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3rd Annual Community Garage Sale — May 5

The third Community Garage Sale is set for Saturday May 5. Our first two had some excellent turnouts and we want to do it again. It will be like before, all you have to do is call in with your name and address and you will be put on the general map. These maps will be available ON THE DAY OF THE GARAGE SALE at several local merchants' stores. We will run ads in the following newspapers: Gorman, DeLeon, Eastland, Ranger, Cisco, Rising Star, Baird, Stephenville, Dublin, and Abilene.

If you would like to participate just call Eula Mears at 734-2517 or Lori Dodd at 734-3637.

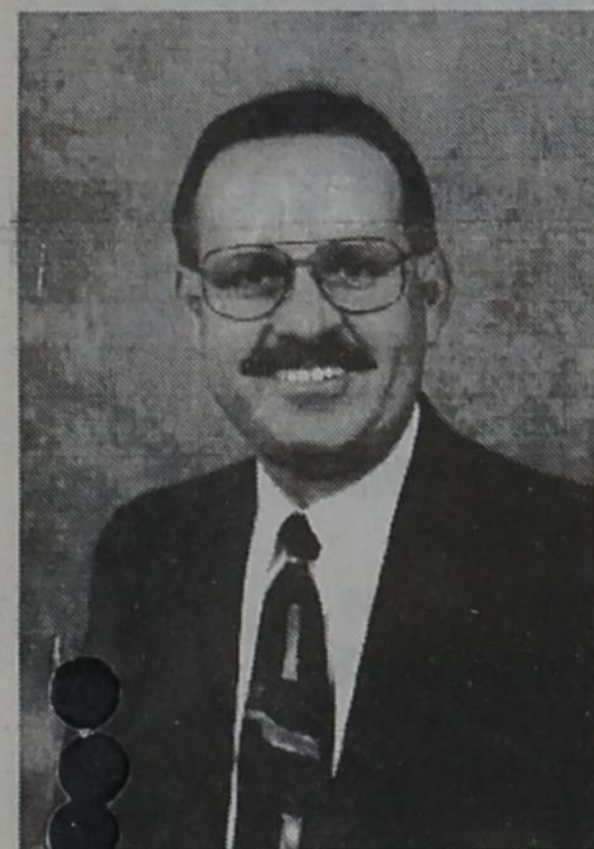
Were You a Member of the Bi-Centennial Committee?

It has been brought to my attention that there is unclaimed money with the state of Texas in the name of the Bi-Centennial Committee back when it was Citizens National Bank. If you were a member of this committee or remember anything about it, would you please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3637 or 734-3933. It must be at least \$50 for it to be listed, it would be good to claim this money and put it to good use in the community, since we will be celebrating our 100th birthday next May. Thanks to any interest.

First Baptist Church Revival Starts Sunday

Special Revival Services begin Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with Bro. Dennis Teeters preaching and The Messengers singing in each worship service through Thursday. Sunday evening service will be at 6 p.m. with specials from other churches sharing in our regular 5th Sunday Singing and there will be a fellowship following for all those attending. All the Monday through Thursday meetings will be at 7 p.m. and Wednesday is a special emphasis Youth Night with a pre-service pizza party.

Our church invites everyone to come and share as the Holy Spirit leads us in revival.



Bro. Dennis Teeters

Bro. Dennis Teeters is pastor of First Baptist Church in Lamesa, Texas. He has also served as pastor in Ira, Possum Kingdom Lake at Graford, Jayton and Abernathy. He served in Youth Ministry prior to pastoring in churches at Big Spring and Snyder. Dennis is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and has been faithfully serving Jesus in ministry since 1975.

On a personal side--Dennis has been a Christian since age seven. He was born and raised in a Baptist pastor's home. In his adolescence, he surrendered his life to do ministry, but ran from the call at that time, but in young adulthood returned to God and entered the process of being prepared for ministerial service and has never regretted that call.



"The Messengers"

"The Messengers" are familiar to most folks around Gorman. Tommy Clark, Hershel Cordell, Glen Clement, Jeff Seaton, and Jeff Clark have all been working hard and praying for God to bless this community during this season of revival. Their desire is for God to use them to accomplish His will. They are expecting to see lots of their friends at each service and hoping for God to do something wonderful in blessing this time.

First Baptist Church invites everyone to come and be blessed as we seek the Lord's revival together.

Gorman GROW to host "Before/After" Contest

The Gorman GROW Community Club will be hosting a Before and After contest in conjunction with the Community Clean-up on Sat. April 28. Want to play?? Here's how it works:

- Before the Clean-up on Sat. a member of GROW will come to your house and take a picture of your garage, back room, barn, whatever your cleaning...
- They will return on Sunday or Monday after the clean-up and take another picture...
- Then we will decide on a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner
- JUST FOR ENTERING, you get two really cool t-shirts and prizes include everything from food and flowers to film, AND you get your house cleaned up!

To enter just contact Peyton Vaughn at 734-3860, Veronica Seaton at 734-3083-2566, or Lori Dodd 734-3637. All you do is give a name and an address and a phone number.

WE WILL CALL BEFORE WE COME TAKE THE PICTURE. This contest is open anyone in the Gorman area wanting to participate, but you can not send in your neighbor's garage! Good luck and get rid of that trash!

National Day of Prayer Slated For Thursday, May 3

The annual National Day of Prayer (NDP) will be observed in Gorman on Thursday, May 3rd, from noon to 1:00 PM. The event will be held in the Gorman City Park, downtown. All citizens, young and old, are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and join together in this time of prayer for our leaders, communities, businesses, families, and nation. Here are some common questions and answers regarding the NDP.

What is the National Day of Prayer and what is its purpose? The NDP is an annual event for Americans of all faiths to take time to pray for our nation and its leaders. The NDP was established by an act of Congress as a day to call the entire nation to pray.

When was the NDP started? National days of prayer have been called as early as 1775 with the First Continental Congress. Abraham Lincoln also called for such a day in 1863. The NDP as an annual event was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1952, and signed into law by President Truman. The law was amended in 1988 and signed by President Reagan to be the first Thursday of May each year.

Is the NDP a political event? No. The NDP belongs to all Americans. It is not sponsored by or "owned" by any one group. Every American can observe the NDP and celebrate it as he or she wishes. Since 1988, every president has issued a proclamation encouraging Americans to participate in the NDP.

Is the NDP just a Christian event? People of all faiths are encouraged to participate in the NDP according to their own traditions. The NDP was created by an act of Congress and is therefore intended for all peoples of faith to pray to the God of their understanding. The local outdoors event, sponsored by the Gorman Ministerial Alliance, is to be conducted according to traditions of the historic Christian faith. If peoples of other faiths wish to celebrate in their own tradition, they are welcome to do so. The NDP, though created by the government, is not a function of the government. Therefore those who organize the NDP in the local context can define their particular expression of it.

The Gorman Ministerial Alliance warmly welcomes all citizens in the Gorman area to come together and unite in prayer for God's mercy and blessings upon our nation and communities.

Vicki Seay Sworn In As Gorman City Judge



Vicki Seay is shown being sworn in by Robert Ervin, Mayor of the City of Gorman. Vicki is replacing Ron Skiles who retired recently. She was sworn in on Monday, April 23rd.

Annual Baseball Shin-Dig Set For Saturday April 28th

The Annual Baseball Shin-Dig is set for Saturday, April 28th at the Gorman Baseball Field. Picture taking will begin at 10:00 a.m.

T-Ball Game — 11:00 a.m.
Pee Wee Game — 12:30 p.m.
Little League Game — 2:00 p.m.

Hamburgers will be served with Chips and Drink for \$3.50.

So come on out and join in on the fun and help support the kids.

Thank You
Gorman Baseball

Registration for Credit by Exam

Gorman ISD students needing to register for Credit by Exam have until June 14, 2001 to sign up for these tests. To be eligible to earn credit by examination, a student can have received no prior instruction in the academic subject and must score 90 percent or above on a criterion-referenced examination for acceleration for the applicable course.

