his season average to .585.

"I was really happy with our hitting because UTPB actually played a lot of its varsity members against us," said Smith. "The pitchers they used were skilled but we were just able to find the bats out there."

"It was good to hit the varsity kids the way we did." Smith added that it was a tough day for both teams as the conditions on the field were not good.

"It felt like the day lasted forever," said Smith.

The Hawks hosted the UTPB JV Saturday in a doubleheader, but results were unavailable at press time.

Howard (12-2) begins conference play next Friday and Saturday against rival Frank Phillips at Jack Barber Field, beginning at 1 p.m. Friday — and noon Saturday. They will travel to Abilene for a matchup with Abilene Christian University March 16 and also hope to play McCook (Neb.) that day, as well.

"It will be a split doubleheader if we can get a game with McCook," said Smith.

Howard baseball — upcoming schedule

- Hawks vs. Frank Phillips @ Jack Barber Field Friday: 1 p.m. Saturday: noon
- Hawks @ Abilene, March 16 vs. ACU (one game)
- vs. *McCook @ Hardin Simmons University *game is tentatively scheduled to take place

Upcoming Events

High School

Monday

• Coahoma softball @ Snyder

Tuesday

• B.S. baseball @ Midland
• Coahoma baseball @ Kermit

Wednesday

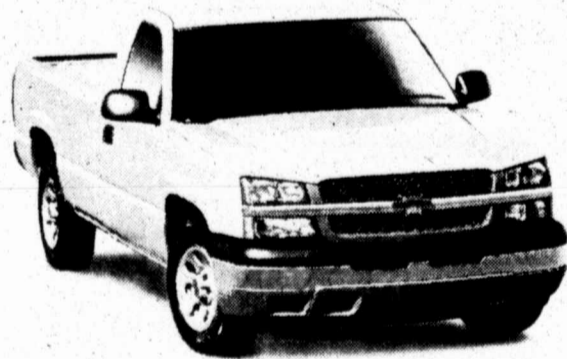
• Coahoma softball @ Arlington Tournament in North Richland Hills

Thursday

• B.S. softball @ Greenwood
• Coahoma softball @ Arlington Tournament in North Richland Hills (cont.)
• Coahoma baseball @ Snyder Tournament

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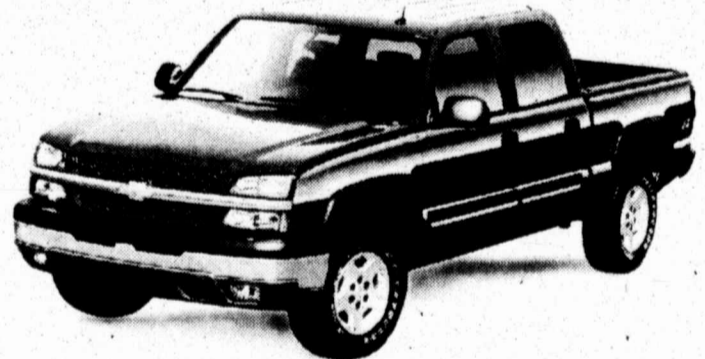


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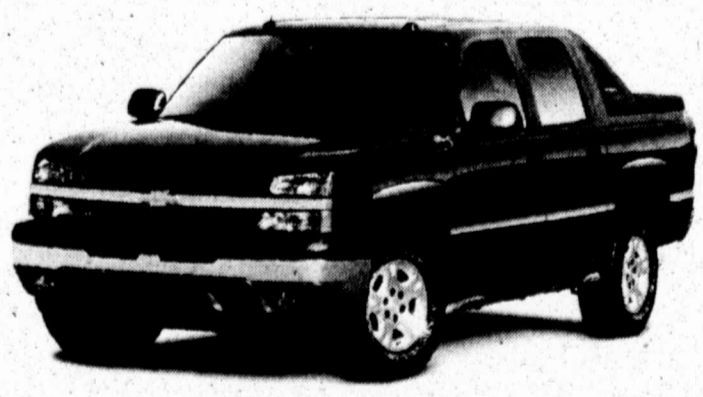


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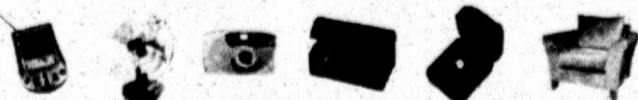
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Roddick, Agassi partner up at Davis Cup, go 1-1 after first day

By KEN PETERS

AP Sports Writer
CARSON, Calif. (AP) — Andy Roddick and Andre Agassi enjoy belonging to a team.

When Agassi lost his match in Friday's opening Davis Cup round against Croatia, Roddick was pleased to be able to step up and win his.

"The whole point of team competition is to pick your teammates up," said Roddick, who beat Mario Ancic 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

Roddick appreciated the fact that Agassi, beaten by Ivan Ljubicic in straight sets, stuck around afterward to watch the match against Ancic on TV in the team room.

"I thought that was pretty cool, considering I know he wasn't too happy after his match," Roddick said. "He said, 'Good job. Thanks for helping out.'"

Ljubicic downed

Agassi 6-3, 7-6 (7-0), 6-3 in the match of Croatia's No. 1 player against the U.S. team's No. 2, the first of two singles on opening day of the first round.

"Thank goodness we have Andy on the team," Agassi said afterward.

He said he never got in rhythm against Ljubicic.

"I was useless, to be quite honest, as being clear on what was going on out there," Agassi said. "On top of it, Ljubicic is playing good."

"You're here to help the team. I might be called on to do that again Sunday. I sure hope to do better."

The first round resumed Saturday, with twins Mike and Bob Bryan scheduled to face Ljubicic and Ancic in the doubles.

Roddick will play Ljubicic in Sunday's first match, with Agassi slated to go against Ancic next. That fifth

and final matchup will change, with team captains using other players, if either team has clinched by then.

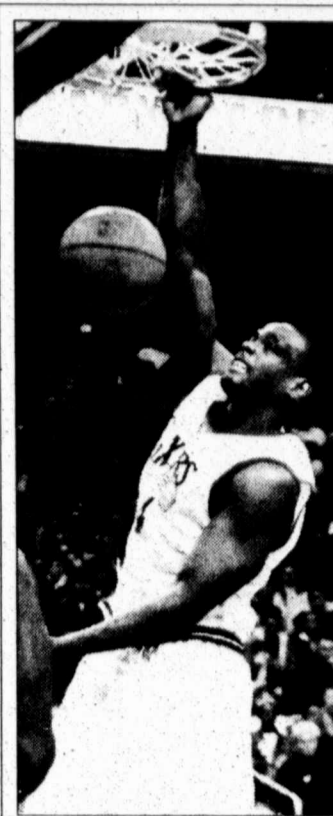
Ljubicic simply overpowered Agassi, serving 18 aces and making few mistakes.

Ljubicic said Agassi, who turns 35 next month, obviously isn't as quick as he once was, "but he's still a great player."

The loss was only the sixth in 36 Davis Cup matches for Agassi.

Although red-white-and-blue clad fans made up the bulk of the crowd of 6,021, there were plenty of Croatian backers sporting their favored red-and-white checkered garb.

The chants alternated between "Go, Andre, Go!" and "Go, Ivan, Go!" during the first match, and "Andy Rod-ick" and "Maree-oh!" in the second.



KRT photo/Michael Perez, Philadelphia Inquirer
The Sixers' Chris Webber dunks against Cleveland in the first period of their game at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia Friday.

Chicano Golf Association

upcoming events
March 20: 4-person scramble
April 23: Relay For Life
May 15: 4-person Selective Dr.
June 11-12: two-day scholarship tournament

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continue to work, he can be as successful at the next level."

He qualified for regionals in cross country during his sophomore, junior and senior year and will run in the 800 and 1,600 meter events in track this year, while also running a leg in the 4x200 meter relay.



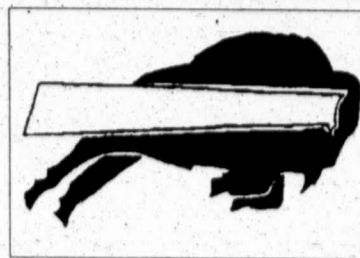
PAREDEZ

"I hope I get to run the same events in college track that I am running in high school right now," said Paredes. "I like to compete so I will work hard to be someone."

Paredes runs the 800 meter in 2:00, while his best time in the 1,600 meter run is 4:57.

"He excels in track and cross country so he's going to do something he is really good at," said Thompson.

The track and cross country star also excelled



in other sports while at Forsan. He was an all-district selection on the football team this past year and was apart of the tennis team in the spring of 2004 which made it to state in team tennis.

With Paredes's talents on the track and in the fields comes with some pretty lofty future goals.

"I want the whole team to win districts this year and go to state," said Paredes. "And I want to win state individually in my own event."

"After high school, I want to qualify for the national championships meet and eventually qualify for the Olympics. I am determined, too."

