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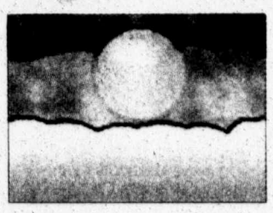
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Lifting weights

It's extremely important for a young man or woman who's going to start weight training to get some guidance and learn good technique so they don't hurt themselves.

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Hawks suffer loss in Region V final

After a wild come-from-behind win over No. 3-ranked Temple on Saturday, Howard College's Hawks suffered a loss to Midland College in the Region V championship game.

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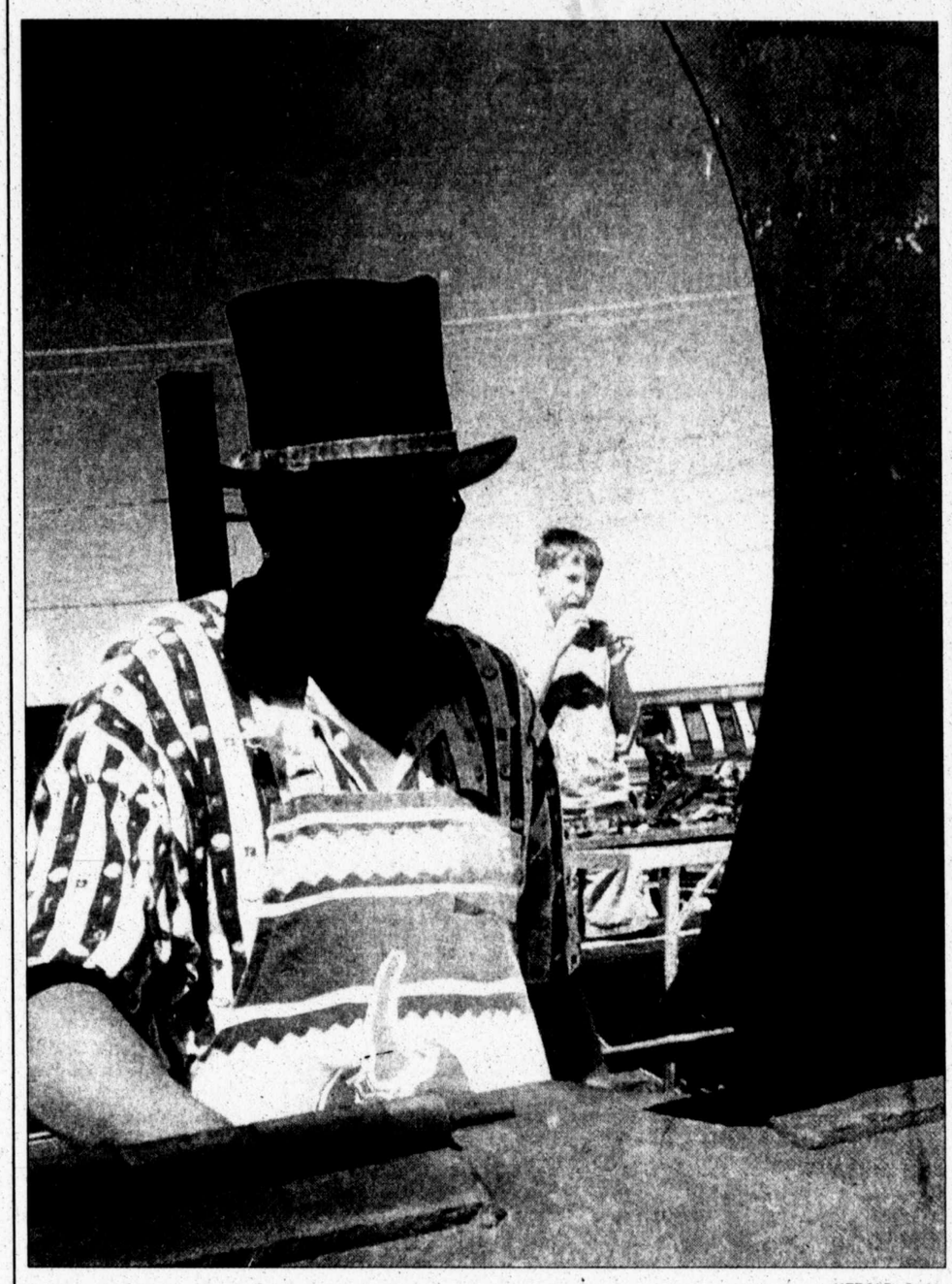
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COOKIN FOR A CAUSE



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Alan White of the Wild Texans cooking team, whips up a batch of barbecue Saturday during a cook-off to benefit the Forsan High School band's trip to Washington, D.C. The band has been invited to participate in the annual Independence Day Parade. The Big Spring Eagles Lodge, American Legion Post, the Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and the Big Spring Bass Club hosted Saturday's event.

Barbecue cook-off big for Forsan Band

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Saturday turned out to be a wonderful day for the Forsan High School Band.

That's because the benefit barbecue cook-off staged by the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie No. 3188, American Legion Post 506, the Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and the Big Spring Bass Club wound up raising almost $5,000.

The $4,993 raised during the cook-off, coupled with contributions from sponsors means the Forsan band add a check for $7,734 to the money it has raised thus far to finance its trip to perform in the Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

As the cook-off began, the band had raised about half of the $145,000 it needs to pay for the trip.

The cook-off was staged at the Eagles Lodge, located at 703 W. Third St, and competition was held in five categories — brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves,

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Celebrating agriculture

Ag Expo and luncheon set April 5 in coliseum; tickets available now

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

As it has for many years, agriculture remains a major driving force in Howard County's economy. And, as they have for many years, community members have set aside a day to say "thank you."

The annual West Texas Ag Expo and Agricultural Appreciation Luncheon will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 5 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The event both spotlights and celebrates agriculture's contributions to this area, organizers say.

Between 350 and 400 agriculture producers are expected to attend this year's luncheon, said Ronny Wood, who is helping to organize the event. Featured speaker at the luncheon will be Jimmy Clark, deputy chief of staff and district agriculture representative for Congressman Randy Neugebauer.



Wood

The luncheon will be capped by the presentation of the Agriculture Businessperson and

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Lions are seeking potential campers

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Children with disabilities have been traveling the summer road between Big Spring and Kerrville for many years now, and the local Evening Lions Club hopes to continue making a difference in their lives, one camper at a time.

Texas Lions Camp is getting ready to open on June 5, and local Lions are looking for area handicapped and disabled children to be a part of what has become a Texas tradition.

"I became a Lion in 1983 and got interested in the camp projects right off the bat," said Bob Noyes, who coordinates the Big Spring effort to send local children to the annual camp. "When I first started going to the camp we had a Leo Club in Big Spring. I got excited about it. It has some of the best facilities in the world. The entire camp is handicapped accessible. That means the fishing pond, all of the trails are paved — the swimming pool even has a ramp on one side so they can roll the wheelchairs into the water.

"The most importaht thing about the Lions Camp is the kids find out they're not alone. They're not the only ones who are deaf, have cancer or are missing limbs."

—Bob Noyes, Evening Lions Club

"A lot of Lions camps are geared toward the same programs, but they aren't handicapped acces-

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Easter sunrise service planned

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Bible states that Jesus rose from the dead before sunrise on Easter. Ever since, many have found dawn on Easter Sunday the perfect time to celebrate the seminal event of Christianity.

Locally, the annual interdenominational Community Sunrise Service will be held at 6:45 a.m. March 27 at the Big Spring Amphitheater, and will feature nine ministers speaking on variations of the subject, "God So Loved The Word."

Ministers who will participate at this year's ecumenical service are: The

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Templeton Construction Co. workers are shown preparing the foundation for Howard College's new Visual and Performing Arts Center Wednesday afternoon. Construction on the $3 million facility is expected to take about 14 months.

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Obituaries

Rozelle Hogue



Rozelle Hogue, 87, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday morning, March 11, 2005, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born May 26, 1917, in Royce City to Dillard H. Huffman and Madge Brownlee Huffman. She was a longtime resident of Big Spring, later moving to Odessa for 20 years. She had owned and operated a restaurant and a grocery store in Coahoma and a motel in Big Spring. She had also been manager of the Settles Hotel restaurant. She was a librarian in Colorado City. She was a member of the Baptist church.

She is survived by six grandchildren, Donna Madrid and her husband, Mike of Colorado City, Herman Hogue and his wife, Kimberly of Guthrie, Okla., Bobby Hogue and his wife, Sarah of Leaday, Lori Lowery and her husband, Rich of Dallas and Leeann Hogue and Lynsey Hogue, both of Odessa; one daughter-in-law, Frances Hogue Trotter of Colorado City; one sister, Billie Hill of McQueeny; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Vester Lee Hogue Sr.; one son, Vester Lee Hogue Jr.; two brothers, D.H. Huffman and Herman Huffman; and one sister, Frankie Moore.

Pallbearers will be Mike Madrid, Herman Hogue, Bobby Hogue, Blake Hogue, Michael Madrid, Chris Lowery, David Salazar and Richie Lowery. Honorary Pallbearers will be Herman Kenneth Hogue and Cory Lowery.

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

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Virginia Sweeney



Virginia Sweeney of Big Spring went to be with the Lord Wednesday, March 9, 2005, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services were 10 a.m., today, March 14, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park with Mike Couch officiating.

She was born Oct. 15, 1911, in Durant, Okla., and married Charles Sweeney, July 11, 1941, in Shreveport, La. He preceded her in death May 20, 1994.

Virginia was born and raised in Durant, Okla., and received her bachelor's degree from Southeastern State College in Durant. She taught school for a number of years before marrying, and then was a mother and homemaker. She and her late husband came to Big Spring in 1954.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and taught Sunday School for many years and loved teaching children. She loved art and studied under Virginia Whitten. She was a storyteller at the Howard County Library for many years.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Patsy and Tom Conway of Troy, Ill.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Claressa Sweeney of San Leandro, Calif., and Marc and Wincie Sweeney of Dallas; one brother, Perry Pearce of Boca Raton, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Trisha Yarbar and husband, Dwain of Forsan, James "Bo" Leffler of Houston, Shelia Quijibix of San Leandro, Calif., Lauren and Thomas Conway of Troy, Ill., Olivia and Julia Sweeney of Dallas; and eight great-grandchildren, Porsha and Keisha Yarbar of Forsan, Adrianne Moreno of Big Spring, Jaer, Kevin, Cindel, Cristal and Nicholas Quijibix, all of San Leandro, Calif.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, D'Ann Leffler, April 11, 1973; one sister; one brother; and one granddaughter, Jamie Leffler, July 18, 1991.

The family suggests memorials to CB International Missionary Fund for Mark and Susie Mercer, Account No. 4200459, 1501 W. Mineral Ave., Littleton, Colo., 80120.

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

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Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-16-30-34. Bonus Ball: 25.
Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $23 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-15-22-30-33.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 7-1-6

Take note

❑ **BENEFIT GARAGE SALE AT CORNERSTONE CHURCH** in the YoungLife building, corner of Owens and 13th streets, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. Variety — Furniture to baby clothes for

❑ **BIG SPRING ART ASSOCIATION OFFERS AN ART PROGRAM BY JUDY TERELETSKY** at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Howard County Library. The public is invited to the program.

❑ **A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTAB-**
LISHED at the First State Bank of Westbrook in Colorado and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

George H. O'Brien Jr.



George H. O'Brien Jr., of Midland, passed away Friday, March 11, 2005.

He was born Sept. 10, 1926, to George H. O'Brien Sr. and Della Cartwright O'Brien in Fort Worth. George was raised and educated in Big Spring. He later attended Texas Tech University, where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in geology.

George proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War, receiving the Medal of Honor in 1952 for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a rifle platoon commander of Company H, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced).

July 28, 1979, he married Sandra Rogers Holland in Lubbock. His memberships include the Medal of Honor Society, AAPG and the Marine Scholarship.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

George is survived by his wife, Sandra O'Brien of Midland; daughter, Terrye O'Brien of Austin; sons, Mike O'Brien and his wife, Susan of Midland; Robb O'Brien of Fort Worth; Dick Holland and his wife, Jody of Midland; daughter, Ann Daugherty and her husband, Mark of Alpine; daughter, Dorothy Stillwell and her husband, Frank of Dallas; brother, Joe O'Brien and his wife, Edith of Fairfax, Va.; and numerous grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at 3 p.m. today, March 14, 2005, at First Presbyterian Church. Interment will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland.

Memorials may be directed to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 3008, Princeton, N.J., 08543-3008.

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Mildred Turner

Mildred Turner, 88, of Sweetwater died Friday, March 11, 2005, in her home. Funeral services are Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater with the Rev. Mark Metzger offiating, Interment will follow in the Garden of Memories, Sweetwater.

She was born March 13, 1916, in Big Spring and married Charles Turner in 1936 in Sweetwater. She was a graduate of Big Spring High School and a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Turner in 1986, and two sons, Gene Turner, July 14, 2002, and Patrick Turner, Dec. 23, 2002.

She is survived by her son, Michael Turner and his wife, Susan of Colorado Springs, Colo.; her brother, Charles "Corky" Herring Jr. and his wife, Mozelle of Big Spring; her sister-in-law, Gladys Turner of Sweetwater; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Ray Leon

Ray Leon, 61, of Ardmore, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, died Monday morning, March 14, 2005, in a Lubbock hospital. Memorial services are pending. The family will be at 1213 W. Sixth St.

Barbara Quillin

Barbara Quillin, 49, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Louie Rhodes

Louie Rhodes, 85, of Big Spring died Monday morning, March 14, 2005, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 40 percent.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Cloudy. Chance of showers in the morning. Then a chance of showers and snow showers in the afternoon. Cooler. Highs in the mid 40s. North winds 15 to 20 mph. The chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Wednesday night — Decreasing clouds. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper 60s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

• **DANIELLE ELIZABETH HORVATICH,** 21, of 1 Val Verde Road, was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant.

• **RICARDO MARTINEZ CASTILLO,** 26, of Stanton, was arrested Saturday on a Martin County warrant.

• **MARISA CROZCO MORALES,** 18, of Mexico, was arrested Sunday and held for INS.

• **ROSALIND GUTIERREZ MORALES,** 31, of Mexico, was arrested Sunday and held for INS.

• **MAURICIO GUTIERREZ,** 34, of Mexico, was arrested Sunday and held for INS.

• **JOVITA RODRIGUEZ CARDENAS,** 25, of 1516 Harding, was arrested Sunday on local traffic warrants and a charge of public intoxication.

• **RONALD LEE ROSS,** 33, of New Mexico, was arrested Sunday on Howard County and Parker County warrants.

• **ANDREW AGUILAR,** 36, of 1615 Canary, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAVID ANTHONY JUAREZ,** 18, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on three local traffic citations.

• **KIMBERLY KAY CARSON,** 19, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

• **DOMINGO LUJAN GALAVIZ,** 43, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of criminal trespass and public intoxication.

• **ERIC LEE PACE,** 36, of Snyder, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT SANCHEZ,** 40, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BERNARDO HILARIO,** 18, of 1703 W. Third Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify and local warrants and citations.

• **DAVID BLEDSOE,** 23, of 1600 Meadows, was arrested Sunday on a Howard County warrant.

• **GREGORIO ARENIVAZ JR.,** 34, of 1000 Carey, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **JARREL WILLIAMS,** 17, of 1501 Lincoln, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

• **DANIEL SALAZAR,** 40, of Stanton, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- in the 300 block of Owens.
- in the 100 block of Cottonwood.
- in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- in the 900 block of Willia.

• **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 2300 block of Runnels.

• **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** was reported in the 800 block of W. Sixth Street.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE — GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Gregg Street.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1100 block of 12th Street.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 800 block of Meadows.

Sheriff's report

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

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 6700 block of E. Midway Road.

Note: An arrest record was not available at press time.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of NW 10th Street at 6:39 p.m. Sunday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700 at 3:25 p.m. Sunday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia at 5:17 a.m. Sunday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **DUMPSTER FIRE** was reported in the 1200 block of Blackmon at 2:43 p.m. Sunday.

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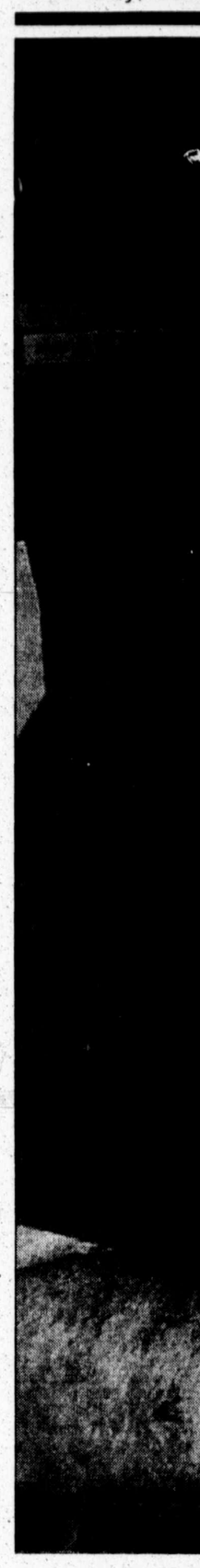
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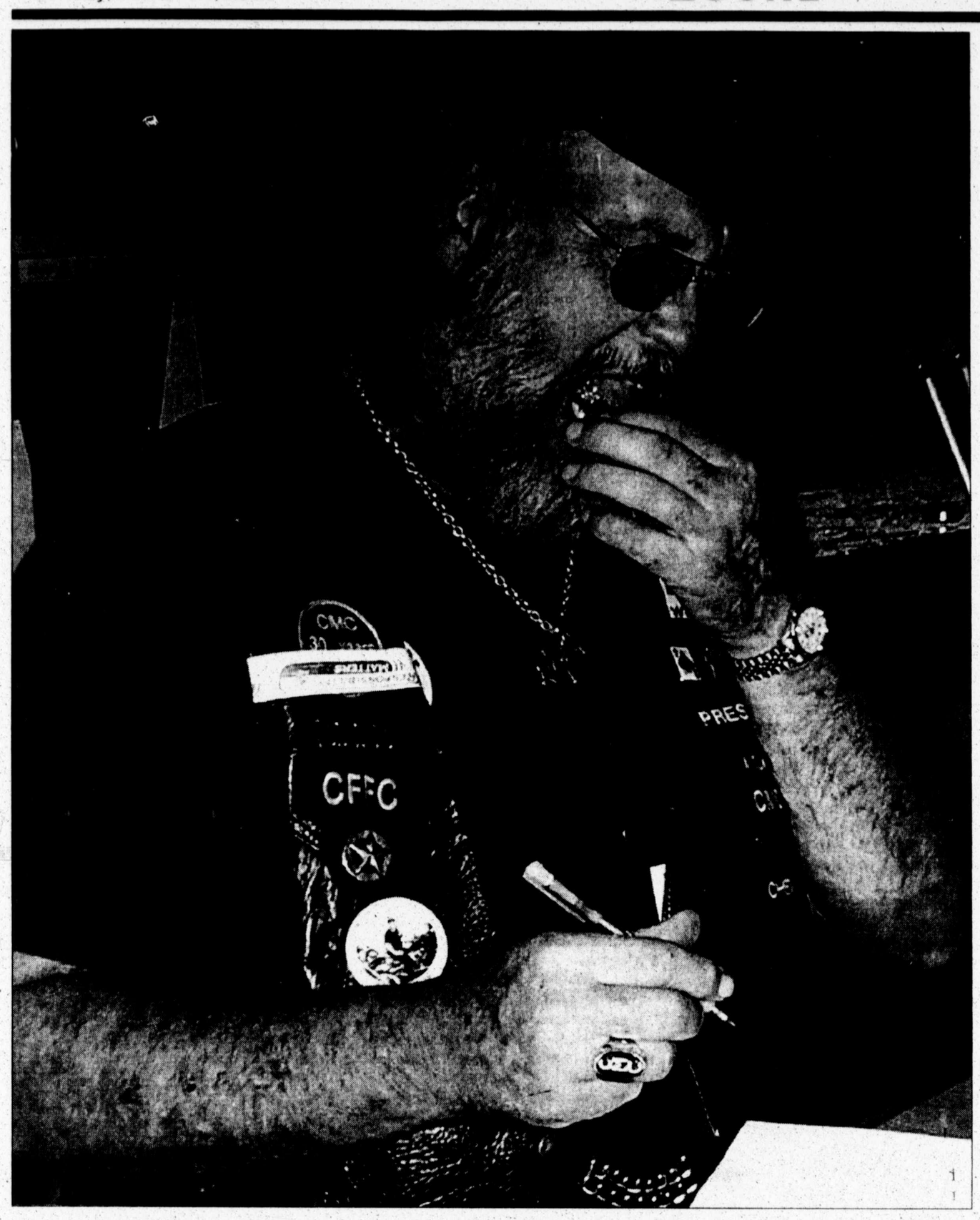
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Benny Cluck takes a bite of a sausge entered into the Eagles Lodge Barbecue Cook-Off on Saturday. Money raised during the event will help finance the Forsan High School Band's trip to Washington, D.C. this summer. Also sponsoring the event were the American Legion Post, the Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and the Big Spring Bass Club.

COOK-OFF

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sausage and jackpot beans.

Once the cooking was done and samples for judging were secured, the public had an opportunity to enjoy the cooks' wares for $5 per plate.

While no overall winner was declared, Jeff Thompson could make a case that he can claim the title after winning first-place honors in both the chicken and rib categories and adding third-place finishes in brisket and sausage cooking.

Alan White might argue that his first-place finish in sausage cooking, combined with second-place finishes in the other three meat divisions is worthy of overall recognition, however.

Donald Currier was also a multiple award winner, finishing second in the sausage division and third with his chicken entry.

Troy Wrye and Mark Taylor teamed up to win the brisket division, while Ernie Strickland won the jackpot beans competition.

Vance Weaver rounded out the cook-off's top finishes, taking third place in the ribs division.

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SERVICE

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Rev. Rex Clanton of E. Fourth St. Baptist Church; the Rev. Craig Felty of Cornerstone Church; the Rev. Mike Johnston of Christ Community Church; Capts. Russ and Linda Keeney of the local Salvation Army; the Rev. Dave Ring of First United Methodist Church, the rev. Lynn Robertson, associate pastor of the Community of Hope Nazarene Church; the Rev. Jim Wright, minister of music at First United Methodist Church; and Agustin Ypina, Hispanic missioner at First United Methodist Church.

Music for the service will be provided by pianist Christi Alton of Cornerstone Church and soloist Shelly Choate of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Wright said the service, which is free to the public, should last for about an hour.

While many local residents will celebrate Easter Sunday during traditional services at the church of their choice, Wright said the sunrise service has a special meaning to Christians.

"When the disciples came down to Jesus' tomb right after dawn, he had already risen," Wright said. "The special meaning for us about the resurrection is where it took place, why it took place, and when it took place."

For more information on this year's service contact First United Methodist Church at 267-6394.

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

AG EXPO

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Producer of the year awards. Wood said the organizing committee is busy reviewing nominations for those awards.

The luncheon is the highlight of the event, but by no means the sole attraction at the Ag Expo, Wood said. Several agriculture-related businesses are expected to have booths open at the coliseum to show off their latest products to producers.