At the time of registration, the student will be required to make a \$20.00 deposit for each test they register to take. The student will need to check with the building principal before completing the registration. Registration for Credit by Examination will take place in the High School office.

Testing dates will be the week of July 23rd through 27th. The cost of exams will be \$28.00.

Kalyn Porter - Sean Rountree and Brian Hunt Named In Top 20 in State Class A

The April 16th issue of *Texas Track and Field News* has ranked Kalyn Porter, Sean Rountree and Brian Hunt among the top 20 in the State in Class A in their respective events. Class A has approximately 325 schools participating in Track and Field. These rankings are normally only achieved by athletes during their Junior and Senior Year and are based on marks reported through April 7th.

Porter, a freshman, is 3rd in discus, with a throw of 123'9". Rountree, a sophomore, 3rd in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 10.7, and 13th in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 23.1. Hunt, a sophomore, is 12th in the Shotput with a toss of 46'8 3/4".

All three have had improved marks since the April 7th ranking as follows: Porter, 129'9", Hunt 46'9 1/4" and Rountree 10.67 (100) and 22.45 (200).

Sean, Brian, Kalyn and Jose Cruz, also a sophomore, will be competing in the Regional Meet April 27th and 28th at ACU in Abilene.

For those who would like to come out and cheer them on, Jose will be the first to compete Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the 3200 Meter Run, followed by Sean at 11 a.m., in the 100 Meter Dash Prelim and 200 Meter Dash Prelim. Brian and Kalyn are scheduled in the Shotput and Discus at 3:00 p.m. Running finals for Sean will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM — The Gorman High School Livestock Judging Team placed Third in the Area IV Contest during the Area FFA Career Development Event held on the campus of Tarleton State University. Members of the team included (from left) Cole Dame (second high individual), Josh Carruth, Mandy Warren and Blake Van Dusen. At right is advisor Shawn Boles. (Tarleton News Service Photo).

Oakland Cemetery Annual Meeting

The yearly meeting of the Oakland Cemetery Association will take place on Saturday, May 5th at 10 a.m. at the cemetery.

We need each and everyone of you who have loved ones resting at this cemetery to take part in the meeting and help in the financial support of the cemetery.

We have some voting on staff elections to be taken care of at this meeting. We need all to take a part in these concerns.

We need the younger people to become concerned and involved in this cause. For the health and well being of the cemetery in years to come, we

need you to become an active part of it now.

We thank everyone for their support in the past and hoping to have your presence at the meeting this year.

s/ Opal Dennis Burton
Secretary



Eagle Scout Robert Abbott will be awarded his Eagle Badge at a Court of Honor. The Court of Honor will be on Saturday, April 28 at the Gorman Community Center. The ceremony will begin at 4:00. We would like to invite all our family and friends to join us for this special occasion.



A reception will follow.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

DESDEMONA MONTHLY MUSICAL — The Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held Saturday, April 28th. Concession Stand opens at 5:30 p.m.

HOWARD CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING — The Howard Cemetery Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, April 28th. Covered Dish Luncheon at noon following short Business Meeting.

GORMAN GROW MEETING — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Peyton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every week at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Every Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Nell Ragland, Worthy Matron and Elwood Ragland, Worthy Patron.

Gorman City-Wide Cleanup Saturday, April 28th

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE MAY 16TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Obituaries

Services Held for Vera M. Mull

Vera M. Mull, 93, of DeLeon, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2001 at her resident at Tender Loving Care. Services were on Monday, April 23, 2001 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Bud Jones officiating. Burial was at the Zion Hill Cemetery, Comanche County, TX.

Mrs. Mull was born on November 11, 1907 in Comanche County to the now deceased Berry A. Culbertson and Samantha Engle Culbertson. She married Dois L. Mull on November 2, 1930 in Comanche County. She was a homemaker/gardener and had resided all of her life in Comanche County. She was a member of the DeLeon Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter Bernice Warren and her husband, G.I. of DeLeon; two brothers, Oren Culbertson of DeLeon and Virgil Culbertson of Comanche; one sister, Sylvie Gressett of Comanche; 3 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded by her husband, Dois Mull on July 11, 1984; by her daughter Nellie Joyce Wood in January 1988; and by two sisters, Goldie Strickland and Alma McDonald.



Garage Sale: Saturday, Apr 28, from 8:30 a.m. till 1/2 Half-way between Gorman and Desdemona on Hwy 8. Lots of goodies, some unusual items, collectibles, furniture, etc. Watch for signs. 1-4-26-C

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Siegel Guy Laid to Rest

Siegel Guy, 90, of Gorman passed away Thursday, April 19, 2001 in the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Saturday, April 21, 2001 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Richard Warson officiating. Burial was in the Bear Springs Cemetery in Eastland County.

Mrs. Guy was born on October 17, 1910 in Energy, Texas to James Alvin Beaty and Coral Williams Beaty. She married J.F. Guy on November 22, 1930 in Rock Bluff Community. He preceded her in death in February 2001. Mrs. Guy was a homemaker and a member of the New Hope Baptist Church.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Don and Judith Guy of Austin; son and daughter-in-law James and Joyce Guy of Andrews; two sisters, Lora Faye Warren of Gorman and Allene Boen of DeLeon; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Burl Gene Guy, a daughter Dorothy Jackson, two brothers and a sister.

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Farm Equipment Auction/ Saturday, April 28th 10 a.m./ Hwy 377 in Tolar TX:

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Sale conducted by Donnie Johnson (lic. #6197). Consignments call: (817) 921-0241; (254) 835-4417; (254) 835-4579; (254) 835-5116

Annual Fish Sale

Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District

The Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District is now taking orders for its annual spring fish sale. Orders may be placed in Comanche, Eastland, and Stephenville at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices located in the USDA buildings.

Delivery will be May 12, 1:00 PM at the Upper Leon Soil and Water District office at the USDA Building in Comanche, 301 Highway 3381.

Species available for sale this year are: Bluegill, Hybrid Bream, Minnows, Red Ear, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, and Crappie. Also available will be Grass Carp that will require a permit, and Blue Cat in a limited supply.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, each person that orders Grass Carp must file an application for a permit to stock Triploid Grass Carp prior to stocking. You must have the permit before you can pick up the Grass Carp. The NRC offices will have application forms available.

To guarantee safe transport of fish from delivery site to landowner pond, please supply paper feed sacks. We will bag 50 small or 25 large catfish per bag unless landowner requests smaller amounts.

Office phone numbers for NRCS are:
Comanche--915/356-5186, ext. 3; Ted Simpson
Eastland--254/629-1480, ext. 3; Daryl Eckart
Stephenville--254/965-3213, ext. 3; Tony Huffman

Third Annual

Community-Wide Garage Sale SATURDAY, MAY 5TH

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Thursday - BBQ Buffet - 5 - 9 p.m. - \$7.95 + tax + drink
Friday - Fish, Steak, Shrimp Buffet - 5 - 9 p.m. - \$7.95 + tax + drink
Saturday - Fish, Steak, Shrimp Buffet - 5 - 9 p.m. - \$7.95 + tax + drink

VISITORS WITH ANNA RUSH

Visiting in the home of Anna Rush was her daughter Karen and granddaughter Jamie from Aurora, Colorado. Also visiting Anna were her son Russell, his daughter Becky and granddaughter Mel from Dallas; son Hershell Cordell and wife Joyce. They had a birthday cake for Karen, Russell and Joyce who had a birthday in April. Also, Anna's brother from Calvin Neves from Roby had lunch and visited.

In the afternoon, Anna's nephew Ricky Sutton wife, two daughters and three grandchildren came for a good visit.

On Monday, Anna's sister Ina Faye and daughter Debra and sister-in-law came and we visited Russell Cordell in Proctor.

Karen, Jamie, Anna's daughter and granddaughter visited then drove on to Washburn, MO to visit Karen daughter Amy and family.