Paredes said his major will most likely be education as he inspires to be a coach after his running days are over.

"I am real proud of anyone who gets to go on to college athletics from Forsan," said Thompson.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
The Howard College cheerleaders perform their first-place winning cheer and dance routine at halftime of the women's basketball game Thursday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawk cheerleaders won the all girl's division trophy at the first-ever Western Junior College Athletic Conference Cheerleading Championships last Saturday at Odessa College.

Big Spring girl's struggle at Midland Invite

• Lady Steers finish round one in 16th without No. 1 Gee

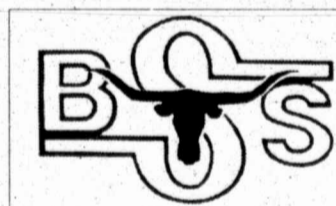
By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
MIDLAND — The Big Spring girl's golf team struggled Friday at the Midland Invitational.

The Lady Steers finished the opening round in 16th place out of 18 teams and shot a 424 overall.

However, they played the first round without the services of No. 1 golfer Rachel Gee.

Monahans and Andrews are first and second,



respectively, after the first day at the Green Tree Country Club.

The Lady Lobos and Lady Mustangs recorded scores of 327 and 334. Another Big Spring district rival — Plainview — is currently in seventh place.

The Lady Steers were led Friday by Kim Paredes's 98. Cassie Guinn and Megan McCormick each shot a

108. Joy Seay and Amber Miller shot a 110 and 114, respectively.

The tournament continued Saturday, but results were unavailable at press time.

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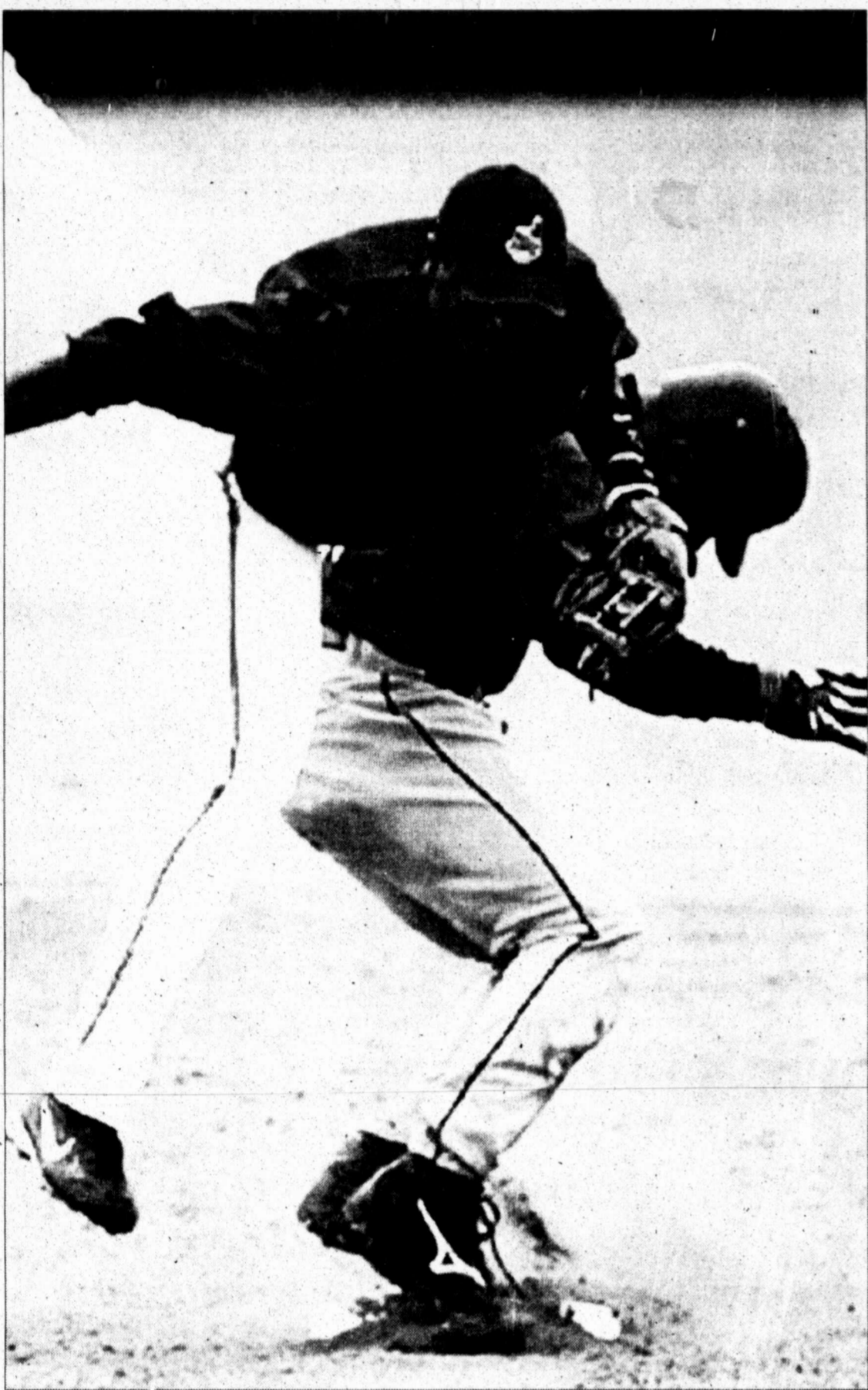
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KRT PHOTOGRAPH BY ED SUBA JR./AKRON BEACON JOURNAL
Cleveland shortstop Brandon Phillips leaps over Houston runner Trenidad Hubbard during the sixth inning of their game at Chain O' Lakes Park in Winter Haven, Fla., Thursday.

HOWARD COLLEGE HAWKS

HAWK HAPPENINGS



• Listen to "Hawk Talk" on the second and fourth Monday each month at 9 a.m. on KBST/1490. The radio program provides the latest updates on the athletic teams.

• The Hawk rodeo team begins its spring season March 10-12 at Weatherford College.

• The Hawk women's basketball team ended its season last week with a 12-18 overall record. They failed to make the Region V Tournament.

• The Hawk men's basketball team closed out its regular season Thursday with a win over rival Midland and claimed second place in the WJCAC. They finished 25-5 overall and 11-3 in the conference and will begin Region V Tournament play this Friday against either Weatherford or Grayson at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. The game starts at 12:30 p.m.

• The Hawk baseball team is 12-2 and they will next play at Jack Barber Field next Friday and Saturday against conference rival Frank Phillips in the WJCAC openers.

• The Hawk softball team is 4-10 overall and conference 3-3 in the WJCAC after losing two to Midland Friday. The team's next games will take place Tuesday and Wednesday at Foundation Field against Western Nebraska. They will play two games each day and the first game starts at 1 p.m.

• Ticket prices ... Adults \$5 and students \$3. All employees, employees' families, students and senior citizens get in free. Sign the pass list in the foyer.

• Hawk Flight Club ... \$25 per individual or \$50 per family. Senior citizen memberships are \$20. (seniors receive free admission to the games).

Howard College Sports Hotline: 264-5169

Howard College Web site:
www.howardcollege.edu/athletics

WJCAC Web site:
www.wjac.com

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LAW AND ORDER

HOWARD COUNTY STYLE

Six-gun shoot-outs, clandestine affairs leading to tabloid divorces, murder and alcohol mark the early beginnings of Howard County.

And to show the chiseled history of bandit and lawman, Heritage Museum opens its newest exhibit, "Law and Order in Howard County" March 15 with a reception from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

"This will focus on the different aspects of history in Howard County with an emphasis on lawmen and lawmakers and those who chose to break the law," said Tammy Schrecengost, curator for Heritage Museum.

Filled with interesting, sometimes remarkable facts, the exhibit will feature photographs and biographies of the Howard County sheriffs from 1882 to present day.

A special area dedicated to officers killed in the line of duty will be included and a special exhibit highlighting these officers is planned for a time this summer at the museum, she said.

"There are so many different veins of county history in law enforcement — the highway patrol, the police department, the sheriff's department and the Texas Rangers — and then there are so many veins of history within these different branches, too," Schrecengost said.

Big Spring was actually named Big Springs, with a name change in the early 20th Century, she said. When the town was founded, it boasted five general stores, but as many as 13 saloons in 1894, she said.

"This is so interesting because there are so many different cases involving drugs, alcohol and family disputes that took place in Big Spring. Though things have changed, some things are still the same," she said.

The first recorded shoot-out in Howard County

took place in 1903 involving Howard County Sheriff J.A. Baggett and saloon-owner E.R. Wheat. According to the *Big Springs Enterprise* in November 1903,

"Thanksgiving Day was brought to a tragic and bloody close in Big Springs by a fatal encounter just before midnight between Sheriff J.A. Baggett and E.R. Wheat."

The exhibit will have the whole story on display.

Other portions of the exhibit will include stories about nine murders in one year in Howard County, the first murder reported in the county in 1882 and how a prisoner escaped from the first Howard County jail.