In addition, the county extension office and the Texas Department of Agriculture will host a series of seminars to update producers on changes in agriculture laws and regulations.

Continuing education classes will be available to those hoping to keep their applicator licenses current, Wood added.

The appreciation luncheon, which is given at no costs to farmers and ranchers, is expected to cost $3,800. Wood said anyone interested in contributing to defray the cost of the event is urged to contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

Luncheon tickets for the general public are $10 each and may be obtained at the chamber. There is no charge to attend the Expo.

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

U.S. Marshals staffing not keeping pace with witness protection program growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Marshals Service has cut the staff assigned to the federal witness protection program by nearly 25 percent in eight years, while the number of people given new identities in exchange for their testimony is rising, the Justice Department inspector general reported Monday.

"If the staffing level does not keep pace with the workload, the quality of services provided to program participants could decline unacceptably," Inspector General Glenn A. Fine said.

The report said morale is low among marshals.

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sible. They can pull wheelchairs up stairs, but the campers at the Kerrville camp have the ability to be mobile throughout the facility on their own."

Noyes said the children get a chance to see something that can sometimes be forgotten.

"The most important thing about the Lions Camp is the kids find out they're not alone," said Noyes. "They're not the only ones who are deaf, have cancer or are missing limbs. At the camp it's not uncommon to find a blind child pushing a handicapped child in a wheelchair with the child in the wheelchair telling him where to go.

"One of the first visits we made to the camp we went by the pool and there was no noise. There was plenty of water splashing, but there wasn't any noise. I found out the kids that were swimming were deaf. That's why they weren't screaming or hollering across the pool — they were using sign language."

As far as staffing is concerned, Noyes said the camp and its facilities are geared especially for children with medical conditions or handicaps.

"The camp is very well staffed," said Noyes. "There's one staff member for every two children. They're there and in every area they're needed. If a child is horseback riding, there may be four staff members around the horse. All of the programs are set up that way to keep the children safe. If a child that is missing a limb goes swimming, they have a vest but they also have staff members one-on-one in the pool with them. Everyone participates at their own pace and at their own level.

"The camp has a big nursing staff. There's an infirmary, and they receive the medication and dispense it when the kids are supposed to have it. During the diabetic session there's a doctor on staff at all times. All of that is taken into consideration when the kids come to the camp."

Just some of the conditions eligible for the camp include amputees, asthma, cerebral palsy, lupus, muscular dystrophy, scoliosis, sickle cell, anemia, stroke, partial paralysis, heart problems, epilepsy, the deaf and hearing impaired and cancer.

Ineligible conditions include attention deficit disorder, Down's Syndrome, mental retardation, emotionally disturbed, autism and hemophilia.

Noyes said he has several videos that detail the events at the camp, made especially for nervous mothers and guardians.

"We have a video of the camp and we have several local special kids that will be happy to tell you about the best times of their lives — a week at the Texas Lions Camp," said Noyes. "If mom and dad don't have the means for transportation to the camp, we'll even arrange for someone to pick the child up. If they have transportation but not the money, we'll even provide the cost of fuel for the round trip."

Noyes said signing up is as easy as picking up the telephone, or drop by his business, located at 409 E. Third Street.

"The fastest way to sign up is to come see us right here," said Noyes, motioning to his business, Bob's Custom Woodwork. "We can provide all of the necessary information right here. The application is also on the Internet, but a Lion has to sign it. If the parents don't have the finances or a car for transportation to the camp, we'll make arrangements for transportation as well. It's all at no charge."

Camp sessions begin June 5, and will continue every Sunday through July 16th. A day camp is scheduled for July 20 through 22 and two diabetic camper sessions for children ages 8 through 15 who are insulin dependent will be held July 24 through 30 and July 31 through Aug. 6.

For more information contact Noyes at 267-5811 or visit the Lion's Web site at www.lionscamp.com.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Rozelle Hogue, 87, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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OUR VIEWS

Be cautious now as school bells are again ringing

It's amazing that in the few short days children are out of classes for spring break, too many of us seem to forget what we need to do when driving near schools. Yes, school is back in session throughout the Crossroads area and we all need to be prepared.

Sure, we're all busy.

That's especially true for those who must make arrangements for getting children to school in the morning and back home again in the afternoon. For those of us who work, it can be a harried time. We're balancing their schedule with ours, trying to get to work, then maybe taking a quick afternoon break so we can rush to the school and pick up the children and deliver them to a relative's house, daycare or home.

We've all been outside the school building when the final bells rings. It is a beehive of activity, with children scampering everywhere and cars lined up waiting. Obviously, the potential for an accident is increased. Fortunately, however, there have been few of those over the years.

That's because most of us observe the speed limits in school zones and are aware of the potential danger.

Here are some important points to remember:

• Slow down. Always obey the speed limit when traveling through neighborhoods and school zones.

• Be attentive. Watch for children gathering near bus stop and walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.

• Remain alert. Hurried children may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

None of us is so busy, nor is there any emergency so important that we can afford to put our young people at risk by driving in an unsafe manner.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You tell us what we long to know about our future, Lord, in Your word.

Amen

A conservative at the U.N.

When the American Conservative Union (ACU) celebrated its 40th anniversary last May with a black-tie dinner at Washington's J.W. Marriott Hotel, the dais was filled with assorted right-wing activists — plus one diplomat. It was John Bolton, under secretary of state for arms control and international security whose nomination last week as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations shocked the liberal foreign policy establishment.



ROBERT NOVAK

The ACU is respectable enough to have been addressed that evening by President George W. Bush. But Bolton was the first diplomat ever seated at the organization's head table. He is the first U.S. senior diplomat called a "movement conservative" (who, furthermore, was close to Sen. Jesse Helms). That is why his UN nomination created consternation on one side of the ideological divide and delight on the other side.

Bolton's critics in the Foreign Service had hopes he would be swept out of Foggy Bottom in Bush's second-term changing of the guard. That he instead was nominated for the world's most visible diplomatic post suggests the president means business in confronting the UN's corruption. It also confirms that Bush is properly attuned to his conservative base.

It is no secret that Bolton had his eye on becoming deputy secretary of state and was strongly supported for that post by conservatives. But newly installed Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice wanted U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick as her deputy, and got him. At that point, conservative leaders who were instrumental in re-electing Bush informed White House political chief Karl Rove that a place must be found for Bolton (who was a valuable Bush lawyer in the 2000 Florida vote count).

The story spread by Bolton's foes in the State Department is that Rove then forced Rice into giving Bolton the UN portfolio. The truth is the reverse of that. It was the secretary of state who first suggested the new assignment for Bolton. That would put somebody at UN in the tradition of Pat Moynihan and Jeane Kirkpatrick, who had zero tolerance for the hypocrisy rampant at the world organization.

That contrasts with Bush's preceding UN ambassador, former Sen. John Danforth — a favorite of the media and the liberal establishment. Danforth's vote of confidence in UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in the Iraq oil-for-food scandal was not authorized by then Secretary of State Colin Powell and in fact ran counter to administration policy. Before resigning after only seven months on the job, Danforth told old Senate colleagues that this administration does not take the UN seriously.

While Bolton more accurately reflects the administration's mindset than Danforth, he has not approved of every administration policy. What is inconceivable, however, is that he would go off on his own as Danforth did.

After Bolton's nomination, commentators incorrectly identified him as a "neo-conservative." If a neo-conservative (in Irving Kristol's phrase) is "a liberal mugged by reality," Bolton does not qualify. He came to Washington 31 years ago, as an intern for Vice President Spiro T. Agnew out of Yale Law School (where he was a protege of Alexander Bickel). He was hired by conservative Agnew aide David Keene, who became Bolton's friend and longtime ACU chairman.

Bolton set himself apart from other interns in a legendary episode when White House aide John Ehrlichman gave a farewell speech urging interns to work on the 1972 re-election campaign. Bolton raised his hand and asked: "How can I work for Nixon's election when I'm not even sure I'll vote for him?"

If being a neo-conservative means embracing a Wilsonian vision of bringing democracy to the world, Bolton is surely not one. He may be the last important foe of nation-building inside the administration and would like to get out of Iraq quickly.

What makes Bolton so unpopular with the Foreign Service is that he agrees with his diplomatic mentor, James A. Baker III, that the secretary of state ought to represent the president in the State Department rather than represent the State Department in the White House. His long government experience and excellent performance the past four years in dealing with nuclear proliferation from North Korea to Iran means nothing to the liberal establishment, which frets about his presence on the ACU dais.

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Ambassador Bolton: What a riot

I must confess, I have sadly underestimated the Bush administration's sense of humor. Appointing John Bolton ambassador to the United Nations: boffo! What a laff riot! Hilarious comedy, a delicious romp, great setup for a sit-com.



MOLLY IVINS

Bolton is known for being arrogant, humorless, self-righteous and confrontational, and he hates the United Nations. In other words, the perfect diplomat.

Speaking of setups, would the joke be half as good if President Bush hadn't just returned from a tour of Europe during which he assured our allies he was anxious to improve international cooperation? There, he was promising Europeans old and new that we'd turned a new page, we want nothing more than consultation, cooperation, being buddy-buddy. And then he names Bolton ambassador (oh, ha ha) to the United Nations (ha, ha, ha). Bolton keeps a bronzed grenade in his office to show how proud he is of being called a bomb-thrower.

Bolton himself has said, "I don't do carrots." Meaning he's strictly a stick guy. Intimidation, bullying, threats. The hawk's hawk, the neo-con's darling. This is a single-digit salute to the United Nations.

Bolton's contempt for the United Nations is notorious and could not be clearer. Bolton said: "There is no United Nations. ... When the United States leads, the United Nations will follow. When it suits our interests to do so, we will do so. When it does not suit our interests, we will not." Let's hear it for international consultation and consideration for everyone.

Conservative economist Jude Wanniski writes, "Does President Bush realize he is practically spitting in the faces of the global diplomatic community with his Bolton pick?" Poor Wanniski, just another guy who doesn't get the Bush sense of humor. When W's inner frat boy comes out, we get nothing but yuks. Why do you think Bolton was named under secretary of state for *arms control* in the first place? Because he supports arms control? Don't be silly. He opposed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, and his version of trying to stop nuclear proliferation is truly arresting.

The Los Angles Times reports: "He confronts some countries with purported evidence of attempts to acquire nuclear and biological weapons, then he tries to persuade allies to support U.S. efforts to isolate them. 'John Bolton has been totally unapologetic about his radical prescription for dealing with the proliferation threat,' Joseph Cirincione of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has said. 'The main problem is that it hasn't worked anywhere.'"

Bolton has maddened both North Korea and Iran, not really stable places to begin with, but moderates were gaining ground in Iran. He's the genius who claimed Fidel Castro was starting a germ weapons program, a claim promptly denied by the rest of the administration.

In 2003, Bolton was poised to testify to Congress that Syria was developing weapons of mass destruction and threatened the entire region. This assertion provoked a widely reported "revolt" by U.S. intelligence analysts, who insisted there was no evidence for such a conclusion. Alas, all this earned Bolton a somewhat unfortunate reputation as to veracity. (One of the cardinal rules of punditry is we never accuse anyone of being a liar — that would be so rude.)

Bolton advocates diplomatic recognition of Taiwan, "just the kind of demonstration of U.S. leadership that the region needs and that many of its people hope for." This, despite the fact that China has repeatedly threatened to go to war on this very point. But, hey, who cares about China?

Bolton's former employer, Jesse Helms of North Carolina, said he is "the kind of man I would want to stand with me at Armageddon." With Bolton's version of "diplomacy," we can move up the date for Armageddon. Bush sure can pick 'em.