Opening Friday, April 27 Gorman Video & Arcade

Sunday - 3:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Monday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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The Candidates Speak Out!!!

Dear Friends:
I am writing this letter to tell you something about myself and why I have decided to run for election to the Gorman ISD School Board.

I am a 1979 graduate of Gorman High School. After obtaining a quality education in the Gorman school system, I was able to go on and earn my bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and eventually my master's degree from The University of Texas. For seventeen years, I have been working in different types of jobs in the education system. My experience includes employment as a classroom teacher on the elementary and secondary levels, a special education teacher, and an education program coordinator in private institution. For the last six years, I have worked as an educational diagnostician handling assessment and programming issues for special education students at all grade levels. As a bilingual education in the Spanish language, I have experience dealing with the unique needs of the students learning the English language. I am currently employed by the Comanche Special Services Cooperative where I serve as an educational diagnostician in seven nearby school districts.

Almost two years ago, I returned to live in the Gorman community. During the years that I was away from Gorman, I realized the importance of what the Gorman school system had done for me. At this time, I would like to be able to return a portion of that gift by serving on the Gorman School Board. I have a wide range of experience in the education system and knowledge of the current issues being faced by school districts across the state of Texas. As the job of providing our young people with a quality education becomes increasingly more complicated, particularly in small schools, I believe that I could make an important contribution in our local school system by serving as a school board member.

I respectfully ask for your vote on election day, and if elected, I will do my best to represent the entire Gorman community as a board member.

Sincerely,
s/ Melinda Harrington

Robbie Dodd - School Board

My name is Robert Dodd and I am running for a place on the School Board. As for what prompted me to run for the school board, I have a genuine commitment to the GISD. With this commitment comes a great concern for the education and safety of the children attending our school.

My wife, Lori, of nineteen years, and I would visit Gorman often. The more time I spent here, the more I realized Gorman was a wonderful place with wonderful people. When we were afforded the opportunity, we jumped at the chance to move to Gorman. We have lived in Gorman for 4 years. We have five children: Mary Ann, a Senior at University of North Texas; Stephanie, A Freshman at Baylor University; Chris, a Junior at GHS; Andrea, a Sophomore at GHS, and Kaycee, an active 2 year old. I am currently employed as the Service Manager for Kirbo's Office Systems in Stephenville.

My strong beliefs in youth involvement are reflected in my extra curricular activities. I have enjoyed involvement since 1976 with the Boy Scouts of America serving as Cub Scout Leader, Scout Master, and Pack Committee Chairman. I have also worked as an umpire in youth softball from 1982 to the present.

With today's decline in morality and social values, our schools must become stronger and more caring to education our children not only in the 3 R's but also to instill high social values and morals. Twenty years ago, it wasn't the schools position to teach values to the children. Today, however, because of changing circumstances and family unit breakups, this great task has been given to our school system. While this may not be true for many of our students, the ones with the greatest need must be reached. If we make no effort to reach these children, who is left to make the effort?

GISD has thrived for many years. We enjoy a good school system. I sincerely hope no one thinks a major overhaul is necessary. However, in any endeavor you are doing 1 of 2 things. You are improving and moving forward or you are being left behind. And the choice to remain in place will allow you to be left behind.

Today more than ever, our teachers and administrators must know they are backed by a strong, decisive support. Already in place, we have a student code of conduct that provides an excellent set of guidelines on acceptable behaviors. While small amounts of 'tweaking', if you will, could be done to help enhance these guidelines, our foundation is already in place. However, the students must KNOW without any doubt that these guidelines set forth will be adhered to. Any in-compliance will be met with properly prescribed punishment. These reprimands will be equal regardless of social status, lineage, and any other politically motivated factor.

Parents and children should have read and were required to sign and return these conduct manuals. Therefore, the requirements in this manual should come as no surprise to anyone. The teachers at GISD must be reassured that compliance will be maintained and that when rules as well as punishment is properly enforced, the administration and board will stand firmly and with unison behind them for adhering to the policy set forth.

Our primary goal at GISD is to edu-

"WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!" "HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!"

That's the reaction I have gotten about being a candidate for the Gorman School Board.

My reply is, "I'm not sure"--"maybe, but I love our school."

I was born and raised in Gorman and graduated from Gorman Schools. In fact, my whole family, going back to my grandfather, have been a part of this school. My father, Arnold Butler, and my grandfather, Bedford Butler, served on the Gorman School Board. My son graduated here in 2000 and my

daughter will graduate in May, 2001. What are my qualifications? I care about our school and our children. I want our kids to get a good education in all academics, band and sports. I want our kids to develop good self-esteem in order to excel in everything they do. After all, they are our future. I want everyone to be proud of the fact that they attended and graduated from Gorman High School.

Oh, by the way, I am Anna Lee (Butler) Roberts. I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, May 8, 2001.

Thank you for your support.

Robbie Dodd

Beth Underwood - School Board

My name is Beth Underwood. I am a candidate for the Gorman School Board. I graduated from Gorman High School and have lived here most of my life. I am married to Ted Underwood and we have a son, Trey, enrolled at Maxfield Elementary. I have been a leader with the Boy Scouts of America for the past five years. I am running for a position on the school board because I am interested and concerned about our children and school. I believe I would be an asset to the school board because I have a child attending school in Gorman and, as an employee at Southwestern Peanut Growers' Assn. for 21 years, I have experience in accounting and auditing. I want our children to have the most opportunities possible, both in academics and athletics. If elected, I will work to make our school the best it can be for our children and for our community. I would appreciate your vote.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, for the ones that may not know me. My name is Tim Dennis and I'm a candidate for the Place 1 position on the City Council. I'm the son of the late E.L. and Virgie Dennis, who owned and operated Brown Jug Cafe in Gorman for many years. I graduated from Gorman High School in 1987 and a graduate of McLennan Community College in Waco with an degree in Paramedicine Education and Law Enforcement. I'm also a college educator and teach in the EMS Education Program at Navarro College. I have also served as a reserve police officer for the City of Gorman, several years ago. I'm also a member of the Rural EMS Task Force Committee, which is a part of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council. I represent Eastland County as well as other counties as a member of the Rural EMS Task Force. Our Committee works with GETAC to develop rules pertaining to EMS certification, training and education issues where EMS personnel and providers are concerned. The suggested rule changes are then forwarded to the Board of Health for approval. I was appointed to this committee last year during the EMS Conference in Austin.

I have decided to seek this particular office because I feel that it is time that new ideas are brought to the council, as well as someone that will work for the citizens of Gorman, and that will insure that they are being served the way they should. Also, to insure that the city stays within its spending needs. As all of you have noticed, the City has spent about \$300-350 per car for the new lettering on the police cars. Granted, they do look sharp, but why was this not done when the cars were first purchased? The previous lettering costs about \$100-\$125 per car. This shows that the current council is spending freely on non-essentially items. What will be next?

The current Place 1 position is over the police department. However, this is subject to change when the new council is elected. If elected to this position, I would want to keep the current department, as I feel that having a law enforcement background and education would insure that the police department is properly run and is able to provide this much needed service to the citizens of Gorman. It is my understanding that the department is trying to get a grant for in-car video equipment. This is something that will be useful to the police department, especially where DWI stops are concerned. If elected, I would also try and get a grant that would allow the department to purchase bullet-proof vests for the officers. Last year, I had a current city commission tell me, "this is Gorman, they don't need them here." I beg to differ. Just because this is a small town, does not mean that we should not take officer safety into consideration. This person must have little concern for our officers' safety.

Being a paramedic and EMS Educator, the one thing that I would like to see the city purchase is an AED or Automated External Defibrillator that can be used either by the police department or fire department first responders. There is a current push to put AED's in all federal and state buildings as well as police and fire units. These machines cost about \$3000 each, but it would be money well spent because it saves lives. Again, this would be something that could be covered by grant money. These machines have saved many lives and are something that the city needs to look into, especially for the swimming pool since we are without a local ambulance service.