"The first jail in Howard County was made of lumber with a padlock and chain on the door. According to good authority, one old cowboy was put in there one night while drunk and the next morning he couldn't rouse anybody so he took off his boot and beat off boards enough to get out to get water."

"Then he went to the wagon yard, got his horse and beat it back to the ranch. No charges were filed against him because the law didn't remember his name." From "Big Spring" by Shine Phillips.

Today, divorces are recorded in small type in a section named Public Records, but one divorce in 1883 made the front page of the newspaper. Lillie Fisher filed divorce against her husband, Joseph Fisher, claiming he accused her of "not being fit to be a dancehall girl." The animosity between the couple escalated to the point they were chasing each other in buggies through the downtown streets, brandishing weapons.

Apparently this so outraged Lillie's lawyer that he assaulted Joseph and "gave him a beating." Charges were filed which resulted in a judge being

indicted, and the divorce was eventually granted with a \$12,000 property settlement between the couple. Excerpt from "Getting Started", by Joe Pickle.

All of these events, including the sensational 1949 trial of Herbert Paul Frizzle, a pool game at the Nip and Tuck Saloon in 1882 that resulted in a murder, as well as many other recorded altercations between lawmen and criminals will be available to read, see and enjoy at the Heritage Museum exhibit March 15.

"We'll have different types of uniforms as well as different inmate uniforms. We will also have weapons displayed as well as a photograph of a Tommy Gun from the 1930s. Lawmen so feared the Bonnie and Clyde epidemic, each department here bought a Thompson machine gun for protection," Schrecengost said.

Even jailers will be included in the display and the museum is seeking more information about Poncho Yanez, who worked as a jailer for Howard County for many years.

"We're looking for relatives to get more history," she said.

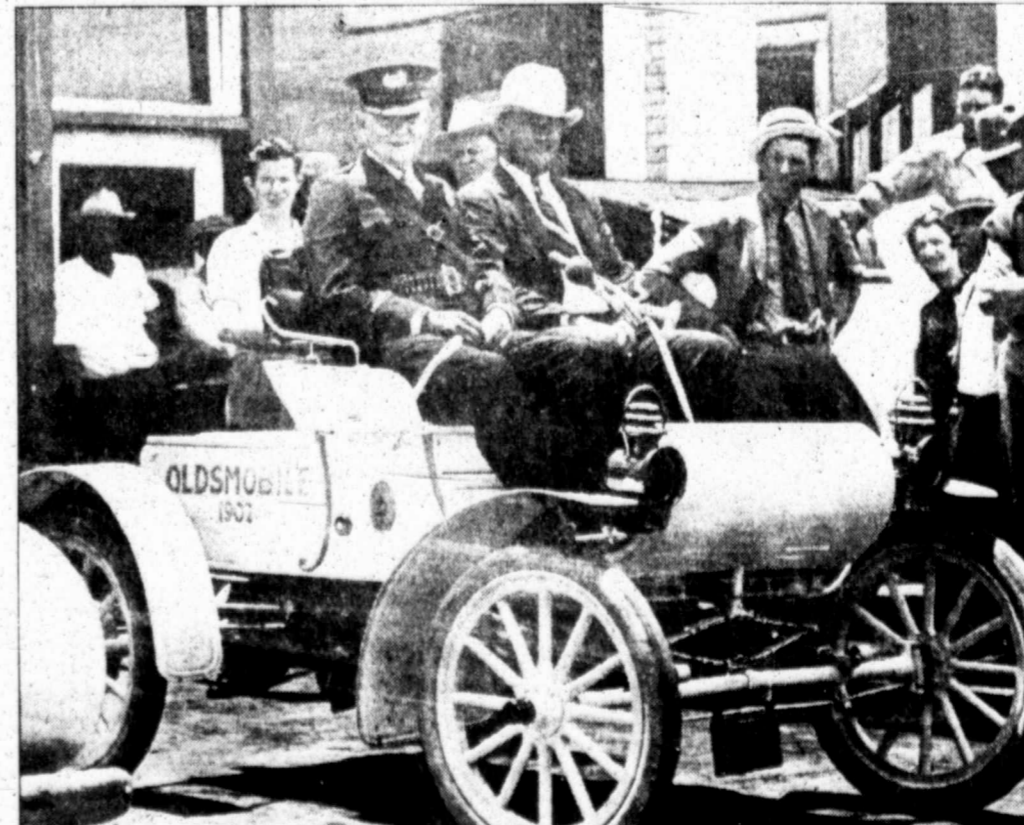
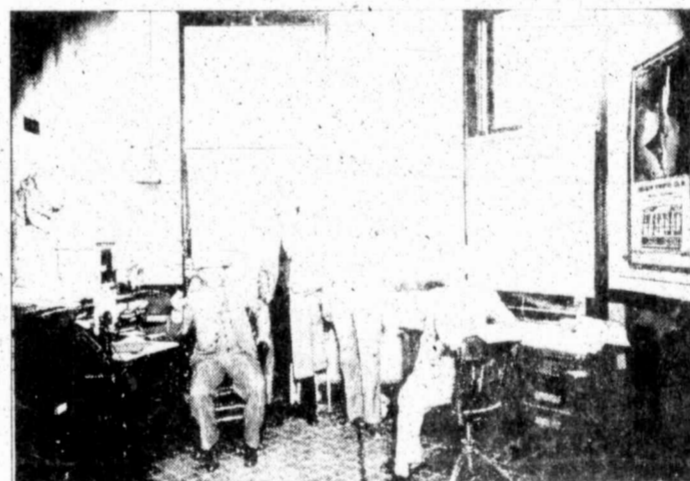
Most of the items displayed have been donated and collected, she said.

The museum will have refreshments available at the reception, which is free and open to the public.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Marsha Sturdivant is the features editor for the Big Spring Herald. Contact her at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com.



Herald photo: Marsha Sturdivant
Top right photo, Magen Schrecengost paints the Saloon display at Heritage Museum, which will feature a raised platform and saloon decor.

Courtesy photos
Top left is a photo of Department of Public Safety troopers, including Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart and former sheriff Bill Jennings. The other courtesy photos feature various sheriff's deputies, left, a 1940s trial, J.T. Thornton and Sheriff Jess Slaughter in the 1902 Oldsmobile below.

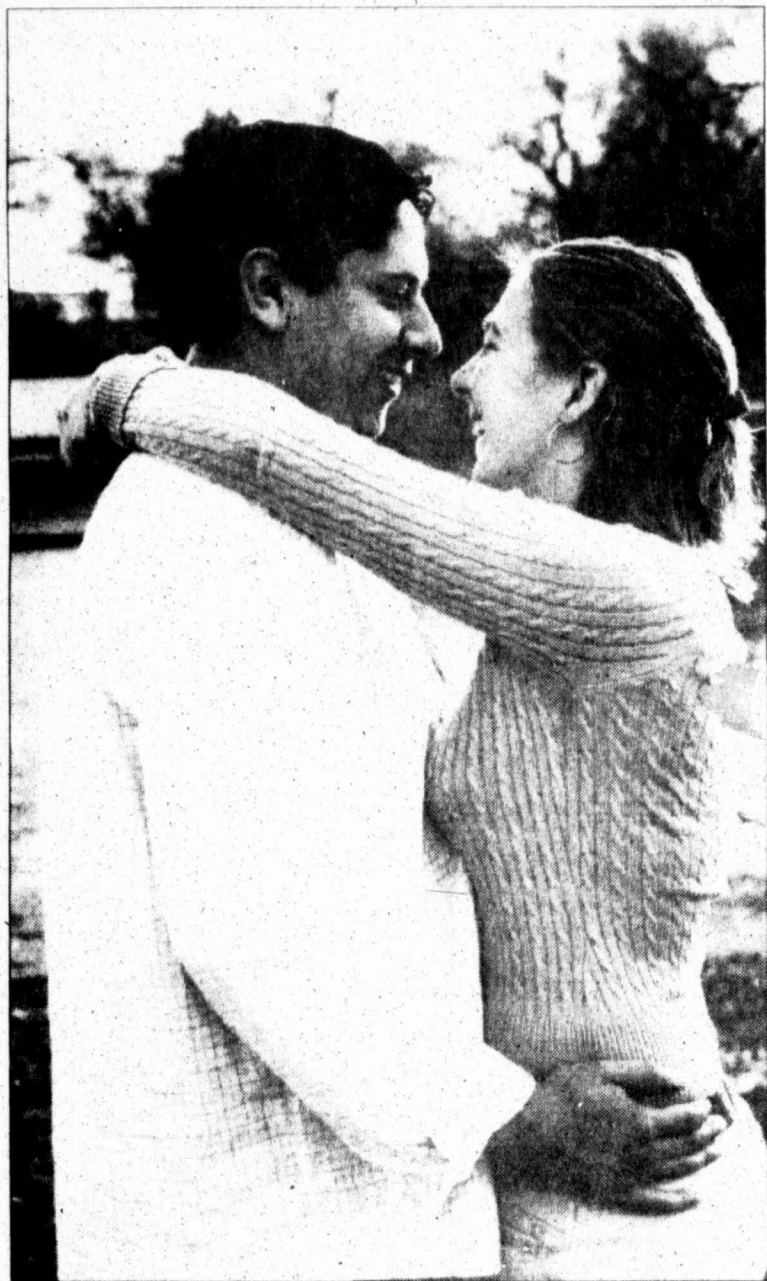
The exhibit will also recognize longtime Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard, who served in that position for more than 30 years.