On this record, Bush is the kind of guy who would put a bunch of lobbyists for coal and timber companies in charge of the Department of the Interior. Oh, he's already done that. Then, he would put people at the Department of Labor who are toadies for big business. Oh, well. That Bush, what a card.

This administration's foreign policy reminds me of watching someone trying to play chess without being able to think more than one move ahead. Let's go invade Iraq, a country that not only hasn't done anything to us, but isn't even a threat to us, and then we'll be greeted with cheers and flowers, right? Insurgency? Civil war?

Lebanon getting ready to kick out Syria? Hurray — told you we were bringing democracy to the Middle East. Except, then who's in charge? Hezbollah, you say? Never heard to them.

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Coming on stronger

By MICHAEL PRECKER
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (KRT) — Charlie Stern, a 17-year-old strong safety on the Greenhill School football team, would do almost anything to beat rival St. Mark's, where his friend Kapps Killingstad is the quarterback.

"Almost" is the key word. Unlike some teenagers who want to become superior athletes or just look better, Charlie never considered taking steroids.

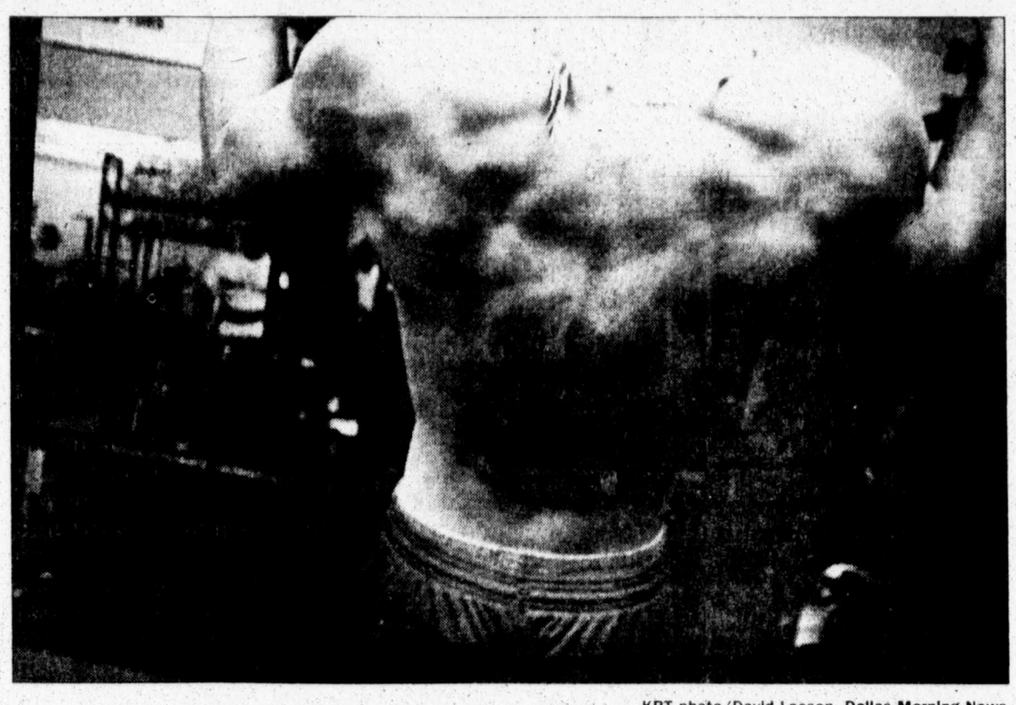
"I'm not willing to jeopardize my body and my ethics to cheat the system," he says.

So he works out diligently — often with Kapps at the Cooper Fitness Center in North Dallas.

They're old enough to lift weights, but young enough that they need to follow guidelines for their still-developing bodies.

"Strength training has clear benefits," says Dr. Larry Gibbons, medical director of the Cooper Clinic, "as long as you have some guidance, don't go overboard and don't go to the illegal side."

Charlie and Kapps are determined to make the most of their potential without illegal — and dangerous — supplements.



KRT photo/David Leeson, Dallas Morning News
A high school student works out in his school's weight room facility.

"One of my teachers was reading off a list of side effects and all the risks of steroids," says Kapps, who's 17. "It's scary. I don't see why anybody would do that."

Their trainer, Shane Freels, understands the temptations. He was an undersized linebacker in high school and college who resisted the urge to bulk up illegally.

Now he encourages young people to do the right thing.

"The guys ask me, 'What else can I do to give myself an edge?'" Freels says. "My response is to eat right and give me your best effort every day."

At any age, that effort should include plenty of cardiovascular exercise, especially in an era where physical education classes are being cut and many children spend too much time in front of TVs and computers.

"That's part of the reason our kids are getting out of shape and obese," says Gibbons. "We're paying a price for that now, and we're going to pay a bigger price in the future."

Cardiovascular exercise — it can include running, biking, jumping rope or other activities that get the heart pumping — "really pays off in terms of endurance, productivity, feeling better about yourself," Gibbons says.

But many young people, particularly boys, want more: strength and muscle and bulk.

That means resistance training, and there, Gibbons says, "you really have to be careful."

"You have to know the individual and how they're developing," he says. "It's extremely important for a young man or woman who's going to start weight training to get some guidance and learn good technique so they don't hurt themselves."

Generally, Freels says, boys who have not reached puberty should use their own body weight for resistance, with exercises such as isometrics, pull-ups, pushups and squats.

"Their bodies aren't ready for much more than that," he says.

Lifting a lot of weight, Gibbons says, could endanger growth plates in adolescents.

"That is the part of the bone that's still growing," he says. "If you damage it, you might not reach full bone height, or it could grow at an angle."

Freels says his nutritional advice is the same for anyone on a fitness regimen: protein for muscle building and carbs for endurance, lots of water and laying off junk food.

He's not big on supplements that promise to add muscle — even legal ones.

"Protein shakes are fine, if the body can handle it," he says. "But you can't force weight on a 17-year-old kid if the body doesn't want it."

As for creatine and other compounds that promise to help performance and add muscle: "I tell them not to mess with that. I don't keep up with what's in those things, and I don't think they need it. I think they can get whatever results they're looking for with hard work and a good diet."

Charlie Stern says years of conscientious workouts have made him stronger and faster, and a better football and lacrosse player.

"I'm 5-7, 165, so I need to be as big and strong as I can," he says. "But steroids never entered my mind.

"This way might be harder, but if you really want results, you have to work hard. That applies to all of life."

Carpal tunnel syndrome: Here's a brief explanation

You may spend several hours a day behind your computer and blame that ache in your wrist or numbness in your fingers on carpal tunnel syndrome. But it is more likely that your are suffering from a repetitive motion disorder like bursitis or tendonitis.

Carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS) occurs when the median nerve, which runs from the forearm into the hand, becomes pressed or squeezed at the carpal tunnel. The carpal tunnel is a narrow passageway of ligaments and bones at the base of your hand. If your tendons become irritated or swell, the tunnel narrows and causes the median nerve, which runs through the tunnel, to be compressed.

CTS is common in assembly line work, manufacturing, sewing, finishing, cleaning and meat, poultry or fish packing. But in a 2001 Mayo Clinic study found that heavy computer use (seven hours a day) did not increase CTS risk.

Symptoms of CTS include burning, tingling or itching numbness in the palm and fingers, difficulty in gripping things, making a fist or performing other manual tasks.

Contributing factors are trauma or injury to the wrist (sprain or fracture), rheumatoid arthritis and work-related stress.

Women are three times more likely than men to develop CTS.

Doctors prescribe anti-inflammatory drugs, exercise or surgery to treat the condition.



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Dozen people end up in Gulf of Mexico; one dead, child missing

PORT O'CONNOR (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard resumed its search Monday for a 9-year-old who ended up in the Gulf of Mexico Saturday along with 11 others.

Eleven people were successfully rescued, but a 5-year-old boy who was pulled from the Gulf later died. Coast Guard crews have been searching for the 9-year-old since Saturday.

The dozen people were crowded on to an 18-foot boat, most of which are designed to hold about four or five people, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Andy Kendrick.

Kendrick said it wasn't clear what happened to cause the dozen people to end up in the Gulf.

Four of the people were pulled from the water by the crew of the tugboat, Miss Julie.

Those aboard the boat were all from Texas, with some coming from Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio, Kendrick said. Their relationship to one another was unknown, he said.

"They are pretty torn up," Kendrick said of the adults who were aboard the boat. They were taken to land, where Kendrick said some got a hotel room and others returned home.

The identity of the missing 9-year-old and the 5-year-old who died have not been released, he said.

Meanwhile, Coast Guard crews ended their search late Sunday for a man and woman reported missing Saturday near Freeport after their boat became swamped on the east end of East Matagorda Bay.

One of two women aboard the boat was able to make it to shore but the man and woman who were with her didn't. The second woman's body washed ashore Sunday morning and after continuing to search for the man Coast Guard crews called off the search Sunday night, Kendrick said.

Identities of the man and woman have not been released.

Craddick says paper tax will be spiked

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to tax newspaper sales will likely be taken out of a massive tax restructuring bill, House Speaker Tom Craddick told news executives Monday.

Some newspaper officials had worried a tax on newspaper sales would hamper circulation and hurt business for contractors who deliver papers.

Currently, newspapers are exempt from the state sales tax. But the school property tax relief bill currently before the House would increase the state sales tax to 7.25 percent and would have expanded it to include newspapers.

The tax restructuring bill would replace a one-third reduction in school property taxes with about $10 billion from an array of taxes.

The House was expected to resume deliberations on the bill Monday. Craddick, a Republican from Midland, told the Texas Daily Newspaper Association he expects the House will remove the newspaper tax provision.

"I'm sure it will come out today," he told the group.

Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth has introduced an amendment that would continue newspapers' exemption to the sales tax.

Publishers across the state worried that increasing the price of newspapers would cause circulation to drop. That would lead to revenue losses, since newspaper advertising rates are based on paid circulation figures, they say.

Woman who won landmark case dies

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Opal Petty, the woman who said she was wrongly confined in state mental institutions for 51 years and later won a lawsuit against Texas, died Thursday. She was 86.

Petty had lived near relatives in Christoval, in the San Angelo area, for nearly 20 years.

"She changed our lives much more for the better," said Linda Kauffman, wife of Petty's nephew, Clint Denson. "She changed the system. They had to overhaul the whole (Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation) system because of her case and the class action."

The second of five children raised on a farm near Goldthwaite, about 100 miles northwest of Austin, Petty was prone to fits and hallucinations. Petty was admitted to a state hospital in 1934, when she was 16, after being diagnosed as schizophrenic.

Petty claimed her psychiatric problems subsided within months, but she remained institutionalized until her 1985 release to a foster home.

After she was released, Petty lived in a small home near her nephew's family. She worked at a workshop for people with mental retardation.

In her lawsuit against the state, Petty said she never received a hearing to determine if she needed to be involuntary institutionalized and claimed she had been harmed by her confinement. Petty was diagnosed with borderline retardation rather than mental illness.

In 1989, a Travis County jury found the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation was guilty of negligence. The state was ordered to pay her $250,000.

"What a life she lost because of what the state did to her," said Jim Harrington, director of the Texas Civil Rights Project, who represented Petty. "She lost having a family; she lost having relationships and went through that terrible process of institutionalization.

Houston ballistics lab questioned in 3 cases

HOUSTON (AP) — At least three Texas inmates facing the death penalty may have been convicted and sentenced using flawed work by the Houston Police Department's troubled crime lab.

Bullet evidence retested in three cases have prompted concerns about the death sentences of the inmates and the accuracy of work by analysts in the crime lab's ballistics division.

"They should go back and re-evaluate all the cases and make sure there haven't been other mistakes," said attorney Morris Moon, of the Texas Defender Service.