Let me assure you I will look at every issue that comes before the commission and not just those that pertain to the police department. Having served on the Rural EMS Task Force, and dealing with Austin politics and constituents from several different counties, I feel that I am more than qualified to hold this position because of this related experience.

Gorman needs someone that is willing to stand up for what the citizens need, as well as someone that will listen to the citizens when they have complaints or concerns about streets, parks, water, sewer, police or city government in general. Let me assure you that your complaints and concerns will no fall on deaf ears if I'm elected to the council.

Each year, the same people are elected over and over again to the city commission and usually run unopposed, why is that? Folks, everyone should want to step forward every year and run for a place on the city commission or for mayor. This is your town and everyone should want to better the community. If no one gets involved in local government, we won't progress into the future. I am glad to see that we have 10 people running for the school board this year, and I wish them all good luck. But why do we not
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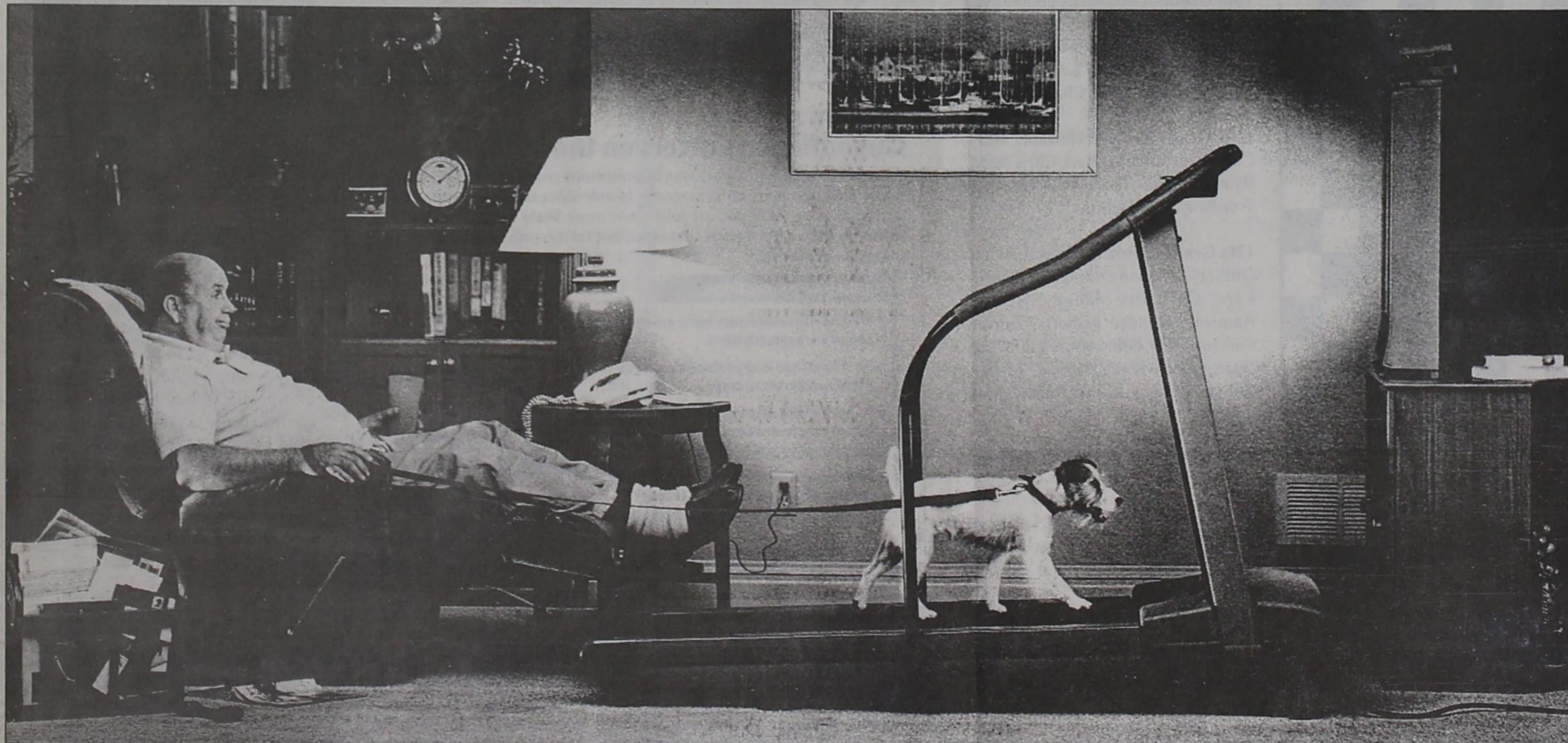
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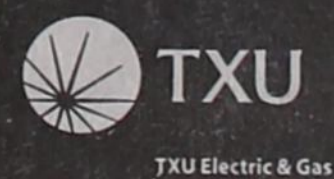
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Tim Dennis - City Council

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have that many running for city council when these position come up for re-election? Both positions are very important to the community and can be time consuming and stressful at times. Without citizens stepping forward, we will continue to have the same people in these key positions.

I want everyone to know that I will represent the citizens of Gorman equally and fairly. On May 5th, I hope that you will allow me to become YOUR voice on the city council and allow me to work for YOU.

Your vote and support gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,
Tim Dennis

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, phone calls and concern during my stay in the hospital and since I have been in the nursing home. Also the acts of kindness were very much appreciated during our time of sorrow with the loss of my sister, Janice Burnes.

The people in Gorman are wonderful! God bless.
s/ Joan Butler

Jr. High District Track Results

Thursday, April 5th, the Jr. High Girls traveled to May for the District Track Meet. The members of the track team are as follows: Nikki Keith, Kendra Swanner, April Perez, Camie Dame, Summer Parker, Dana Longoria, Amanda Hair, Krista Brown, Sharla Perez, April Perez, Casandra Grumbles, Ashlee Hornback, Holly Wright, Sandra Lara, Amber Ervin.

The 400m Relay placed 5th, 800m Relay placed 3rd, 1600m Relay placed 3rd also.

In the 800m Run, Nikki Keith placed 6th and Ashlee Hornback 6th in the 100m Hurdles. April Perez placed 1st in the 100m Dash.

In field events the girls scored really well. Amanda Hair placed 2nd in the shotput. Kendra Swanner and Nikki Keith received 4th and 6th respectively. Casandra Grumbles received 6th as well in the triple jump.

The girls did well overall and should be commended for their efforts. I have thoroughly enjoyed having this entire group this year.
s/ Coach Sowell

Lady Panther Softball

The Lady Panthers finish District 7A with a perfect 6 and 0 record, after a hard fought 4 to 2 victory over the Santo Lady Cats.

Emerald Guthery hurls a complete seven inning giving up 1 hit, striking out 13, and walking 6, making her season record 6 and 0. The Lady Panthers season record goes to 7 and 3.

The Santo Lady Cats score an unearned run in the 1st on a walk to Wells, a stolen base, and passed ball and an error while Guthery is striking out the side. All bats remain silent until the 4th inning. The Lady Panther Christina Mauney turns the 3rd baseman around on a line shot but to no avail. Lydia Royster walks, steals 2nd, move to 3rd on Jamie Maupin's grounder back to the mound, which the Lady Cat pitcher failed to handle. Maupin steals 2nd with two out, Mandy Warren singles in Royster and quickly steals 2nd. Eva Rodriguez hits a grounder to the second baseman, who over throws 1st and Maupin scores. With runners on 2nd and 3rd, Guthery hits a two run double, scoring Warren and Rodriguez.

The Lady Cats score one more run in the top of the 5th to make the score 4 to 2.

The Lady Panthers threaten in the 5th as Melinda Leal leads off with a double, Mauney hits another line shot at the 3rd baseman, who again makes the play. Royster pops to 1st and Maupin flies out to centerfield to end the inning.