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► Engagement



Arthur Olague Jr. and Heather Michelle Lee

Lee, Olague to wed

Heather Michelle Lee of Lockhart and Arthur Olague Jr. of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. July 23, 2005, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lockhart.

The bride is the daughter of Jesse and Mary Magana of Lockhart.

She is obtaining a master's degree in finance with an anticipated graduation day of May 2007 from Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business.

She is employed by the Texas Tech Student Recreation Center.

The groom is the son of Arthur and Cruz Olague of Big Spring.

He is obtaining a master's degree in exercise and sports science with a focus on secondary education with an anticipated graduation date of May 2007 from Texas Tech University.

He is employed by the Texas Tech Student Recreation Center.

Ross, Wegman engaged

Britt Ashley Ross and Drew Richie Wegmen, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. June 25, 2005 at the Iberostar Paraiso Lindo Resort in Mayan Riviera, Mexico.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Vikki Ross of La Marque and the granddaughter of Wallace and Bess Foster and Marjorie and the late H.G. Ross Jr.

She is a 1999 graduate of Dickinson High School and will receive a doctor of pharmacy degree in May from Texas Tech Health Science Center.

She will be employed by Albertson's Pharmacy after graduation.

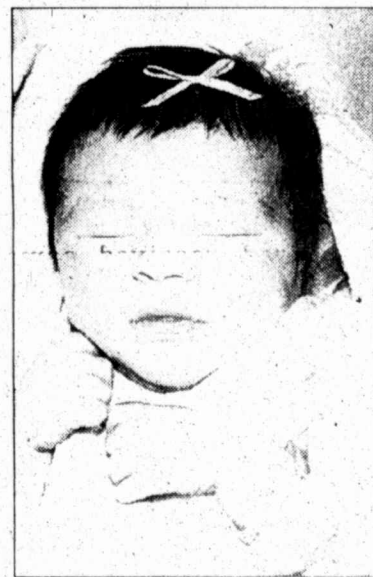
The groom is the son of Terry and Debbie Wegman of Big Spring and the grandson of Laverne Barr and the late Ted Wegman and Wilma and the late James Richie.

He is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School and at 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University, where he received a bachelor of business administration degree in management. He is employed by Betenbough Homes in Lubbock.



Drew Richie Wegmen and Britt Ashley Ross

► Births



Arianna Gabriella Martinez

Arianna Gabriella Martinez, a girl, was born Feb. 1, 2005, at Odessa Regional Hospital at 8:40 p.m. weighing 5 pounds, 6.8 ounces and was 18 1/4 inches long. Her mother is Leticia Martinez. Her grandparents are Elaine and Ricky Martinez. Her great-grandparents are Leo and Alicia Salazar and A.G. and Paula Martinez. She was welcomed home by her aunt, Alicia Martinez.

p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Samuel and Jennifer Hale. His grandparents are Eddy and Verle Rice of Brownwood and Marvin and Cathy Hale of Coleman.

Evelyn Jezebel Sanchez, a girl, was born Feb. 22, 2005, at 2:44 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her mother is Jo Anna S. Hidrogo. Her grandparents are Martin and Linda Ortiz.



Noah Dallas Molina

Angel Brandon Hernandez, a boy, was born Feb. 9, 2005, at 7:28 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. His parents are Benny and Brenda Hernandez of Lenorah. His grandparents are Frank and Mary Ann Garza of Lenorah and Rudy and Delia Hernandez of Seguin. He was welcomed home by Faith and Benny Lee.

Noah Dallas Molina, a boy, was born Feb. 19, 2005, at 5:09 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. His parents are David and Jackie Molina. His grandparents are Gilbert and Lolly Martinez of Big Spring and Juan and Angie Molina of Coahoma. His great-grandparents are Elena Martinez, Victor Martinez and Martina Molina, all of Big Spring. He was welcomed home by David "D.J." Molina Jr.

Cebastian Wayne Martin, a boy, was born Feb. 27, 2005, at 4:08 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Genesis Pace and Jeff Martin. His grandparents are Diana and Victor Garza of Big Spring and Melanie Martin of Forsan.

Jason Ray Hale, a boy, was born Feb. 22, 2005, at 12:26

Logan Hunter Booth, a boy, was born Feb. 27, 2005, at 5:20 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. His parents are Thomas and Lisa Booth. His grandparents are Sandy and Steve Elder and Louise and the late Ed Booth.

► Who's Who

Sheila Cunningham

Sheila Cunningham of Big Spring has been named to the distinguished students list at Tarleton State University.

Those designated as distinguished Students

include freshman and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and junior and senior with a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C.

Webb AFB reunion set

Keep Webb Alive in 2005 is the theme for the Webb Air Force Base Reunion, set for October 2005 at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Plans are being formulated now for the event and all Webb Air Force Base alumni and interest-


ed persons are invited to attend.

Contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999 or mail to P.O. Box 2925, Big Spring, for more information.

Also www.hangar25airmuseum.com, or e-mail hangar25@crcom.net.

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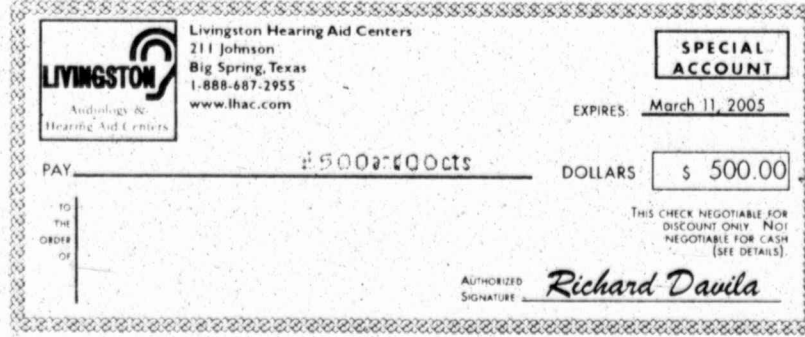
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• Jackie B. LaJuana and Lori, Miran Tabitha, from Denton. She is by Chaparral Nursing Center

• Amber Rumerly of Tulsa is employed by

• Denise P. and daughter, Christian, from

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken, steak, potatoes, salad, milk, rolls

TUESDAY-Chicken, broccoli casserole, vegetables, salad, rolls, pie

WEDNESDAY-Chicken, chops, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk, rolls

THURSDAY-Chicken, baked potato, cream, broccoli, cheese, salad, crackers, pudding

FRIDAY-Catfish

Class

Big Spring Class of 1965 classmates to an upcoming reunion. If you have information on these people, contact Nancy Thomas at 432-714-4390 or Howard Duncanson at 263-4887 or email nancy@teach.edu.

Max Andriola, Jud Robert, Baker, Baulch, Carr, Edward, Brown, Dix, Duane, Bryson, Tom, June, Burr, Cabiness, Cockrill, Lore, Cole, Nore, Humberto, Cunningham, Witt, Cuthbert, Also Robert Terry, Daugherty, Petree, Dement, Carl

Blood

United Blood has scheduled a blood drive in Howard March, including

• Cornell Wright, 3711 Wright, p.m. until Wednesday, call, Tina W. 0060.

• Lakeview 1107 W. Sevel a.m. until 4 p.m. To sign up, call Delores at 267

• Leonard's Pharmacy.

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Newcomers

- Janet Ryder, formerly of Odessa. She is employed by the V.A. Medical Center.
- Dora Rodriguez and children, Nicole, Brandon and Matthew, formerly of Lamesa. She is employed by Taco Villa.
- Lester Potter and wife, Velma, formerly of Uvalde. He is retired.
- Robert Carlson and wife, Laura, formerly of Abilene. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Center and she is employed by Dr. Amy Reese.
- Jackie Bell, wife, LaJuana and children, Lori, Mirand and Tabitha, formerly of Denton. She is employed by Chaparrall Trail Nursing Center.
- Amber Russell, formerly of Tulsa, Okla. He is employed by Pizza Inn.
- Denise Phelp-Jones and daughter, Brittney Christian, formerly of Whitesboro.
- Michael Kearney and wife, Carolyn, formerly of Lubbock.
- Stephen Dyer, wife, Diana and son, T.J., formerly of Frisco. They are both employed by Tel-Vista Phone Cell Company.
- Tommy White, wife, Linda and children, Thomas and Jonathan, formerly of Bronte. He is employed by Howard County Road and Bridge. She is employed by Howard College.
- Kathrina Bustamante and daughters, Selean and Miranda, formerly of Abilene. She is employed by Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home.
- Braulio Betancourt, wife, Janie and children, Cecelia, Stephanie, Lilanell and J.P., formerly of Houston. He is employed by Fibertex Co. She is employed by West Side Day Care Center.