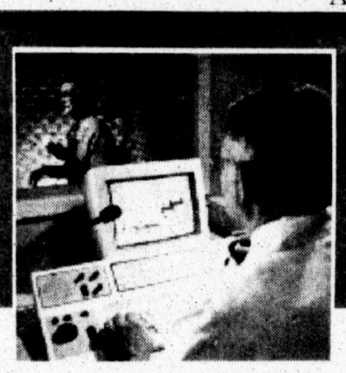
However, the former ballistics lab administrator said the questions are being raised by inmates trying to get out of prison.

"And I don't blame them for that," said C.E. Anderson. "But I did the best I could, and I did what I thought was right."

Most recently, questions surfaced about evidence developed by the ballistics lab in the case of Martin Draughon.

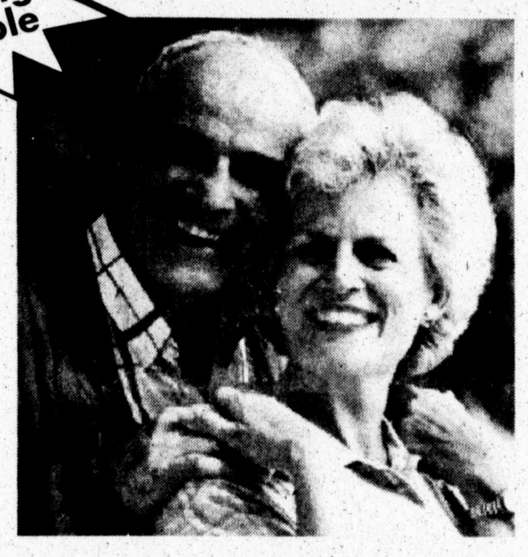
In November 1986, a 23-year-old Draughon attempted to rob a Houston restaurant but was stopped by residents who chased him. During the chase, he fired a shot that killed Armando Guerrero.

Work by the ballistics lab supported the prosecutors' theory that Draughon deliberately shot Guerrero.



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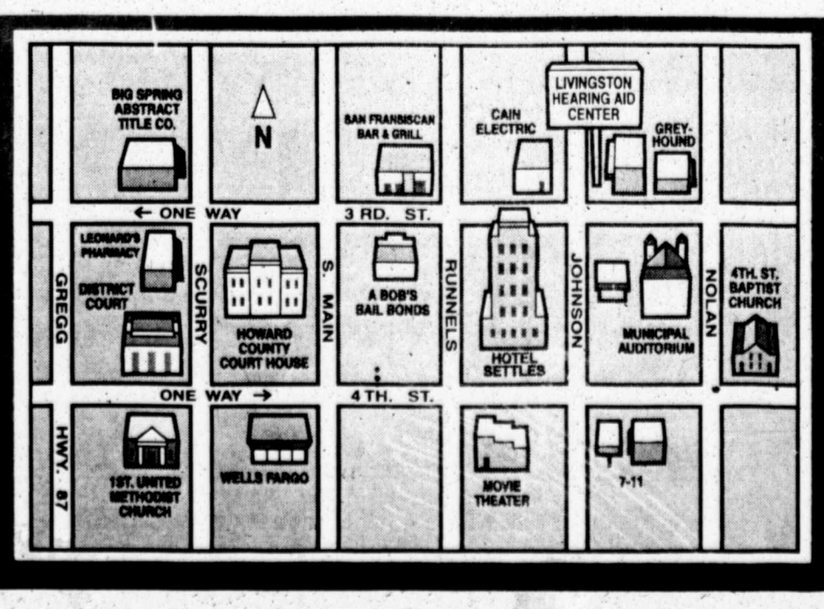
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For more info tion, call Ron Shaf 432-213-3747.

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IN BRIEF

B.S. Girl's Softball Association holding signups in March

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be holding signups to register for the upcoming 2005 season.

The league is open for girls and women ages four and above.

Signups will occur every Saturday throughout the month of March from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. However, signups will also be accepted at All District Sports, located at 1005 East 11th Place.

There is a registration fee of $30, but a $5 discount will be given to a second child.

Tryouts for the league will take place April 2 and the league begins play April 25.

For more information, call Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

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, March 19, at the National League Little League Field on Driver Road 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.

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

Pony baseball league sets last signups

The Big Spring Pony Baseball League has announced final signup days will begin Monday and run through Friday, March 18.

The league is for boy's ages 13-15 and the signups will take place at All-District Screen Printing from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is $65 per person and it is the last opportunity to play this season.

Pony League tryouts will take place March 22 at 6 p.m. at the Pony League Parks

For more information, call Mike Ritchey at 263-8857.

Midland grounds Hawks in final



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Howard freshman James Barrett scores two of his team-high 19 points Sunday against Midland in the Region V title game at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. The Hawks lost to Midland, 67-62. Barrett led Howard to an upset win over No. 3 Temple Saturday when he scored 24 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

• Howard defeats No. 3 Temple; falls to Midland

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Howard's men's basketball team fell one win short of the NJCAA National Tournament Sunday. The Hawks defeated Grayson in round one Friday, then conquered No. 3 Temple by two points in round two, but ran out of gas in the Region V title game Sunday at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock against rival Midland College, a team which the Hawks defeated two times this year.

"I think our guys just ran out of gas," said Howard coach Mark Adams. "That Temple game took a lot out of us."

The Hawks lost to Midland 67-62 in the team's first regional final game since 2002.

HOWARD 62
MIDLAND 67

Freshman J.D. Lewis — who only scored seven points in the last meeting against the Hawks — scored 18 of his 28 points in the second half and Midland came from behind to defeat Howard.

The Chaps trailed 28-23 at halftime, but outscored the Hawks 44-34 in the final 20 minutes to advance to the National Tournament March 22-26 in Hutchinson, Kan.

"The best team won the game and Midland deserved to walk away as the winner," said Adams. "We didn't have the energy against Midland that we had against the first two teams."

Howard trailed for much of the first half, but grabbed the lead late. The Hawks led by one point three different times in the half, but scored the final five points of the stanza to capture a five-point advantage at the break.

After freshman Rashad Mintz connected on a 3-pointer to start the second half, Midland's Lewis and Tristan Martin began heating up.

Three straight jumpers by Midland cut Howard's lead to 31-29, but freshman James Barrett scored on two consecutive three-point plays a couple minutes later, which pushed the Hawks' advantage back to seven.

Down by two a few minutes later, however, Midland's Martin scored on three consecutive trips for the Chaps and Howard found themselves down 44-39. Martin started his run with a three-point play and finished it with a thundering dunk.

Barrett and Mintz putbacks on back-to-back possessions trimmed the Howard margin to one point and the game would eventually be tied with 10:00 to play.

Neither team led by more than five points the rest of the way and the game was tied three times. The Chaps didn't grab the lead for good until the 1:31 mark, but had many chances from the charity stripe to do so.

Lewis, Martin and Tim Crowell went a combined five-for-10 from the foul

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Abner tosses shutout against Lubbock

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Three first inning runs was all hurler Chelsea Abner needed from her Lady Steers team Saturday. The senior scattered six hits through seven innings and improved to 5-1 on the season as Big Spring (12-2) shut out Lubbock High, 5-0, at home.



ABNER

"Chelsea threw well for us," said Big Spring coach Phillip Pearce. "She had been sick all week and was kind of weak, but she did a good job."

The Lady Steers jumped out on top early, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning. The team added one run in the third and one run in the fourth to win by five.

"They keep putting the ball in play and that is all I ask," said Pearce. "We need to make the other team make mistakes and by striking out only once we put Lubbock in that situation.

Senior Heather Vassar led Big Spring at the plate. She went one-for-three with a walk and scored two runs.

Sophomores Katy Abner and Amber Sides and Chelsea Abner all got one hit, as well. Katy Abner scored one run, while Sides scored and had an RBI.

Senior Alex Watkins did not get hit, but walked and had two RBI. Junior Krista Chesworth scored the other run.

"We are not seeing the type of pitching that we will see in district play," said Pearce. "Lubbock just isn't a tough team."

Chelsea Abner also struck out six on the mound.

The Lady Steers will renew their I-20 rivalry with Coahoma in Big Spring Tuesday beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Howard records split against rival at Jack Barber Field

By ERIC C. RODEWALD
Special to the HERALD

After a frustrating two days, the Howard College baseball team salvaged the second game of a doubleheader Saturday afternoon against Frank Phillips College, winning 10-8. The Hawks were swept in Friday's doubleheader at Jack Barber Field to begin Western Athletic Junior College Conference play and dropped the first game Saturday as well, 8-4, before rallying to win the fourth and final game of the weekend series.

GAME ONE

Freshman Scotty Moore was chased off the mound after only recording one out. He put four of the first five batters on base. Moore was tagged with four unearned runs.

The Hawks answered in the bottom of the first, tying the game at 4-4.

However, the Hawks surrendered one run in both the second and third innings. Frank Phillips added two insurance runs in the top of the seventh.

In the last frame, the Hawks loaded the bases with two outs before a strike out ended the scoring opportunity.

Freshman Justin Thompson pitched five-and-two-thirds of an inning, allowing three earned runs. He walked two and recorded five strikeouts in taking the loss.

Leading the Hawks at the plate was freshman Darby Brown with a single and a two-run home run. Freshman Jeff Ward also had a two-run blast.

GAME TWO

The final game of the series was a see-saw battle throughout.

After a scoreless inning-and-a-half, Howard second baseman Jeff Storms hit a home run driving in Ward for a 2-0 lead.

Frank Phillips' Christian Padilla led off the fourth with a triple and scored on a single by Jared James.

In Howard's half of the fourth, Ward hit a home run, putting the Hawks up 3-1.

According to Howard coach Britt Smith, Ward was just cleared to play this weekend after recovering from mononucleosis.

"It couldn't have come at a better time," Smith said.

Frank Phillips erased Howard's lead in the top of the fifth, scoring three runs, which finished the day for freshman Damon Aaron. He recorded five strikeouts in five innings of work, while allowing one earned run on six

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line on five straight possessions and Crowell's free throw with 3:19 to go inched the Chaps to within two points. Crowell later hit two free throws with 1:31 to play to put Midland up for good.



ADAMS

Howard failed to score on its next possession and Midland got a layup at the other end to go up 65-62.

The Hawks called timeout with 28 seconds to play and ran a play for freshman Charles Burgess out of the timeout. Burgess' 3-point try with 16 seconds to play was long and Midland got the rebound and Lewis converted two final free throws to seal the victory.

Lewis, Crowell and Martin finished with 28, 18 and 13 points, respectively, but Adams said Lewis was the difference in the game.

"He is a great player and he made plays for them," said Adams. "We knew we were going to have to stop him to win and we didn't do it.

"J.D. was the difference in the game and all you have to do to figure that out is look at the stats. We couldn't stop him tonight."

Lewis' counterpart — Burgess — was held to just five points on two-of-11 shooting.

"Charles was hindered by a leg injury, but they covered him well and didn't let him penetrate," said Adams.

Barrett led Howard with 19 points and nine rebounds, while Mintz added 13 points and five rebounds.

Sophomore Munir Shakir and freshman Dezmon Harris each scored nine points, as well.

HOWARD 78
No. 3 TEMPLE 76

Four players scored in double figures and Howard overcame a five-point halftime deficit to knock off third-ranked Temple (31-1) Saturday afternoon.

Barrett finished with a season-high 24 points and 17 rebounds to lead the Hawks, who trailed by 11 points with less than seven minutes to go in the game. Barrett responded in the second half after being challenged by the Howard coaching staff early in the game.

"Coach Adams' words are very inspirational to me," said Barrett. "We were the only people here today that thought we could win this game."