In the final two innings, Guthery shuts out the Lady Cats on 5K's, 3 walks, and help from Lydia Royster on a third to 1st ground out.

The Lady Panthers will play Hamilton on Tuesday the 24th at 5:00 p.m. at Gorman. The Lady Panthers will play Tolar for Bi-District with time, date, and place to be announced.

Gorman will host the playoff game between Ranger and Santo on Monday the 23rd at 4:30.

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Maxfield Elementary Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks

1st grade, Mrs. Lewis--A Honor Roll Jonathon Fenley, Trent Gibbs, Carlie Jackson, Ally Little, McKenzie Osborne, Rebekah Powell, Raime Preston, Aida Sanchez, Cortney Shirley, Joseph Simpson, Katy Thackerson, Chance Whitten; A-B Honor Roll--Aubrey DeLaTorre, Jeffery Rainey

1st grade, Mrs. Smith--A Honor Roll Courtney Carlton, Colby Cockburn, Nathan Ettinger, Erica Ortiz, Matt Steward, Stetson Thompson, David Velasquez, A.J. Vaughn; A-B Honor Roll--Ashley Landa

2nd grade, Mrs. Lasater--A Honor Roll--Brice Campbell, Jaime Johnston, Luis Martinez, Amy Regian; A-B Honor Roll-- Alex Borrego, Matt Keith, Maria Raygoza, Keifer Wilson, Dylan Keith

2nd grade, Mrs. Curlee--A Honor Roll--Cameron Clark, Mackenzie Keller, Abby Pacheco, Stephanie Risueno, Jacob Singleton, Randy Woodall; A-B Honor Roll--Scotty Martin, Cecilia Olivares, Jorge Tavares

3rd grade, Mrs. Caraway--A Honor Roll--Kimmy Seaton, Taylor Chew, Jonathon Flores, Jarrett Blankenship; A-B Honor Roll--Ben Burgess, Slade Cupps, Hope Landa, Alex Giles

3rd grade, Mrs. Spivey--A Honor Roll--Brenda Velasquez A-B Honor Roll--Edna Gonzales, Chris Gryder, Justin Little, Skylar Jones, Jameson Rountree, Tyler Johnson

4th grade, Mrs. Good--A Honor Roll--Audrey Johnston, Matt Underwood, Brittany VanDusen, Perla Velasquez; A-B Honor Roll--Marcy Gonzales, Sonia Hipolito, Lindsey Laminack

4th grade, Mrs. Torisk--A Honor Roll--Emily Lewis, Veronica Walton; A-B Honor Roll--Matthew Cogburn, Beau Neill, Jordan Perry, Colby Spivey

5th grade, Mrs. Keith--A Honor Roll--Esther Cruz, Clarissa Glasson, Mary Powell; A-B Honor Roll--Seth Cochrane, Ashley Bush, Aaron Keith, Kristi Landa, Megan Lewis, Nancy Velasquez

5th grade, Mrs. O'Dell--A Honor Roll--Brandy Carlton, Tecia Jones, Meghan Preston; A-B Honor Roll--Nicole Cogburn, Reba Granado, Kendra Lewis, Kennon Hornback

6th grade, Mrs. Hampton--A Honor Roll--Kristy Carlton, Stephanie Hughes, Amanda Regian; A-B Honor Roll--Rosa Herrera, Maria Oronia, Kaci Seaton, Brittany Shirley, Crystal Thackerson

6th grade, Mrs. Barker--A Honor Roll--A-B Honor Roll--Amanda Brown, Josh Cox, K'Ann Howard, Ana Loreda, Michael Marin, Brenda Olivares, Tiffany Perez, Pete Ramirez, Reinaldo Sanchez

7th Grade-A--Cindy Lopez; A-B--Krista Brown, Zach Bryan, Sterling McCauley, Jessie Simpson, David Wilkins

8th Grade-A--Rachel Granado; A-B--Kendra Bailey, Martha Cruz, Casandra Grumbles, Elizabeth Hipolito, Ashlee Hornback, Kim Ibarra, Clint Jones, Divinity Sanders

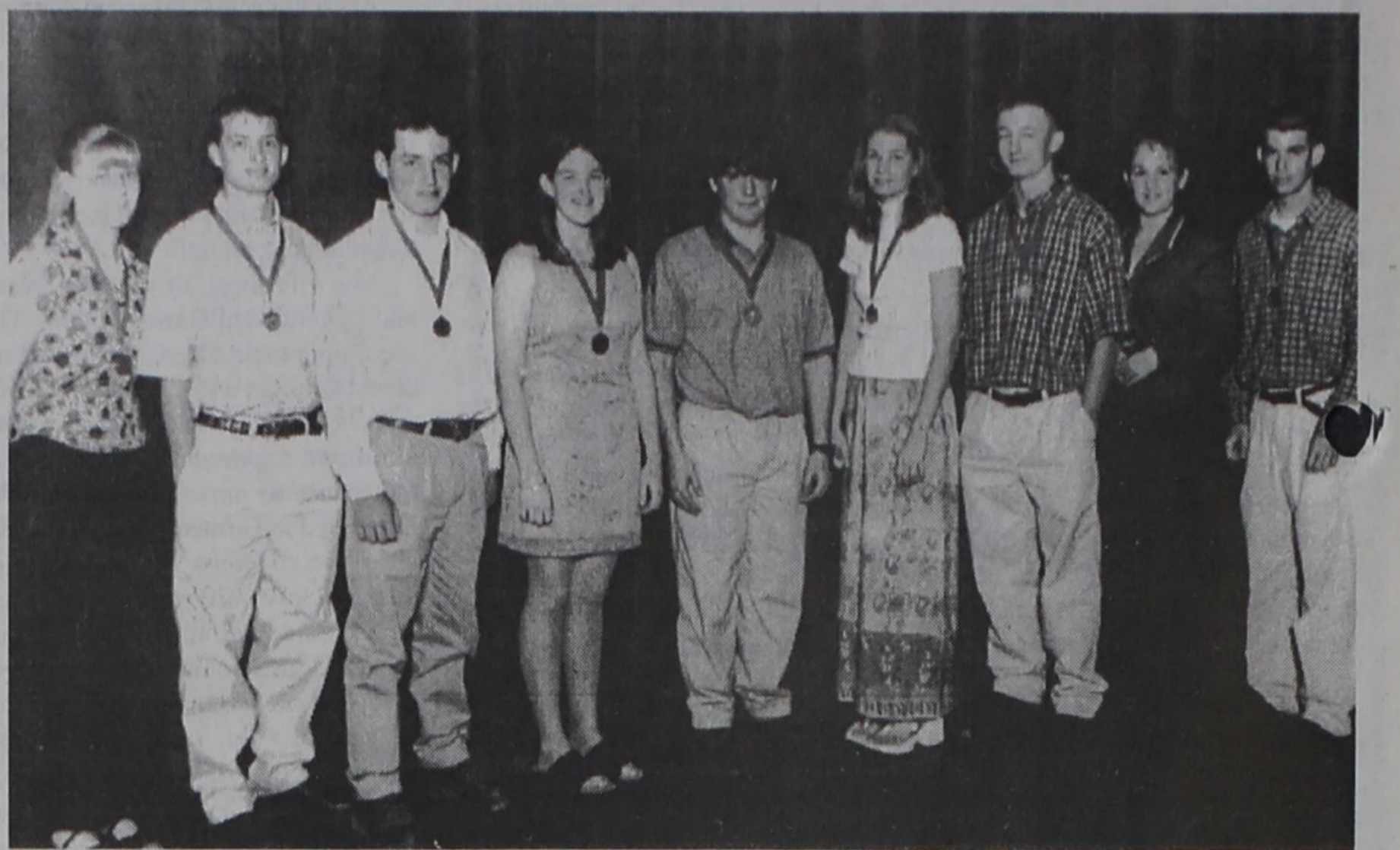
9th Grade-A--Casandra Cooper, Lacy Howard; A-B--Holly Abbe, Marcy Davis, Kaly Porter, Roberto Rodriguez, Emily Thornton, Chad Young