- Arcelia Hernandez, formerly of Lamesa.
- Nancy Nelson, formerly of Millmar, Minn.
- Juanita Gonzalez, formerly of Austin. She is employed by Pilly's Beauty Salon.
- Don E. Lasseher and wife, Joan, formerly of Orlando, Fla. He is a disabled veteran.
- Ken Hill, formerly of Colorado City. He is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- Kimberly Alcantar and children, Erynn and Angelica, formerly of Fort Worth. She is employed with General Nutrition Store.
- Jim Korbart, formerly of Midland. He is employed by Cowboy's Restaurant.
- Jean Thomason, formerly of Altus, Okla. She is retired.

FIVE GENERATIONS



Kay Hubbard of San Antonio, right, celebrated her 90th birthday Feb. 12, with four generations of her descendants, her daughter, Dudley Kemp of Houston, left, her granddaughter, Sharon Tant of Big Spring, her great-grandson, Derek Tant, a staff sergeant in the USAF of San Antonio, and her great-great-grandson, 21-month-old John Tant.

Menus

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken fried steak, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.
TUESDAY-Chicken-riced broccoli casserole, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, rolls, pie.
WEDNESDAY-Pork chops, sweet potatoes, green beans, spinach salad, milk, rolls, fruit.
THURSDAY-Large baked potato, chili, sour cream, broccoli and cheese, salad, milk, crackers, pudding.
FRIDAY-Catfish,

French fries, beans, coleslaw, milk, cornbread, fruit.

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TUESDAY-Poptarts
WEDNESDAY-Cinnamon rolls
THURSDAY-Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
FRIDAY-Cereal
LUNCH
MONDAY-Corndogs w/mustard, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, mixed fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Bar-b-que

ribs, potato salad, rolls, ranch style beans, pineapple, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Nacho Grande, cheese, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, Jello, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, peaches, milk.

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Class of 1965 seeking classmates

Big Spring High School Class of 1965 is seeking classmates to contact for an upcoming reunion. If you have information on these people call Nancy Thomas Allan at 432-714-4390 or Ann Howard Duncan at 432-263-4887 or email them at nancy@teach.edb.utexas.edu.

Max Anderson, Joe Arriola, Judy Atkison, Robert Baker, Kathy Baulch, Carrie Blount, Edward Bright, David Brown, Dixie Brown, Duane Brown, Patsy Bryson, Tommy Buford, June Burr, Barbara Cabiness, Marshall Cockrall, Lorreen Daniels, Cole, Noreen Cole, Humberto Cruz, Tommy Cunningham and Glynn Witt Cuthbertson.

Also Robert Daniels, Terry Daughry, Jessie Petree Day, Dana Dement, Carol Dennis,

Allan Doelp, Jane Doane Drinkard, Linda Edwards, Arthur Farris, Suzette Ferrell, Jo Ellen Morris Fiveash, Hilary Fleischner, Curtis Flewellan, Nita Massy Flores, June Forsyth, Fern Foster and Barbara Frazier.

And Ronald Gilliland, James Green, Hazel Grimes, Virginia Grisham, Charles Hall, Jan Hamilton, Larry Harper, Jack Hasenbank, Jo Hatfield, Larry Helton, Cecil Hendricks, Georgia Hissem, Jo Ann Hobbs, Diane Holly, Thomas Hughes, Bob Husson, Sammy Jasso, Avanell Jenks, Edgar Jennins, Cheryl Gillihan Jones, Paul Kenning, Charlotte Peeler Kinard, Cecilia King and Kenneth Koon.

Also Darrel Lane, Bobby Lavender, Darlene Mitchell Leifeste, Paula Duncan Leonard, Henry

Lopez, Robert Lopez, Linda Love, Nancy Wilson Lynch, Dan Maberry, Susan Magee, Alan McClinton, Judy Little McCrary, Patricia McDade, Charlene McDonald, Mary Kay McNallen, Jill McNery, Horace McPherson, La Nell Meredith, Sharon Metcalf, Shirley Munden and Greg Olson.

And Stanley Owens, Linda Parker, Helen Patterson, David Perron, Dennis Pollack, Hank Pope, Mike Pope, Susan Powell, Ricky Ream, Rita Fraser Richardson, Ben Roberts, Wayne Root, Gary Smith, Kinda Smith, Vicki Smith, Yvonne Smith, Reena Sneed, Donna Stacy, Alan Stanfield, Janice Roberts Stevenson, Danny Stroup, Shirley Taylor, Elaine Wagner Thomas, Laura Thomas and Alicia Torres.

Navy reunion set

A reunion for Navy personnel stationed aboard the USS Maddox Destroyer is set for Sept. 15-18, 2005, in Mobile, Ala., organized by the USS Maddox Destroyer Association (DD-468, DD-622 and DD-731.) Contact Cliff Gillespie, 215 Wichita Ave., No. 605, Huntington Beach, Calif. 92648 or call 714-960-5283 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

Benefit barbecue set

A benefit barbecue cook-off for the Forsan Band trip to Washington D.C. is set for March 12 at 703 W. Third. Categories are: brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves, sausage and jackpot beans. Cooking will begin early that morning and judging will be at 1 p.m. Dining begins at 1 p.m. also. Registration is \$10 per category and plates are \$5 per person. Cooks may

register now by calling 263-6862.

The event is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188, the American Legion Post 506, the Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossocks MC and the Big Spring Bass Club.

A&M Scholarship applications accepted

Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications for Texas A&M through April 15. To be eligible, a student must reside in Howard County and have an acceptance letter from Texas A&M. Academic and scholarly achievements, community-based extracurricular activities, sports participation and need are all considered with the application when determining scholarship winners. All applicants who completed the paperwork

required received some financial reward during the 2004-2005 scholarship process.

Applications may be obtained at A&M Composites from Mike or Jeanne Niklasch at 1409 E. Highway 350 or by calling Howard County A&M Club President Dr. Tom Dawson at 267-7911, ext. 216.

The club has a business meeting Feb. 26 at the Niklasch's home, 4510 Callahan. Hors d'oeuvres and spirits will be served. All club members are invited. Call 268-9649.

YoungLife seeks volunteers

YoungLife, a local non-denominational Christian organization seeks adult volunteers to work with area high school youth about two hours each Monday night. To volunteer call YoungLife leader Shelly Warrent at 264-1234.

Blood drives scheduled

United Blood Services has scheduled blood drives in Howard County in March, including:

- Cornell Corrections, 3711 Wright Ave., from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday. To sign up call, Tina Word at 264-0060.
- Lakeview Headstart 1107 W. Seventh, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday. To sign up, call Joann or Delores at 267-7452.
- Leonard's Prescription Pharmacy, 701 Scurry

(the new building) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. March 12 United Blood Services Bloodmobile. To sign up, call Tina at 267-2771.

To donate, an individual must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 100 pounds and be in good general health.

Bring a list of all medications taken.

For more information contact Peggy Hards at United Blood Services, 432-561-5539.

Learn from the mistakes of others; you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
— Eleanor Roosevelt

A man who views the world the same at 50 as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life.
— Muhammad Ali

Man has his will, but woman has her way.
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Closer looking for a living

Home inspectors discovering satisfaction in lucrative career

By **SUSAN KREIMER**

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — When Deb Sadler bought her home it opened a window to a new career. She had watched the home inspector look things over and wondered: Wouldn't it be fun to try this?

Tired of the computer industry, she was ready for a change. So she took the required courses and passed the state licensing exam.

"Then I did home inspections after my 'day job' and on the weekends to supplement my income," said Sadler, who lives in Oak Point and covers the northern part of Dallas-Fort Worth.

Two years ago, she was laid off from the job she had kept for "that good, steady paycheck, insurance and benefits." Her friends agreed "this was the big break I needed."



Formerly employed in the computer technology field, Deb Sadler, of Oak Point, is now a home inspector. She is shown on the roof of her home in Oak Point.

she said. "I was being pushed out of the corporate nest and into the self-employed world to fly on my own. After almost five years of doing inspections on the side, it was time to run with the big dogs." For Sadler and other career changers, becoming a professional home inspector has turned into a lucrative small business. More workers are

taking up the profession locally and nationally. Savvy home buyers are enlisting the advice of experts — and paying them a few hundred dollars — before making one of the most substantial investments of their lives, according to the American Society of Home Inspectors Inc. in Des Plaines, Ill. About 77 percent of homes sold in the United

States and Canada are inspected before the deal is sealed. "It's becoming a very important part of the real estate transaction," said Rob Paterkiewicz, executive director of the society, which held its annual conference in Austin, Texas, in mid-January. Consumers are gaining awareness of home

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Mutabilis Rose named 'EarthKind Rose of Year'

The Mutabilis Rose — first introduced in 1894 — has been named "EarthKind Rose of Year" by Texas Cooperative Extension's EarthKind team.