Adams said the talk helped Barrett.

"He got off to a slow start and after we challenged him, he got after it and got on the boards hard."

Howard's 11-point deficit was erased after the Hawks scored 11 straight to tie the game and eventually took the lead on a free throw by freshman Brandon Sampay with :31 to go in the game. Barrett scored six points during the Howard run and his basket at the end of the run tied the game at 71-71.

"We felt if we kept the game close they might tighten up a bit," said Adams. "One word describes this game for us — toughness. We played tough for the entire 40 minutes."

Temple had a chance to take the lead back late in the game, but a steal by freshman Louis Rodgers took away a golden opportunity for the Leopards. Rodgers was then fouled and made one-of-two from the foul line.

Then, after several timeouts were called, the Leopards had one last chance with 2.47 seconds left, but a length of the court play failed and Howard recorded the upset.

"The awe and shock of Temple being undefeated took a little bit to get over, but once we got over that we knew we could win," said Adams. "Them getting offensive rebounds killed us and allowed them to take control at several spots in the game.

"At the end we took over and were able to settle things down."

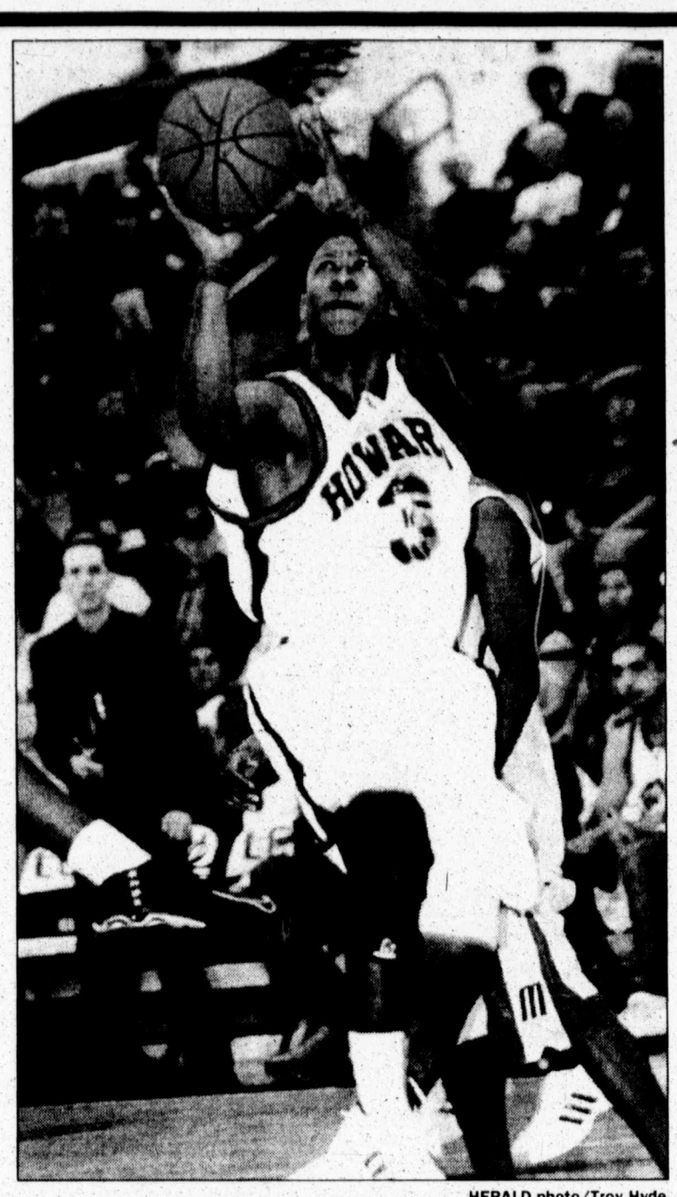
Burgess finished with 14 points, eight rebounds, three steals and seven assists. Sampay and Mintz scored 11 and 12 points, respectively. Sampay grabbed five rebounds and Mintz had three steals, as well.

Robert Hartfield scored 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead Temple, while Tyrone Bazy added 17 points and Eric Staten pulled down eight rebounds.

Howard finished its season with an overall record of 27-6 and may have achieved more than anyone expected.

"They are great character players and they played hard for me every night out," said Adams, who finalized his first year with the Hawks.

Midland finished third in the NJCAA National Tournament last year.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Howard freshman Rashad Mintz puts up a jumper during the Hawks' five-point Region V title game loss to rival Midland on Sunday at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. Mintz finished with 13 points.

Big Spring girls' golf team finishes 13th at Andrews

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — The Big Spring girl's golf team finished 13th overall at the Andrews Girl's Golf Classic over the weekend. The Lady Steers shot a 394 in round two, which was five strokes better than their first round total.

Big Spring was led by senior Rachel Gee, who put together two 90 stroke rounds and finished with a 180. Amber Miller came in second with a 201. She shot a 102 in round one and then came back to hit a 99 in round two.

Kim Paredez and Joy Seay finished third and fourth, respectively. Paredez shot a 205, while Seay finished with a 206 — including a second round 99. Cassie Guinn was fifth with a final score of 210.

Schools from El Paso took three out of the top five team placings. El Paso Coronado 'Gold' finished first with a 676, while EP Eastwood and EP Hanks grabbed third and fifth, respectively.

Monahans finished second with a 688 and Big Spring's district rival — Andrews — came in fourth with a 693.

Plainview, another district rival, and Andrews 'B' came in 10th and 11th, respectively.

Christine Brijalba won the individual title with a 147. She shot a 69 in round two, which set a new tournament record. Honor Hammond — the leader after round one — shot a second round 76 and finished with a score 153.

Kelsie Gray of Andrews grabbed third.

The Big Spring girl's golf team does not shoot again until April 2 as the Lady Steers return to Andrews.

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hits.

Frank Phillips scored four runs in the sixth to take an 8-3 lead.

Howard scored three runs in its half of the sixth inning off a three-run triple by Storms. The triple trimmed Frank Phillips' advantage to 8-6.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Howard's Brown hit a home run to pull the Hawks within 8-7.

Anderson legged out an infield single and Basom hit an RBI double to tie the game at 8-8. Throwing errors by Frank Phillips allowed Basom to score the eventual game-winning run. Howard added one more run in the inning to go up 10-8.

Sebek shut down Frank Phillips in the final two innings to capture the win.

Howard (13-5, 1-3) travels to ACU Wednesday for a 1 p.m. game.

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The Holocaust: Sixty Years Later

Has the spirit of Auschwitz been revived?

Sixty years ago, the death camp of Auschwitz was liberated. That cursed place has come to symbolize the horror of the Holocaust. Best estimates are that in Auschwitz-Birkenau alone, over 1.5 million people, most of them Jews from many countries of Europe, were killed and burned. The resolve was "Never Again." But has the spirit of Auschwitz really died?

What are the facts?

Blood libel revisited: In medicine, certain diseases are believed to have been eradicated, but occasionally – decades later – some of them return, often with renewed savagery. The world thought that anti-Semitism, the horrible disease that had unleashed the Holocaust and its six million Jewish victims, had been overcome once and for all. But the virus of hatred that demonized Jews and that herded them to their deaths has revived and is again in full flourish.

Since the Holocaust and since the defeat of the Nazis, it is no longer acceptable openly to proclaim Jew-hatred – except in the Moslem countries. Print and broadcast media in virtually all Moslem countries convey the meanest anti-Semitic propaganda, in the same vein as that of the Nazis. Blood libel, the scandalous slander that Jews use the blood of Christians or Moslems for ritual purposes, mostly to bake their matzot, is circulating freely and widely believed. The Czarist forgery *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* is now a best seller in virtually all Moslem countries. And so is Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

"Those who peddle anti-Semitism under the guise of anti-Israelism . . . better think again. There will be no second Holocaust—NEVER AGAIN!"

But in the "civilized" countries of Europe, anti-Semitism is disguised as the socially acceptable enmity toward Israel, the state of the Jews. Over 60 per cent of those polled in Europe assert that Israel is the greatest danger to the peace of the world (barely edging out the United States). The French ambassador to Great Britain referred to Israel as "that sh..ty little country" being the source of all the troubles of the world. Was he disciplined or removed by his government for this obscene outburst? Of course not!

Spirit of genocide: The Auschwitz spirit of 65 years ago that unleashed genocide in Europe did not perish with the Nazis. It is alive and well in many parts of the world, in which Adolf Hitler is still a hero. By now, most European nations – prominently France, Belgium, the Netherlands, but also Britain, Germany and the Scandinavian countries – have substantial Moslem populations. The goal of virtually all of them is the destruction of Israel. In that, they find a receptive audience in much of the European public, a public whose grandfathers were the perpetrator generation that killed six million Jews.

Can the barely disguised enmity toward Israel be explained by anything other than anti-Semitism? There are the crocodile tears over the alleged "occupation of Arab land" by the Israelis, the alleged mistreatment of the Arabs by the "brutal Israeli occupiers," the "cycle of violence," and the building of a fence to defend against marauding suicide bombers. But all that is hypocrisy, of course, a pretext to rationalize anti-Semitism.

The Europeans don't care about the more than a million blacks who were killed and continue to be killed in the Congo, the hundreds of thousands that were killed in Uganda and in Rwanda, the over two million farmers who were driven off their land in Darfur province in Sudan, and the hundred thousand killed by their Arab fellow citizens. No, it's only Israel that captures the attention of the world and of the United Nations, in which the vast majority of its Resolutions deal with the purported misdeeds of Israel.

Most of the world stands by as the Moslems, already armed to the teeth with the most advanced weapons, feverishly pursue the holy grail of nuclear armaments. Those weapons – freely conceded (at least in the case of Iran) have one purpose only, namely the destruction of Israel. The nations of Europe stand by, some of them secretly hoping perhaps that Israel, that sh..ty little country, will indeed be wiped from the face of the earth. Having committed the first Holocaust, or at least having stood by mostly approvingly, they now countenance with equanimity a second Holocaust, just as long as somebody else does the dirty work.

Israel is aware that its days would be numbered if any of its mortal enemies were to acquire nuclear weapons. Two or three such weapons, placed on the narrow coastal corridor of the country, would be the end of the Jewish state. But Israel will not allow that to happen. It is not going to sacrifice itself on the altar of world opinion. If Iran isn't stopped from acquiring nuclear weapons, there can be little question that, with or without the approval of the United States, Israel would have to preempt and, just as it destroyed the Osirak nuclear plant of Iraq in 1981, would destroy the Iranian nuclear installations – by whatever means it might take. This could quickly escalate to engulf and bring destruction to much of the Middle East. Those who peddle anti-Semitism under the guise of anti-Israelism and those who advocate to dismember Israel and fatally weaken it so as to make it defenseless, better think again. There will be no second Holocaust—NEVER AGAIN!