10th Grade-A--Dylan Cogburn, Ryan Keller, Sharon Marlow; A-B--Derrick Adams, Josh Bridges, Tana Goode, Brian Hunt, Sarah Lewis, Mayra Lopez, Natasha Ritter, Chad Robertson

11th Grade-A--Lana Howard; A-B--Cole Dame, Charla Davis, Chris Dodd, Ryan Hagood, Jamie Maupin, Keith Treadway, Wes Wilkins

12th Grade-A--Mark Glover, Emerald Guthery, Amanda Janecek, Anabel Lara, Christina Mauney, Beatriz Ramirez, Kendra Roberts, Adrian Sichau, Cody Simpson, Colton Van Dusen; A-B--Jessie Hagood, T.J. Jay, Gumaro Oronia, Rachel Rainey, Matt Swanner

Gorman High School Honored During Ceremonies at Tarleton



Gorman High School students recently honored by the State Board of Education were: (from left) Casandra Cooper, Mark Glover, Ryan Keller, Shari Marlow, Dylan Cogburn, Jamie Maupin, Keith Treadway, Lacy Howard and Colton Van Dusen

Ten students from Gorman High School were among those honored for outstanding achievements during the annual State Board of Education's Celebrations of Educational Excellence Awards program. The campus of Tarleton State University was one of 24 sites across the State to host this special event which recognizes ninth through 12th graders who have distinguished themselves academically.

Those honored from Gorman High School included Dylan Cogburn, Casandra Cooper, Cole Dame, Mark Glover, Lacy Howard, Ryan Keller, Shari Marlow, Jamie Maupin, Keith Treadway and Colton Van Dusen.

This is the seventh year that the State Board of Education and higher education institutions have joined together to host the "Celebrations of Excellence." An estimated 6000 high school students across Texas participated in the ceremonies and another 5000 were unable to attend but received the awards at their high schools. Among those honored during these special ceremonies are National Merit Scholars, prospective valedictorians, academic decathlon winners, and those who have made perfect scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam.

"The State Board of Education is delighted to recognize these academic stars who are setting the pace in their high schools. Education is the key to their future success. Each one is an example of the achievements being made in Texas public school," said SBOE member Richard Watson.

The public is invited to attend the ceremonies and parents and family of the recipients are frequently in the audience. Tarleton's associate Vice President Dr. Dwayne Snider served as master of ceremonies for the local event. Each individual honoree is called on stage to receive a Celebrations of Educational Excellent medallion and a certificate recognizing his or her accomplishments.

Tyson Swanner--Texas North State Championship Gymnastics



Tyson Swanner competed at the Texas North State Championship gymnastic competition this past weekend. At this state meet, Tyson competed in both tumbling and trampoline and received 2nd Place in each event. The meet was held in Brownwood and there were 17 teams represented, totalling over 300 athletes in all.

Tyson has also qualified to compete at the USAG Tumbling and Trampoline Nationals meet to be held in San Antonio during the second week in June. At this meet, he will compete against other athletes from the entire United States. Tyson has been competing for 3 years and has received twenty-five (25) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals.

He is the 10 year old son of Tim and Becky Swanner.

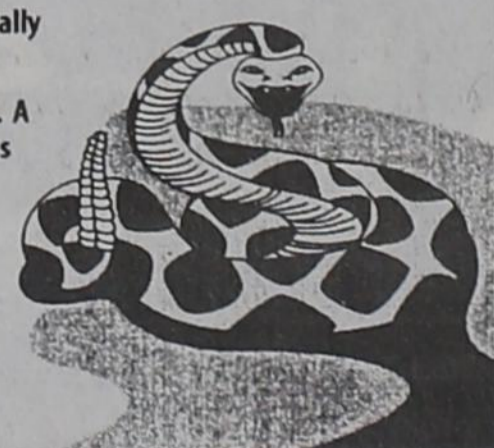
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- Walk heavily; snakes may sense ground vibrations and slither away before you approach them.
• Wear boots and long pants outdoors, especially when walking in tall grass.
• Do not handle snakes, even if they are dead. A reflex strike from a dead snake can be just as dangerous as a bite by a live one.
• Do not thrust hands or feet into dark areas or areas where snakes may be resting --under rocks, woodpiles, logs or brush.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us), the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and www.gorp.com.

Pause To Think

As humans, we face the challenge of allowing God full authority in our lives. This includes not putting parameters on God's ability to work in and through us. We possess a natural instinct that causes us to feel that we must be in control all the time. When we lose or feel that we have lost control, it makes us very uncomfortable. However, when one trusts God completely they must surrender control to him. The only thing that we need to control is our flesh and its desire for carnality, because that combination will only produce sin in our lives.

In order for us to be truly effective in this matter, there must be a place in our lives where we begin to grow spiritually. However, we will only become spiritually stagnant if we campout at the starting line. We must continue to flow toward spiritual perfection.

Let us examine a passage of scripture that we discussed in earlier editions. In Hebrews 6.1-2, Paul exhorting us to leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ and go on to perfection. Please note that Paul was not suggesting that we abandon or do away with the principles of the doctrine of Christ, but leave from there. I like to think of these as a launching pad. It has been said that space is mankind's last frontier. Therefore, a launching pad was erected years ago at Cape Canaveral and we have been launching rockets into that frontier for 40 years now. The principles of the doctrine of Christ are our launching pad into and toward spiritual perfection.

Therefore, the things we must possess before we can grow and become mature spiritually, are the following six things.

- 1. The doctrine of repentance from dead works
2. The doctrine of faith toward God
3. The doctrine of baptisms (please note the plurality)
4. The doctrine of the laying on of hands
5. The doctrine of the resurrection of the dead
6. The doctrine of eternal judgement

We will begin next week with repentance from dead works and go through each of these one at a time. Once we have believed, received and incorporated these into our lives, we can then begin to grow toward the ultimate of what Christ has designed to produce in each of us.

More next week. Address comments or questions to: John Howard, Jr. jthjr77@txol.net PO Box 399 Gorman, Texas 76454

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DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona monthly musical will be on Saturday, April 28 at the Community Center. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. with good sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Make plans to attend for an enjoyable evening.

Clint Hanson of Kilgore visited over the past weekend with friends and relatives in this area. He attended school in Desdemona and attends the annual Homecoming and School Reunion each year, which is held on the second Saturday of August.

Bernard Keith was in Abilene last Thursday for a checkup with his heart doctor and he received a good report. Now it is time for him to get some fishing done.

Friends of James Ryon gave him a surprise birthday last week at the local Country Corner. Cake was served to everyone who attended.

Dan Collum of Florida and his musical group will perform at the Baptist Annex on Saturday, April 28 starting at 6:00 p.m. Dan is the son of Bill and Helen Collum.

Bro. Dewayne Brawner will be the guest speaker for a revival April 29 through May 1 in Mineral Wells at the First Souther Baptist Church. Visitors are welcome.

Dorothy Tidwell is having serious health problems and will have surgery on Tuesday. Our prayers are with her during this time.

Howard Cemetery, located north of Desdemona, will have their annual meeting on Saturday, April 28. Covered dish luncheon will be served at noon following a short business meeting. Visitors are welcome.

Woodie Powell of DeLeon (former resident of Desdemona where he attended school) is reported to be doing real good since his heart bypass surgery two months ago.

De and Vicki Robinett of DeLeon and Nikki Febinger of Stephenville flew to California over the past weekend to attend the wedding of their son and brother, Derek Robinett. His grandparents are Elsie Robinett of DeLeon, Bernard and Ann Keith of Desdemona. This couple will live in California where he is serving in the Marines.

Fox Family Reunion was held last Saturday, April 21 at the Desdemona Community Center.

"Hello" to Evelyn Hammond in Brownwood. She is a former resident of Desdemona and still calls this her "home".