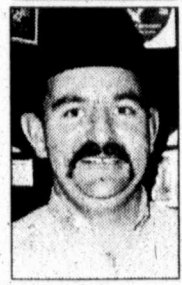
Dr. Steve George, Extension horticulturist at Dallas, said this new honor was created by Extension horticulturists to highlight the best performers in their EarthKind Rose program. "This is a really tough honor to obtain," George said. "The title comes only after years of field research during which roses are grown and evaluated under very trying conditions. They're not fertilized or pruned. They're grown with greatly reduced irrigation and are never treated with pesticides. The winning roses are so easy to grow that everyone, even novice gardeners, can enjoy great success with these outstanding cultivars."

"Mutabilis has risen to the top to become one of the very best to date. It's a wonderful old China rose. Chinas comprise a class of roses best known for their repeat blooming habit. This rose has long been one of the most popular of the old garden roses."

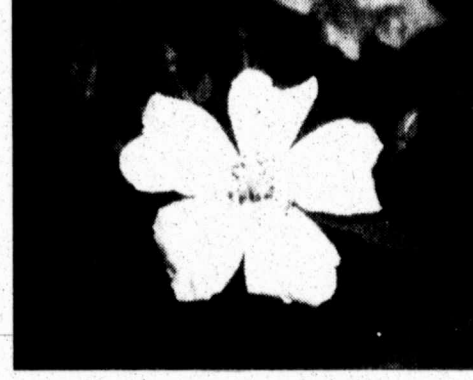
George said the blooms are flat with a single circular row of petals. Each blossom "mutates" or goes through three distinct color changes. They open peach gold, then change to a beautiful pink and finally turn a stunning crimson. The pink and crimson phases each last 24 hours.

Mutabilis is also called the "Butterfly Rose." Its profusion of silky blossoms in a simultaneous display of all three color phases is reminiscent of a group of brightly colored butterflies resting on the shrub.

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TOMMY YEATER



ROSE

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Mutabilis produces blooms from spring through summer, George said. "The little or no fragrance provides tremendous value."

Like all EarthKind roses, Mutabilis needs hours of direct air flow over its soil. It will grow in highly alkaline, very drought-tolerant soil once established.

The rose is not a problem, but it is so great that it almost never needs pruning. This cultivar is USDA hardiness zone 9.

INSPECTOR

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inspectors as laws governing the date, he said, 29 regulations.

A home inspector's jack-of-all-trades with electrical, plumbing, roofing and HVAC. Nick Gromicko of the National Certified Home Inspectors of Valley Forge, Pa., said his skills are essential.

Ambitious, knowledgeable inspectors can expand their commercial inspection business, radon, lead-based paint and hazardous substances.

Full-time solo inspectors averaged \$81,000 in income, while part-

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research and studies.

This research shows a happy, productive workforce is dependent on a "magic ratio" of positive to negative interactions.

Forget the high science case, one positive interaction does not cancel out one negative. The magic ratio is 10 positive interactions for every one negative.

That explains the unpleasant experience of a surly co-worker. But, charts show, a co-worker is just a drain on the workforce's collective energy, too.

A recent Gallup study showed that employees who receive praise and recognition were more likely to be satisfied with their employment, higher satisfaction from customer service, better on-the-job safety records.

So just stop complaining. Workers who are positive re-energize the workforce.

WTO up

U.S. aid

GENEVA (AP) — A WTO panel upheld a ruling that the U.S. program to subsidize domestic poultry is illegal.

The WTO panel will overturn a WTO panel of trade from Brazil.

Texas leads in appointing representatives.

"Negotiations to address the issue were said in an interview."

The Nation was disappointed in the Brazilian offering of subsidies.

Negativity drains workforce productivity

By **CANDACE GOFORTH**

Knight Ridder

AKRON, Ohio — It didn't take a scientist to figure out that grumpy people make others feel lousy and feeling lousy makes them less productive at work.

But, in fact, researchers have quantified the effect of chronic negativity.

And you'd never have guessed how expensive those scowls can be.

Negativity costs the U.S. economy \$300 billion a year — and researchers consider that a conservative estimate.

Unfortunately, smiles and sunny outlooks can't be mandated in the company manual.

But managers can neutralize and even reverse damaging negativity through the measured use of employee recognition and praise.

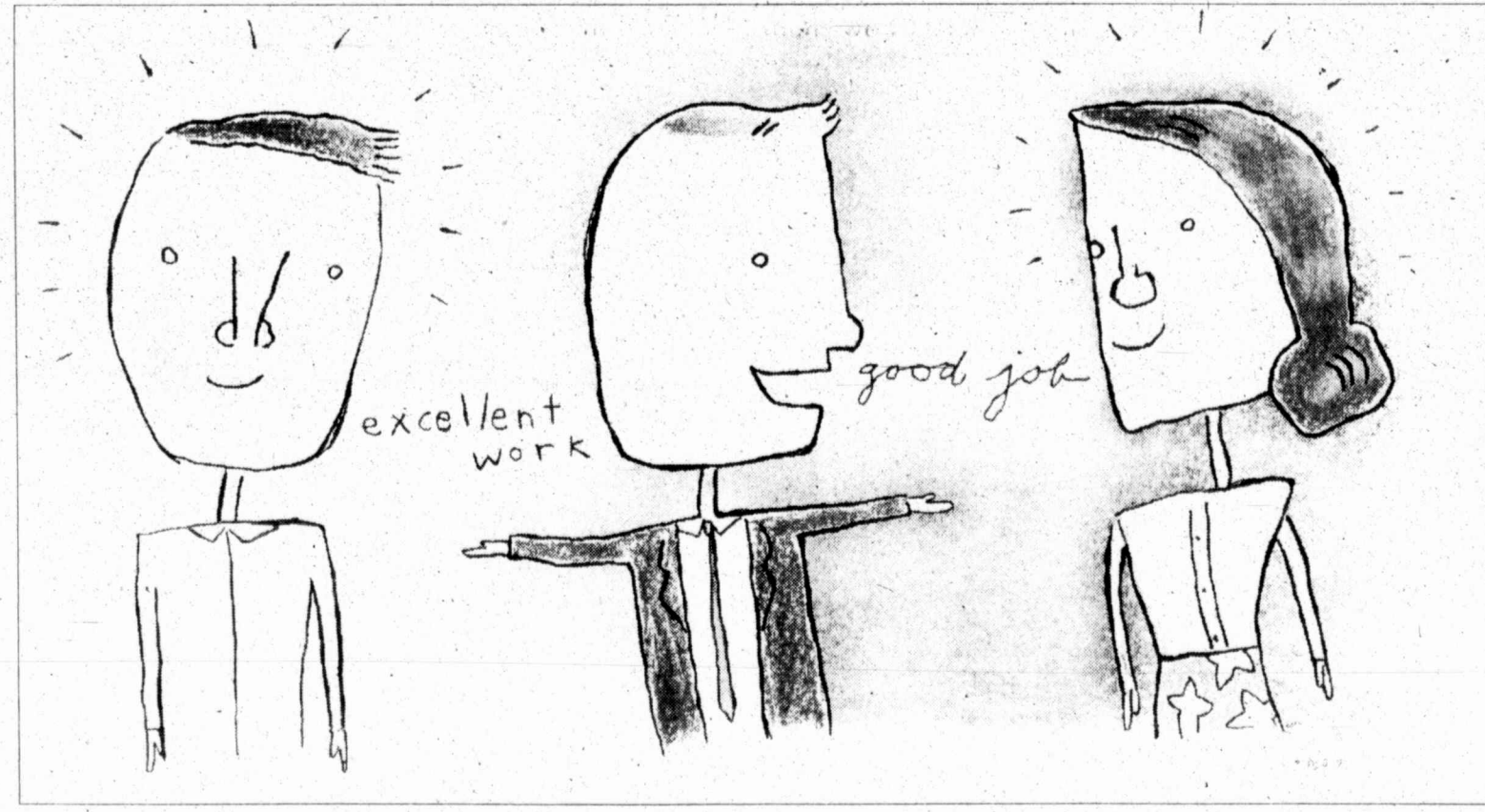
And there's a scientific formula for that, too, said Tom Rath, global practice leader for strengths-based development for the

Gallup Organization and co-author of "How Full is Your Bucket? Positive Strategies for Work and Life." Rath wrote the book with his grandfather, Donald O. Clifton.

Clifton died in 2003 and never saw the book published. He was a psychologist who pioneered the study of positive psychology and developed the dipper-and-bucket analogy that gives the book its title.