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). All is well in your special relationship as long as you stay tuned to your inklings. In business, sensitize yourself to early warning signs that a deal isn't for you. Beware of someone who has no conscience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a regular disturber of the peace! Finally, people are paying attention, though perhaps not in the way you intended. This evening, loved ones impart info that strikes at your very core. Take the time to process it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's now in vogue to use the word "amazing" to describe even the most ordinary pleasant interaction. However, today, you'll have an exchange that truly is amazing — your jaw will drop, and you'll have to catch your breath!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You were gifted with psychic intuition for a reason, so use it — perhaps to leave that bad boyfriend/girlfriend before you even meet. One good decision affects your whole life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The gods of love are smiling on you. But for the many Leos who are now in the middle of an important deal, it's important to separate yourself from the outcome — you're holding on so tight that your desire is getting strangled!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're the Pollyanna of the group now — wear the role proudly! Optimism helps you stand out from the others. Where colleagues see gloomy clouds and overcast, you see rainbows of possibility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You look around at your team and wonder, "How did I get lumped in with them?" And when you consider what higher-ups are doing, you can't help but be stunned by the hypocrisy of it all! Be the truth teller.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sigmund Freud felt that guilt and remorse are often confused, the former stemming from aggressive wishes, the latter a form of self-punishment for the wish fulfilled. Either emotion is useless today. Get over it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The mythological centaur that is the symbol of your sign was considered both an uncouth, savage beast and a friendly teacher of men. Both of these sides of your nature will be represented today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though everyone around seems to be doing the same thing, striving for the same goal, it's about time you identified what is unique about you. It's the only way you'll get the powers that be to take notice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your curiosity could lead you into a precarious position. Stick around and ask enough questions, and you may be initiated into a mystery of some kind. Watch your step, though, since you won't be able to forget what you learn.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a solitary thinker. Decision-making by committee isn't for you right now — in fact, that process irritates you. Ask for all the room you need to work out the problem you're facing.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born on May 13, 1960. Yes, a Friday. The man I am dating was born on April 13, 1973, also a Friday. We are 13 years apart in age and have other quirky '13' things surrounding our relationship. For example, we met on March 13, 2004. What is in store for us?"

Western culture has had negative associations with the number 13 for hundreds of years. There's even a name for the fear of 13: triskaidekaphobia. Many modern elevators skip floor 13 all together, naming it 14 instead. In recent music history, pop star John Mayer had 14 tracks on his debut album, although the unlisted 13th is 0.2 seconds of silence. There are other cultures in the world, in China and Italy, for instance, that consider 13 to be lucky. In your case, the number 13 is not only lucky but symbolizes an attitude you have as a couple — "You and me against the world!" Actually, the world is very much on your side, but the fierce loyalty you show one another provides protection from the harsher elements of reality. You stand up for one another and are not afraid to be different. You're envied because of this. I see you buying property together in June. Try to sign the contract on the 13th!

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Consideration for award of the Bid will be made at **7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2005,** City Council Meeting, City of Forsan, 106 E. Main Street, Forsan, Texas 79733.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:

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Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of GSWW, Inc., 1030 Andrews Highway, Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701.

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If the Bid is not awarded at the previously mentioned meeting of the Forsan City Council on **Tuesday, April 12, 2005,** then the Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders.

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Dear Annie: Five years ago, I took a painting class. "Raymond," the teacher, was exceptional, and the warm, supportive environment he created allowed me to have a breakthrough that changed not only how I felt about myself, but also about my ability to create art. I am eternally grateful to him.

A year after the class ended, I ran into Raymond at an art gallery. I was thrilled when he offered to look at some of my recent paintings. While at my house, however, he made a pass at me. I was shocked (he's married), but I admit I allowed things to happen because I was so appreciative of his interest. We had five such meetings over the next two years, until I worked up the courage to end it. Raymond accepted my decision, but continued to stay in touch via phone and e-mail.

Over time, our contact dwindled to a phone call every few months. It was at this point that his wife, "Lorna," discovered my existence. Raymond told her about our affair, and she called me. I made it very clear that the relationship had been a mistake, and I assured her I would not remain in contact with him. I have abided by that promise, as has he.

Here's the problem: I would like to attend an upcoming art workshop where Raymond will be one of the teachers, but I'm sure Lorna will be there, too. How should I behave if I run into them? — Trying to Move On in New England

Dear Trying: It seems as if you've painted yourself right into a corner. If you insist on attending this particular workshop, you will need to conduct yourself as if nothing is going on — because nothing is. Politely say hello to Raymond and Lorna when you see them, and then keep right on moving.

Dear Annie: I am 14. In September, my brother left to go to college, and ever since, there has been no excitement at home. My brother was the clown of the house. He always made me laugh, and I miss him a lot.

I'm fine and full of energy at school, but as soon as I get home, I just look sad. My parents complain that I stay outside all the time, but I don't get why they can't figure out the reason. Every morning I wake up without my brother, it's not a fun day. Can you help me be happy again, please? — Lonely Brother

Dear Brother: It's tough when a sibling leaves home, but there are ways to adjust. First, don't wait for your parents to figure it out. Tell them how you feel. Then, invite some friends over after school to play games, watch TV, whatever. Your brother isn't so far away that you can't IM or call, and before you know it, he'll be home for spring break or summer vacation. This is your chance to be the center of attention at home. Try to appreciate the positives.

Dear Annie: Last Christmas, my friend "Sue" gave me a large chocolate cup and saucer from a rather exclusive chocolatier. The cup was filled with fine chocolates and coffee. I was quite excited, until I realized the chocolate was spoiled. I returned the gift to the chocolatier and was told it had been purchased two years ago.

I spent time and money picking out a special gift for Sue. I certainly don't want her discards in return. I have not yet sent a thank-you note. How can I tactfully tell her that I no longer want to exchange gifts? — Bah Humbug in Oahu

Dear Humbug: First, please send the thank-you note. We are sure you do not want to be as inconsiderate as Sue. Then, when the holidays come around again, call Sue and say, "This year, instead of gifts, I'm going to make a donation in honor of my friends. I think you should do the same." Then you won't get her discards, and some worthy charity will be most grateful.

Dear Annie: People often say that one should never get involved in an office romance, but it's too late for me.

I am a 23-year-old woman who got involved with my much-older boss, a professor whom I was assisting while working on my graduate degree. In an academic setting this is frowned upon, so we kept it secret for over a year.

The problem, however, is that it was incredibly difficult for me when the relationship came to an end. I stopped working for this man, but now find myself adrift both emotionally and professionally in the department. And I never anticipated the professional retribution from him and from my peers.

I have lost more than I can describe. No one ever talks about student-teacher relationships, but they happen all the time. I can handle the heartache, but how do I handle the professional fallout? — Former Teacher's Pet

Dear Former Pet: While we cannot condone your behavior, the truth is, your professor is the one at fault. He abused his authority by taking advantage of his position over you, and he should have known better than to get involved with a student.

Inform this professor that he will immediately stop penalizing you for the affair or you will report him to the head of the department or the dean of the school. You made a mistake, and now you must deal with the consequences. So should he. You also might consider looking at another school to finish your degree. And make sure that professor writes you a decent recommendation.

Dear Annie: I'd like to reply to "Hopeless Epileptic," who had a seizure while on a date. I have a suggestion.

In addition to seeing-eye dogs and hearing-ear dogs, these days we have specially trained dogs to alert epileptics before a seizure so that they can get to safety before the onset. The advantage of having such a dog is twofold. First, he has a companion to help him. Second, a dog is a great conversation starter and a good way to meet people.

I live north of Purdy, Wash., where the Purdy Women's Prison is located. These women began training seeing-eye dogs, and the project grew. The inmates now train dogs for other special needs as well. They have an excellent reputation. This idea might be worth looking into for that gentleman. — Port Orchard, Wash.

Dear Port Orchard: Thank you for your wonderful suggestion. Here's more on the subject:

From N.Y.C.: I went to lunch with a nice young man who, while walking to his car, had a full-blown epileptic seizure. I went with him to the hospital, but I was very angry. If the seizure had happened a few minutes later, when he was driving in the middle of very fast-moving traffic, we both might have been killed. His epilepsy wasn't the date-breaker. It was not knowing about it in advance.

Midwest: My husband is a kind, funny, generous and loving man, and an epileptic who has suffered from grand mal seizures since he was 14. He told me about his epilepsy on our first date, and we discussed it openly. What likely was upsetting for this man's date was not that he had a seizure, but that she was unprepared. I also will say that my husband is proactive in his healthcare and does NOT regard his epilepsy as a disability.

Any woman worth dating will choose the wonderful qualities in a man over his epilepsy — but he must be honest. I say to "Hopeless": Stop looking at yourself as a liability, and women will stop seeing that. Give yourself some credit — and give us some, too.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The sun and Pluto have a tense relationship, strained further by the pressure of a distant ticking clock that rushes us along. Parents are hyper-aware of their children's rate of development. Teens are concerned with grown-up issues, and grown-ups are saying, "Shouldn't I be farther along in life by now? Use the question as motivation.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). All is well in your special relationship as long as you stay tuned to your inklings. In business, sensitize yourself to early warning signs that a deal isn't for you. Beware of someone who has no conscience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a regular disturber of the peace! Finally, people are paying attention, though perhaps not in the way you intended. This evening, loved ones impart info that strikes at your very core. Take the time to process it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's now in vogue to use the word "amazing" to describe even the most ordinary pleasant interaction. However, today, you'll have an exchange that truly is amazing — your jaw will drop, and you'll have to catch your breath!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You were gifted with psychic intuition for a reason, so use it — perhaps to leave that bad boyfriend/girlfriend before you even meet. One good decision affects your whole life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The gods of love are smiling on you. But for the many Leos who are now in the middle of an important deal, it's important to separate yourself from the outcome — you're holding on so tight that your desire is getting strangled!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're the Pollyanna of the group now — wear the role proudly! Optimism helps you stand out from the others. Where colleagues see gloomy clouds and overcast, you see rainbows of possibility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You look around at your team and wonder, "How did I get lumped in with them?" And when you consider what higher-ups are doing, you can't help but be stunned by the hypocrisy of it all! Be the truth teller.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sigmund Freud felt that guilt and remorse are often confused, the former stemming from aggressive wishes, the latter a form of self-punishment for the wish fulfilled. Either emotion is useless today. Get over it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The mythological centaur that is the symbol of your sign was considered both an uncouth, savage beast and a friendly teacher of men. Both of these sides of your nature will be represented today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though everyone around seems to be doing the same thing, striving for the same goal, it's about time you identified what is unique about you. It's the only way you'll get the powers that be to take notice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your curiosity could lead you into a precarious position. Stick around and ask enough questions, and you may be initiated into a mystery of some kind. Watch your step, though, since you won't be able to forget what you learn.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a solitary thinker. Decision-making by committee isn't for you right now — in fact, that process irritates you. Ask for all the room you need to work out the problem you're facing.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born on May 13, 1960. Yes, a Friday. The man I am dating was born on April 13, 1973, also a Friday. We are 13 years apart in age and have other quirky '13' things surrounding our relationship. For example, we met on March 13, 2004. What is in store for us?"

Western culture has had negative associations with the number 13 for hundreds of years. There's even a name for the fear of 13: triskaidekaphobia. Many modern elevators skip floor 13 all together, naming it 14 instead. In recent music history, pop star John Mayer had 14 tracks on his debut album, although the unlisted 13th is 0.2 seconds of silence. There are other cultures in the world, in China and Italy, for instance, that consider 13 to be lucky. In your case, the number 13 is not only lucky but symbolizes an attitude you have as a couple — "You and me against the world!" Actually, the world is very much on your side, but the fierce loyalty you show one another provides protection from the harsher elements of reality. You stand up for one another and are not afraid to be different. You're envied because of this. I see you buying property together in June. Try to sign the contract on the 13th!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Though he often plays losers on the big screen, William H. Macy is a mega-winner in real life. He possesses lucky aspects called "trines" in his astrological chart, including Venus trine Mars, which intertwines personal and career success. People with this trine derive much pleasure from work and often marry people they meet on the job. Macy's wife, Felicity Huffman, appears on "Desperate Housewives."

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The City of Forsan (hereinafter called the OWNER) will receive Bids for WATER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE II, TCDP Contract No. 724291, until **3:00 PM, Wednesday, April 6, 2005** in person at **City Hall, 106 E. Main Street, Forsan, Texas** or by mail to ***Mayor Roger Hudgins, City of Forsan, P.O. Box 714, Forsan, Texas 79733-0714.*** All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at: **3:00 PM, Wednesday, April 6, 2005.**

Consideration for award of the Bid will be made at **7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2005,** City Council Meeting, City of Forsan, 106 E. Main Street, Forsan, Texas 79733.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:

Base Bid:

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Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of GSWW, Inc., 1030 Andrews Highway, Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased for **$100.00** from GSWW for each set of documents obtained. No refunds will be made.