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

The revival at the Kokomo Baptist church began on Sunday morning with Bro. Rex Boggs, pastor of the Gunsight Baptist Church as the evangelist and Daryl Hirst, Ruby Lee Kinser and Glynda Bond as the music team. The special music on Sunday morning was rendered by the Continental 2. Special music on Sunday night was rendered by Brenda Thomas, Debbie Barton, Sandy Gaines and Cindy Webb of Cisco. Our hearts have truly been blessed by the wonderful messages from God's word and the beautiful music. There will be special music each night as well as the congregational singing.

A covered dish lunch was enjoyed as we fellowshiped around the table following the morning service. The revival services will continue through Wednesday night. Visitors are always welcome. Bro. Boggs' wife, Connie, accompanied him to the services and there were several visitors on Sunday night. We trust they received a blessing for coming to worship with us. I won't attempt to name all the visitors for I might miss someone and I sure wouldn't want to do that.

The Annual Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association meeting will be on Saturday, May 5th. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The Sunday evening services at the Kokomo Baptist church will be dismissed on Sunday, April 29 so the members can attend the Fifth Sunday Singing at the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

Joe and Glynda Bond spent the Easter weekend in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. James Bond. Others joining them there for a visit were their sons, Shannon and Stephanie Bond of Tyler, and Brian Bond of Frisco, and also Eloise Shock and Mell Bond of Bullard, Lynn and Shirley Bond of Richardson, Lynn and Doug Cobb and children of Plano and Sue and Choc Christopher and children of Plano.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. J.F. Guy who passed away on Thursday. She was buried in the Bear Springs Cemetery on Saturday.

Visitors with Hazel and La Von Snider were Ted and Charlotte Snider, Gene and Kay Snider, Danny, Dianne and Sandra Snider, Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, Sheri Snider of Lubbock, Bro. Clarence Wilson, Nancy Hendricks, Sylvia Buchanan, Oren and Norma Webb and Susan, Kinsey, Caitlin and Kyanne Wheat of Ranger. Mrs. Snider spent several days in the hospital recently, but we are happy to report that she is home and feeling better.

Fred and Delores Walker of Whitehouse visited during the weekend with Vernon, Deon and Lindell Fields. Joe Fields of Carbon also visited with them.

Helen Browning and Kay Snider visited in Graham on Sunday afternoon with Gary and Rebecca Browning and attended the baby shower in their honor.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Troy Scitern, Johnny Scitern and Ruth Bryant.

Glenda Black of Abilene spent the weekend with her mother, Zelda Jordan. Others visiting with Zelda were Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon, Ken and Mary Nell Rogers and Shorty Treadway of Eastland.

Sibley Bill Speeds Advanced Telecom Access To Rural Areas, Cuts Texans Phone Bills

Legislation to spread high-speed Internet access and other advanced telecommunications services to rural areas, while at the same time lowering all Texans' telephone bills, was filed late Wednesday by State Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

"Rural areas have their cyberfuture in their own hands under Senate Bill 1783," Sibley said. "No longer will the expansion of advanced services, such as high-speed Internet access, into rural areas be the decision of a telecommunications provider, which may not consider it a cost effective business decision." Sibley unveiled SB 1783, his rural telecommunications initiative, at a Capitol press conference on Thursday. Thirteen senators have signed on to the bill as co-authors.

Under the bill, a rural community could obtain advanced telecommunications services by providing the Public Utility Commission with bona fide requests from 50 individuals. Those requests are then posted on the PUC's website. Any telecommunications provider can bid to provide the service. The community can help attract a provider by using financing from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund, Community Development Block Grants or other economic development tools.

If a provider has not been secured 120 days after the PUC posting, the local exchange company must provide the advanced service or enter into a partnership to provide the service within nine months.

The bill also outlines alternatives for providing advanced services to a community of less than 20,000 population that is unable to accumulate 50 bona fide requests for advanced services (a "market failure"), or to a community with fewer than 2,000 residents.

In addition, SB 1783 will reduce consumers' telephone bills by slashing in half the 1.25 percent tax assessed on local, long distance and wireless calls mandated by the Legislature in 1995. That legislation, House Bill 2128, created the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF), which was designed to generate \$1.5 billion over 10 years to bring advanced technology to public schools, hospitals and libraries through grants and loans.

To date, Texans have paid almost \$760 million into the TIF through the 1.25 percent assessment.

"The TIF assessment has resulted in technology grants to public schools of more than \$426 million, and disbursements to other qualified entities of more than \$195 million," said Sibley, sponsor of the bill that created the Fund in 1995. "This has helped prepare Texans, especially schoolchildren, to compete in today's high-tech economy."

"SB 1783 is not expected to harm the TIF or its valuable mission. While SB 1783 cuts the TIF assessment, it also extends the life of the Fund by five years, to 2010. In addition, because the Fund currently has an unspent balance of more than \$200 million, grants and loans to public schools, hospitals and libraries should not be reduced."

Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

April 23, 2001

Hi Folks,
I hope that each of you are doing well. We are doing fine at Heritage Manor and staying very busy. The weather has been much better, but the wind has been something else. It seems more like March than April. Our residents really enjoyed the Easter holiday and had a visit from the Easter bunny on Friday before Easter. Many thanks to Ina for her efforts and the time that she devotes to our residents. I hope that each of you had a pleasant Easter as well, and come visit us soon at the nursing home.

Sincerely,
Brent

Birthday Party

On Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. was the April Birthday Party when Ava Rodgers and Ola Walker were the honorees.

Mrs. Ruth Campbell came played the electric organ and led singing. She led the birthday song honoring Ava and Ola. Ava's daughter, Deanna Chupp was present to help her mother celebrate. The First United Methodist Church gave beautiful corsages. They received other gifts.

The Easter Bunny came and served cookies and diet cokes.

Present were the honorees Ava Rodgers and Ola Walker; also Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Patti Whitehorn, Margaret Helms, Mary Williams, Modess Self, Muriel Prewitt. Guests were Ruth Campbell, Ruth Bryant, Deanna Chupp, Kay Watson, and Nancy Hendricks.

Earlier there had been a resident Easter egg hunt. Residents were asked to check their paper eggs for a silver star, S.D. Gilmore was the lucky winner of the Easter rabbit.

Visiting Ollie Halcomb and Dorothy Beaty were Juanita Spence and Nita Jane Cardinal of Little Elm, Howard and Pat Hagood, David Halcomb, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables.

On Friday, Ina had Bingo for Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Patti Whitehorn, A.V. Seay, Ava Rodgers, and Inez Rogers.

On Sunday morning, Ennis Joiner and Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for Cynthia Earles, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Bruce Hirst, S.D. Gilmore, Dorothy Beaty, Frankie Jarrett, Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, Modess Self, James Griffin, Patti Whitehorn, Ola Walker and Margaret Helms, and guests Lavoyce Hirst and Nina Joiner.

Some of Joan Butler's guests were Tina O'Donnell of Odessa, Marie Butler of Lubbock, Joy (Hampton) Grimm of Arlington, Patti Hirst Wade of Dublin, Lora Fay Warren, Faye Johnson, Daisy Slaton, Durwood Webb, Howard and Pat Hagood, Anna Lee Roberts, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Nancy Hendricks, Vera Joiner, Eunice Love.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the First United Methodist Church were Joe and Kathy Williams, Howard and Pat Hagood. Residents were S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay and Inez Rogers.

Visiting Bruce Hirst and (Lavoyce) were Linda Waller of DeLeon, Patti Wade of Dublin, Richard and Connie Watson, Fred and Mary McMullen of Melrose, NM, Mary Williams, Irene West, Daisy Slaton, Durwood Webb, Fay Johnson, Joan Butler, Daryl Hirst, Nancy Hendricks, Vera Joiner, Richard Kinser, and Eunice Love.

Some of Ava Rodgers guests were Benny and Deanna Chupp of Houston, Jimmy and Wilda Rodgers of Midlothian, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Tootie Campbell, Patsy Clark of Comfort, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables, Ken and Betty Heathington.