The metaphor goes like this: Everyone has an invisible bucket that is either filled or emptied with each interaction with another person (positive exchanges add to the bucket, negative exchanges take from it). When our buckets are full, we feel cheerful and spread our positive energy to others.

When our buckets are empty, we are gloomy and send our negative vibe out to the world. In the business world, that translates to hampered



Kathy Hagedorn/Akron Beacon Journal

productivity. The book and its philosophy of cheeriness have topped national best-seller lists and gained the attention of executives from major corporations, including Hudson, Ohio-based Jo-Ann Stores Inc.

Rosalind Thompson, executive vice president of human resources for Jo-Ann Stores, made the book required reading for the company's regional vice presidents.

"We're definitely attuned to the notion that focusing on someone's strengths and giving recognition for performance is critical to our

success," Thompson said. Underlying the full-bucket philosophy is the principle of encouraging and developing employees' strengths; where they have the most potential for greatness, rather than pushing for improvement in areas of weakness.

"Sometimes, it's not so great to be well-rounded," Rath said. "Those sharp edges can be a good thing."

Rath pointed to a new Gallup study, which found that when managers focused on employees' strengths, 61 percent of the employees were engaged in the work and

only 1 percent were actively disengaged — complaining about their jobs, sniping at their co-workers and bad-mouthing the company.

When managers focused on employees' weaknesses, only 45 percent of the employees were engaged and 22 percent were actively disengaged.

Rath is the first to admit that the science of happiness might elicit some eye-rolling from certain human resources hard-liners.

"That would have been my initial reaction to this," Rath said in an interview following a pre-

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PUBLIC RECORDS

Hot Checks/Warrants

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Roman Hines, 901 Baylor, Big Spring
Irene Hinojosa, 3910 E. Hwy.

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Sierra Ramos, 200 W. Estes Ave., Midland
Jessie Robles, 1417 Millsaugh, San Angelo
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County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Krishna Nicolle Castillo, Theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Tamika Rochelle Douglas, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Virginia

Austin, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Donald Davis, driving while license suspended - enhanced, \$400 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Sharika Lashawn Gatewood, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$311 court

costs, 180 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Theodore E. Rios, evading arrest, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: James-Ray Cogburn, resisting arrest, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Arnulfo Chavera Jr., driving while license suspended, \$250 fine,

\$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Rogelio Beltran, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Mark Perry, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$750 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
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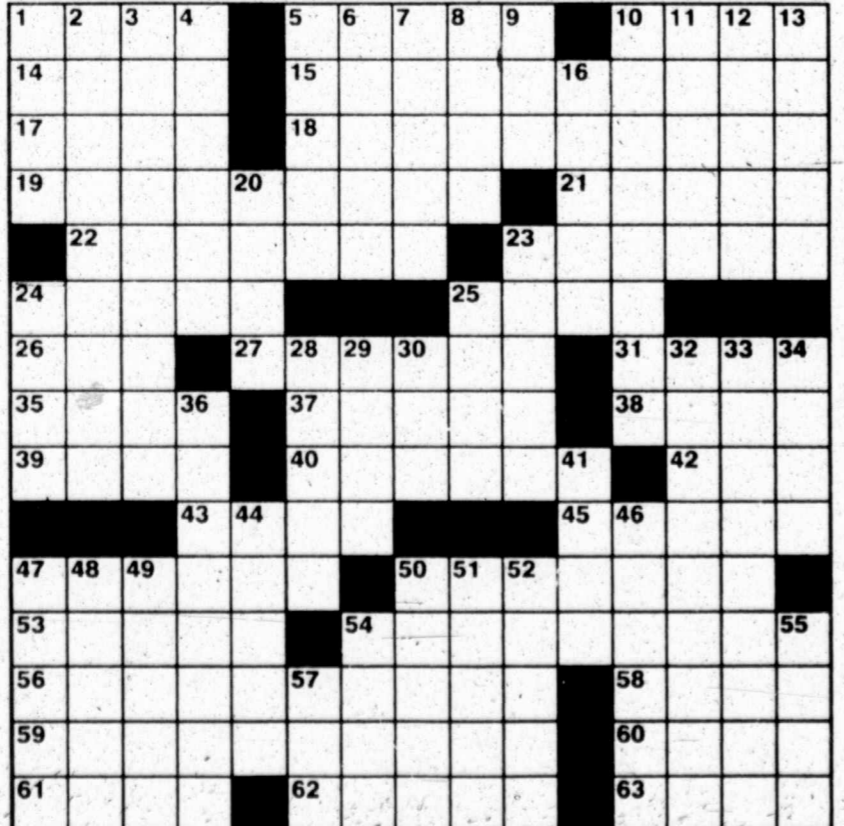
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| ACROSS | DOWN | |
| 1 Ancient Persian poet | 1 British portraitist | 10 Very well, in a way |
| 5 Ragamuffins | 2 Editor's foe | 11 City near Marseilles |
| 10 Hostile reaction | 3 Bonds | 12 Miss Hannigan's charge |
| 14 Profusion | 4 File for new software owners | 13 Strike-zone border |
| 15 De Havilland's nine-time costar | 5 Spooky | 16 Old |
| 17 Mallorca, for one | 6 Telltale sign | 20 Cardinal point |
| 18 Grateful remark | 7 Broom-Hilda troll | 23 Unattached |
| 19 Skin | 8 Combatants | 24 Slender trace |
| 21 Supernatural spirit | 9 Not forward | 25 Friend of Richie and Patsie |
| 22 Shawwal preceder | | 28 Up |
| 23 Contacts | | 29 What it's called |
| 24 Port and blush | | 30 Social gathering |
| 25 Only winner of Indy, Daytona and LeMans | | 32 It's south of the Timor Sea |
| 26 Entrepreneur mag | | |
| 27 Fantasy Island character | | |
| 31 Columbo employer | | |
| 35 Derive (from) | | |
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| 38 Doctor Zhivago | | |
| 39 Secret teller's starter | | |
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| 42 Tom Stoppard title | | |
| 43 Racket | | |
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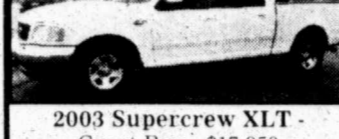
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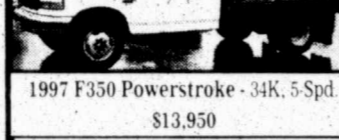
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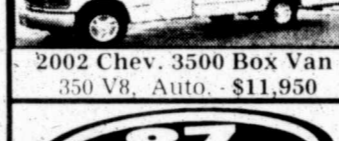
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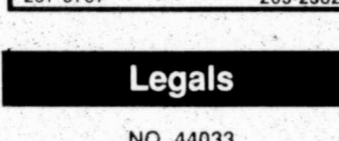
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
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BABY BOY CAMPBELL
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The Sands CISD is applying for a waiver to have a school start date of August 15, 2005 for the 2005-06 school year.

#4481 March 6, 2005

Dear Prudence

Dear Prudence: I inherited a hair stylist when her predecessor retired. She is great with styling and coloring, but I can't afford her anymore. I am trying to change to a less-expensive hair person, but I'm finding it very difficult.



MARGO HOWARD

"Amy" always books me not just for one appointment but for two appointments in advance, saying that she's so busy that she needs to do it in order to secure me a spot on her schedule. She says I need to use special shampoo, which is quite expensive (\$20 for a small

bottle) and is only available through her.

I've tried explaining that I just can't afford her anymore, but it's falling on deaf ears. I'm also a little nervous about leaving her as we are in the process of getting my hair back from a beautiful but expensive-to-keep-up red dye job to my natural color. I have images of ticking her off and ending up with orange hair when I go to another, cheaper operator.

An additional challenge: I live in a small community where I am bound to bump into "Amy" after I make the break. Any advice for a wimpy person who wants her hair to look nice but can't afford a ritzy salon anymore? Thank you.

Pocketbook Challenged
Dear Pock: "Amy" is not only a good stylist; she is a good salesman. Prudie is sympathetic to your quandary because she, too, has a red dye job and fears that anyone other than her wonderful Cyndi will turn everything orange, or maybe even green.

Because you write that your complaint of limited finances has fallen on deaf ears, you are now free to take matters into your own hands. Here are your options: If you can swing it, stay with Aggressive Amy until your natural color is back; go to another operator in the salon; or find a new place.

As for seeing her around town, there is no shame in not being able to afford a particular service. — Prudie, colorfully

Dear Prudence: My roommate and I are both in our mid-20s, and we rent an apartment from my roommate's grandmother. (She lives in the building, too.) We both have steady boyfriends, and mine spends many a weekend night with me, which doesn't seem to bother anyone.

My roommate is reluctant to have her boyfriend visit and spend

the night (since he does not live nearby) because she lives in mortal fear of her grandmother or someone else in her family thinking they sleep together and passing judgment on her.

Apparently, she does not think it would be beyond any of them to ask such rude and invasive questions as "Where does Bobby sleep when he comes over?" She is terribly confused and upset about it, and I don't blame her. I think she should simply tell anyone who asks such a thing, "That's none of your business, and I'll thank you for not asking such IMPERTINENT questions again."