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Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs, and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on the project, and the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin on the entire project.

Attention is also called to General Condition 148 "Restrictions on Public Buildings and Public Works Projects." The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that the Contractor, Subcontractors, and materials used on this project are not of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

The Prime Contractor will review the equal employment opportunity section under the General Contract Conditions - Part I and will take affirmative action to meet minortiy and female participation goals in each task. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding.

If the Bid is not awarded at the previously mentioned meeting of the Forsan City Council on **Tuesday, April 12, 2005,** then the Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders.

Date March 3, 2005
By: Roger Hudgins
Mayor, City of Forsan
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Dear Annie: Five years ago, I took a painting class. "Raymond," the teacher, was exceptional, and the warm, supportive environment he created allowed me to have a breakthrough that changed not only how I felt about myself, but also about my ability to create art. I am eternally grateful to him.

A year after the class ended, I ran into Raymond at an art gallery. I was thrilled when he offered to look at some of my recent paintings. While at my house, however, he made a pass at me. I was shocked (he's married), but I admit I allowed things to happen because I was so appreciative of his interest. We had five such meetings over the next two years, until I worked up the courage to end it. Raymond accepted my decision, but continued to stay in touch via phone and e-mail.

Over time, our contact dwindled to a phone call every few months. It was at this point that his wife, "Lorna," discovered my existence. Raymond told her about our affair, and she called me. I made it very clear that the relationship had been a mistake, and I assured her I would not remain in contact with him. I have abided by that promise, as has he.

Here's the problem: I would like to attend an upcoming art workshop where Raymond will be one of the teachers, but I'm sure Lorna will be there, too. How should I behave if I run into them? — Trying to Move On in New England

Dear Trying: It seems as if you've painted yourself right into a corner. If you insist on attending this particular workshop, you will need to conduct yourself as if nothing is going on — because nothing is. Politely say hello to Raymond and Lorna when you see them, and then keep right on moving.

Dear Annie: I am 14. In September, my brother left to go to college, and ever since, there has been no excitement at home. My brother was the clown of the house. He always made me laugh, and I miss him a lot.

I'm fine and full of energy at school, but as soon as I get home, I just look sad. My parents complain that I stay outside all the time, but I don't get why they can't figure out the reason. Every morning I wake up without my brother, it's not a fun day. Can you help me be happy again, please? — Lonely Brother

Dear Brother: It's tough when a sibling leaves home, but there are ways to adjust. First, don't wait for your parents to figure it out. Tell them how you feel. Then, invite some friends over after school to play games, watch TV, whatever. Your brother isn't so far away that you can't IM or call, and before you know it, he'll be home for spring break or summer vacation. This is your chance to be the center of attention at home. Try to appreciate the positives.

Dear Annie: Last Christmas, my friend "Sue" gave me a large chocolate cup and saucer from a rather exclusive chocolatier. The cup was filled with fine chocolates and coffee. I was quite excited, until I realized the chocolate was spoiled. I returned the gift to the chocolatier and was told it had been purchased two years ago.

I spent time and money picking out a special gift for Sue. I certainly don't want her discards in return. I have not yet sent a thank-you note. How can I tactfully tell her that I no longer want to exchange gifts? — Bah Humbug in Oahu

Dear Humbug: First, please send the thank-you note. We are sure you do not want to be as inconsiderate as Sue. Then, when the holidays come around again, call Sue and say, "This year, instead of gifts, I'm going to make a donation in honor of my friends. I think you should do the same." Then you won't get her discards, and some worthy charity will be most grateful.

Dear Annie: People often say that one should never get involved in an office romance, but it's too late for me.

I am a 23-year-old woman who got involved with my much-older boss, a professor whom I was assisting while working on my graduate degree. In an academic setting this is frowned upon, so we kept it secret for over a year.

The problem, however, is that it was incredibly difficult for me when the relationship came to an end. I stopped working for this man, but now find myself adrift both emotionally and professionally in the department. And I never anticipated the professional retribution from him and from my peers.

I have lost more than I can describe. No one ever talks about student-teacher relationships, but they happen all the time. I can handle the heartache, but how do I handle the professional fallout? — Former Teacher's Pet

Dear Former Pet: While we cannot condone your behavior, the truth is, your professor is the one at fault. He abused his authority by taking advantage of his position over you, and he should have known better than to get involved with a student.

Inform this professor that he will immediately stop penalizing you for the affair or you will report him to the head of the department or the dean of the school. You made a mistake, and now you must deal with the consequences. So should he. You also might consider looking at another school to finish your degree. And make sure that professor writes you a decent recommendation.

Dear Annie: I'd like to reply to "Hopeless Epileptic," who had a seizure while on a date. I have a suggestion.

In addition to seeing-eye dogs and hearing-ear dogs, these days we have specially trained dogs to alert epileptics before a seizure so that they can get to safety before the onset. The advantage of having such a dog is twofold. First, he has a companion to help him. Second, a dog is a great conversation starter and a good way to meet people.

I live north of Purdy, Wash., where the Purdy Women's Prison is located. These women began training seeing-eye dogs, and the project grew. The inmates now train dogs for other special needs as well. They have an excellent reputation. This idea might be worth looking into for that gentleman. — Port Orchard, Wash.

Dear Port Orchard: Thank you for your wonderful suggestion. Here's more on the subject:

From N.Y.C.: I went to lunch with a nice young man who, while walking to his car, had a full-blown epileptic seizure. I went with him to the hospital, but I was very angry. If the seizure had happened a few minutes later, when he was driving in the middle of very fast-moving traffic, we both might have been killed. His epilepsy wasn't the date-breaker. It was not knowing about it in advance.

Midwest: My husband is a kind, funny, generous and loving man, and an epileptic who has suffered from grand mal seizures since he was 14. He told me about his epilepsy on our first date, and we discussed it openly. What likely was upsetting for this man's date was not that he had a seizure, but that she was unprepared. I also will say that my husband is proactive in his healthcare and does NOT regard his epilepsy as a disability.

Any woman worth dating will choose the wonderful qualities in a man over his epilepsy — but he must be honest. I say to "Hopeless": Stop looking at yourself as a liability, and women will stop seeing that. Give yourself some credit — and give us some, too.

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2005. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1743, the first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

On this date:

In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

In 1943, Aaron Copland's orchestral work "Fanfare for the Common Man" premiered in New York, with George Szell conducting.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, the previous November.

In 1965, Israel's cabinet formally approved establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany.

In 1980, a Polish airliner crashed while making an emergency landing near Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

In 1991, a British court reversed the convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for an Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Frank Borman is 77. Singer Phil Phillips is 74. Actor Michael Caine is 72. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 72. Former astronaut Eugene Cernan is 71. Movie director Wolfgang Petersen is 64. Country singer Michael Martin Murphey is 60. Rock musician Walt Parazaider (Chicago) is 60. Actor Steve Kanaly is 59. Comedian Billy Crystal is 57. Country singer Jann Browne is 51. Actor Adrian Zmed is 51. Prince Albert of Monaco is 47. Actress Tamara Tunie is 46. Actress Penny Johnson Jerald is 44. Producer-director-writer Kevin Williamson is 40. Actress Megan Follows is 37. Actress Elise Neal is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle

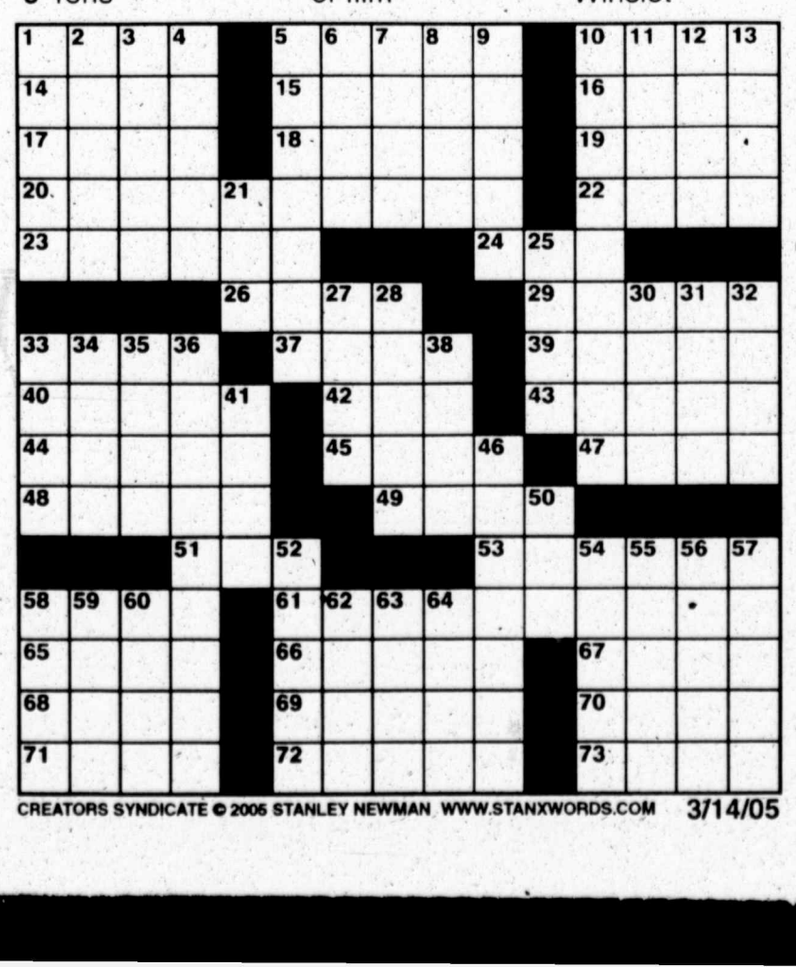
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ACROSS
1 Religious group
5 Chowder ingredients
10 Closeup lens
14 "Very funny!"
15 Complete chaos
16 *Born Free* lioness
17 Keep __ (persist)
18 Lloyd Webber musical
19 Steeple feature
20 Stubborn
22 Underground plant part
23 Enthusiasm
24 Health resort
26 Constructed
29 Pull __ one (trick someone)
33 Money
37 Injured
39 Cruise ship
40 __ a kind (unique)
42 Plural possessive pronoun
43 Lauder of cosmetics
44 Hair tangle
45 Cowboy boot attachment
47 Conceal
48 Form of a verb
49 Informal shirts
51 Lamb's mom
53 Tournament winners
58 Canvas cover
61 Tedious task
65 Verbal
66 Golfer Sam
67 General location
68 Singer Turner
69 Gladden
70 Fully attentive
71 Nervous
72 Ancient stringed instruments
73 "Will there be anything __?"

DOWN
1 Hoaxes
2 Consume completely
3 Spicy bean dish
4 Spud
5 Fast feline
6 Volcanic flow
7 Gung-ho
8 Dust particle
9 Tons
10 Striped aquarium dweller
11 Butter substitute
12 Capital of Norway
13 Beer ingredient
21 That guy
25 Lacking color
27 Twosomes
28 Lose one's temper
30 Prefix meaning "against"
31 Garden planting
32 Oak or apple
33 Price to pay
34 Designer Klein
35 Connery of film
36 Boisterous behavior
38 Quiz answer choice
41 Went by plane
46 Ebbs
50 Timid
52 '50s Ford
54 In the know
55 Fable finale
56 Gets ready, for short
57 Hockey footwear
58 Large bag
59 Desertlike
60 Called up
62 Merely
63 Close by
64 *Titanic* actress Winslet



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