She thinks she needs to make a big show of having a sleeping bag and bedclothes on the floor so as to sway her family's perception. What do you think? — Trying To Help a Friend

Dear Try: Prudie thinks girls in their mid-20s should be able to do as they please regarding sleepovers, certainly in their own apartment. She also thinks it would be highly unrealistic to expect a young woman to tell a family member, "That's none of your business, and I'll thank you for not asking such IMPERTINENT questions again."

There is a chance that confirmation of being sexually active would not send anyone into a dead faint. If she is right, however, that she would be judged harshly, by all means, go with the set decoration of the sleeping bag and bed linen on the floor. — Prudie, practically

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

It's slow going most of the day, as the moon void of course urges us to relax and let down our emotional guard. The moon moves into Aquarius later in the day, and it feels right to lightly connect with friends. Things hardly get deeper than "How's the weather?" but genuine warmth emanates from even the most surface-level conversations.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You help yourself most when you help another. It's the perfect time to straighten out misunderstandings (probably over money) with a partner. The much-needed dose of reality you provide is appreciated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The more honest you are, the better life feels. Don't waste time trying to change what has already

been decided — on to the next thing! All forward movement is good, though it won't seem that way at first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you give yourself the same advice you dish out, you're extra lucky! Being graceful in the face of change is more important than perfection. Romantic conversations go well, especially if your love is a Scorpio or Pisces.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Do what's necessary to create more love in your life. This might include working less, playing more and making yourself available to interested people. A dream clues you to where the end of the rainbow lies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some of your friends want to make it OK for you to be less than all you could be. It's time to add new names and numbers to your database. This takes moxie, but those with moxie usually get what they want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). You want to draw the line, but ultimatums in love won't work. Keep the lines of communication open. It could be time to learn the fine art of allowing others to think that your plan was their idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your efforts to be interesting pay off. Fun and unusual topics of conversation make you irresistible to the very people you consider so sophisticated and special. A health breakthrough is featured, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Exercise good judgment. Since your natural enthusiasm endears you to all you come in contact with, you'll be accepted into a variety of situations — some of which you should have nothing to do with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Good news is speculative — things could still go either way. This is where your faith will be tested. Keep up the positive intentions, and move forward, even when you're in convincingly skeptical company.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Profound happenings can take place. Separate yourself from your body, your actions and your beliefs. There's a soul inside you that can outshine all the limitations of this world, if you stop resisting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll find it difficult to keep your commitments, especially those you make to yourself. The written word is the single most effective tool you can wield now. Write what you will do, and you're 50 percent more likely to do it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you don't know where you're going, it's hard to know when you've arrived there. It's not too late to declare your destination or change it. A bold and public action will help you center yourself on a single goal.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The sun continues its journey through Pisces this week, accompanied by such heavy-hitting planets as

Venus and Uranus. Ruled by the planet Neptune, Pisces is the sign most associated with dreams and the subconscious. Our dreams, as strange, bizarre, disturbing, wonderful or implausible as they may be, are also representative of the truth as we feel it. Understanding your own truth is the gift of Pisces, but it's never as straightforward as we think it will be, for this planet's influence is creative, distorting reality to fit the way we experience it emotionally. If Pisces energy were a painting, it would be Salvador Dali's "Persistence of Memory."

This painting consists of a group of melting clock faces draped over tree branches and other objects in the foreground, with an ocean and rocky cliffs in the background. Pisces is a water sign, which befits the fluid imagery of the oozing clocks overlooking the sea. Use this Pisces image to reflect on how you've been using your time. Your emotional needs are noticeably changing this

week, which will be reflected in the activities you choose. By Friday, many of you make a definitive statement about how you're going to appear in the world and stick to this declaration for the entire month.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Destiny came to a 13-year-old James Van Der Beek when a football injury left him unable to finish out the season. What was left for an active kid to do except sign up to be in the school play? Pisces folks like "Dawson's Creek's" Van Der Beek are in for a surprise this month, when destiny steps in once again to shape their careers. What appears to be bad news may actually be good news for them.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I'm a 16-year-old girl who started at a new high school in September. I've made lots of friends and even met some boys I'm getting to know. My problem is what happened last summer.

My mother is seriously dating a man who has two children, ages 15 and 16. We've known him for six years. His 16-year-old daughter and I are so close, we feel like sisters. The problem is his 15-year-old son, "Max." In June, Max wrote me a letter and told me that for the past two years, he has been in love with me. I felt the same way, and on several occasions, I took advantage of our feelings for each other. However, this happened before I met some great guys at my new school.

I don't feel the same way about Max anymore, but he is still crazy about



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me. I know letting our relationship progress was wrong, and I'm going to have to live with what I did, but what should I do to help him get over me so we can still be friends? Avoiding him is not an option.

Boston Student Dear Boston: It might help to explain to Max that he may one day be your stepbrother and you don't feel right about

maintaining a romantic relationship. Tell him you think it's best if you care for each other only as brother and sister. He will be heartbroken and angry at first, but chances are, he will soon meet girls at school who interest him. Stay friendly, but do not encourage his crush by flirting or alluding to last summer's activities. Treat him like a brother, and hopefully, he will accept it.

Dear Annie: "Richard" and I have dated for five years. He is kind, gentle, honest and makes me laugh. We became engaged on my 50th birthday, and shortly after, Richard moved in with me. For the most part, things are great, but Richard is the biggest packrat and slob I have ever met.

I am a very neat person, but I am not obsessive about it. However, we are

combining two households and need to downsize. Richard refuses to discard anything, including old magazines, too-small or outdated clothing, worn-out shoes, and endless amounts of junk. He has boxes full of old pens, loose nails, you name it. On top of the hoarding, he leaves papers, food, cups and clothing all over.

I have begged Richard to clean up and de-clutter. I have silently cleaned up after him, hoping to be a role model. I have boxed things to give to charity, but he becomes angry. I have suggested a storage center. Nothing helps.

I love Richard and want to spend my life with him. But this relationship won't last if Richard doesn't figure out that he can't keep everything he has owned since childhood. This is driving me crazy. What can I do? — L.A.

Fiancee

Dear L.A.: Richard is obsessive-compulsive, and unless he is willing to admit he has a problem and seek help, nothing will change. Urge him to contact the Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation (ocfoundation.org) at 676 State St., New Haven, CT 06511. If he refuses to do this for the sake of your relationship, you might want to reconsider living together — now, or in the future.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Bergen County, N.J.," asking if an AAA member should tip the driver. I belong to AAA and pay a hefty fee for that membership. Nevertheless, I always tip.

In my area, AAA drivers get only \$5 per call, no matter how long it takes. They are in the same group as waitresses who depend on their tips to live. So, if the service was decent, by all means, tip. — Carson City, Nev.

Dear Carson City: Dozens of readers let us know that the drivers are not the beneficiaries of the membership fees. So, even though tipping is not obligatory, we think it is both appropriate and considerate.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Ticked Off in Texas," the high school sophomore whose teacher punished a student who didn't have her school supplies on time by making her retake the class. This problem needs to be put in writing to the principal with a copy to the Board of Education. Documentation is necessary.

This teacher is really out of line to penalize the student for something over which she has no control. The parents are the responsible parties. They have the money and must find the time to buy the supplies. This teacher lacks the intelligence and maturity to be in charge of a classroom and should be reprimanded.

I work in a public school system and am aware that teachers like this will be allowed to continue their abuse if not stopped. Telling the student to have the parents speak to the principal is a joke. If the student ends up in this idiot's class again, she will most definitely be penalized forever. — J.W.

Dear J.W.: Our readers were split on this one.

Here's more:

From California: I am sick of hearing the excuse that both parents work and that's why the student couldn't get supplies. I bet those parents find time to get groceries. My guess is that if it were a permission slip for a field trip, the child would have managed to connect with the parents. If the student failed the class for not having supplies, you can bet it happened many, many times before.

Hawaii: That teacher's behavior was totally out of line. In my school district, we have many students who cannot afford even basic supplies. All students really need is their brain, a pencil and scratch paper. Teachers need the support of parents, and this teacher probably has very little because of her obnoxious attitude. I would recommend that the student discuss this with the principal and show proof that the completed schoolwork deserved a passing grade.

Casper, Wyo.: At 15, parents don't have to buy supplies for their children. Students can do this themselves. We had a 14-year-old student who rarely did his schoolwork, and any work handed in was not acceptable. After a year of failing grades and terrible progress reports, the boy's mother cried when told her son would have to repeat the year. She said, "We always thought he was doing OK," even though there were conferences, telephone calls and notes sent home (returned and signed).

Turns out the boy was lying to us and to his mother. My advice to the student who wrote is to repeat the grade and work hard. The teacher will see the effort. Don't whine with excuses. We don't keep records of supplies, but we do document effort and learning.

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