Some of Irene Heathington guests were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Bobby and Jean Burns of Fort Worth, Laneta and Dave Freeman, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Visiting Buddy Winn and Ed Johnson were Bro. Bill and Tootie Campbell, Harvey Winn of Carbon, Fay Johnson, Dale Johnson, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Clifton and Frankie Jarrett were Patsy Clark of Comfort, Trevor, Melissa and Jarrett Robertson of Kerrville, Donnie Mathison of Carbon, Kay Watson, Mark Watson, Bill Johnson, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Pat and Howard Hagood.

On Thursday Ina Smith had bingo for Ava Rodgers, Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Modess Self, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore and Robin Taylor.

Some of Hallie Clark's visitors were Jo Ann Fraley, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Muriel Prewitt were Durwood Webb, Amy Fraley, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Thursday afternoon Ina Smith had an ice cream party for A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, S.D. Gilmore and Dorothy Beaty.

Some of Jolene (Eison) Gilliland guests were Joel and Carol Looney of Arlington, Jack and Mary Eison of Bridgeport, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson, Nancy Hendricks, Barbara Smith, Wynogene Smith, Ken and Betty Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Fay and Denzel Ables, Joy Rogers, Phil, Melissa and McKinsey Osborne. Irene West, Kay Henry, Robbie, Lori and Kacey Dodd, Durwood Webb, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Siegel Guy Passes Away

Siegel Guy age 90, passed away Thursday, April 19, 2001 at DeLeon Hospital. Services were Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel. Richard Watson officiated. Burial was in Bear Spring Cemetery.

The widow of J.F. Guy, a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors are 2 sons, Don Guy of Austin, James Guy of Andrews, two sisters Lora Faye Warren of Gorman, Alene Bowen of DeLeon. Eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visiting Sara Rogers and A.V. Seay were George Rodgers, Frank and Ella Reeves of Irving, Howard and Pat Hagood, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Wilson of Granbury, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Mr. and Mrs. Fannin.

On Monday morning, Ina Smith had bingo for Modess Self, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Robin Taylor, Mildred Bellows, Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett.

Some of Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison guests were Ima Boles of Clyde, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Fred and Joy Rogers, Chessley Atchison, Bobby Little.

Visiting Veno Hale and Ola Walker were Ima Boles of Clyde, Bobby Little, Ruth Bryant, Howard and Pat Hagood, Tootie Campbell, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Monday those coming for singing were Ernestine Campbell, Ethel Weaver, Marjorie Treadway, Ruth Bryant, Daisy Slaton, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Lavoyce Hirst and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were A.V. Seay, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Ava Rodgers, Modess Self, Patti Whitehorn, Aubrey Griffin, Mildred Bellows, Bruce Hirst, Inez Rogers, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb.

Visiting Cynthia Earles and Modess Self were Vera Joiner, Daisy Slaton, V.O. Huff, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Howard and Pat Hagood, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Bobby and Jean Burns of Ft. Worth.

Visiting Mary Williams were Patti Wade of Dublin, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Irene West, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Peggy Brooks of Merkel, George and Howard Iley of Desdemona, Richard Kinser, Bill and Tootie Campbell.

Daisy Slaton visited Aubrey and Louise Griffin. Also visiting them were Pat and Howard Hagood, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric organ and led singing for Veno Hale, Irene Heathington, Ava Rodgers, Ora Mae Atchison, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Modess Self, and Mildred Bellows.

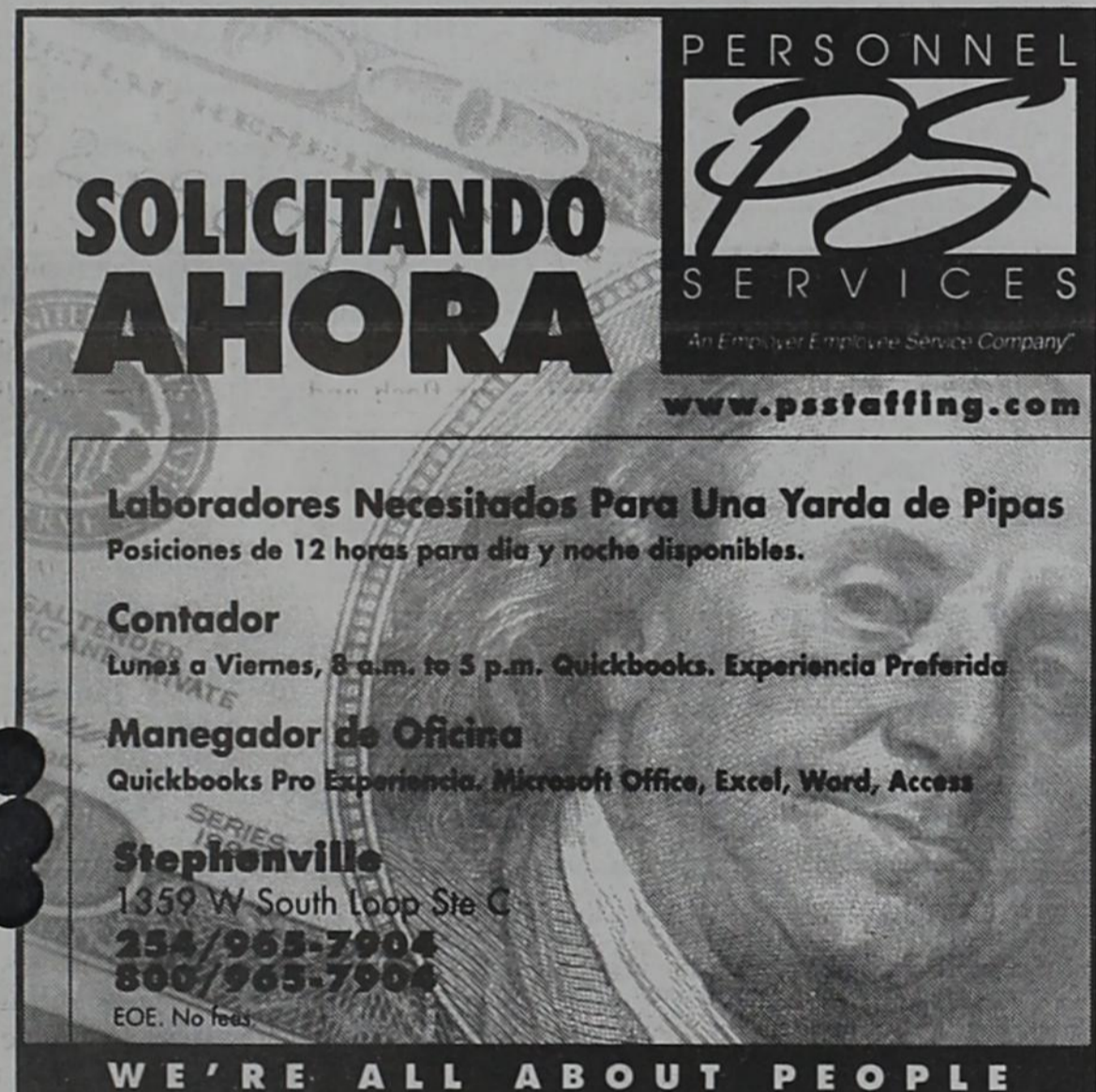
Patti Whitehorn has Easter Outing

Patti Whitehorn joined her husband Rev. T.D. Whitehorn on Sunday for an Easter trip to their son and daughter-in-law's, Dr. Mike and Marsha Whitehorn in Abilene. Others present were Chris Whitehorn of Dallas, Heidi Forbes of Virginia Beach, VA, James Jesse of Eastland, Mary Estes and Sylvia Estes of Carbon. Visiting Patti at other times were Marie Cook of Carbon, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore were Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Wesley Warren, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Ken and Betty Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman.

On Tuesday afternoon, Ina Smith pitched ball for the baseball game. The Reds were A.V. Seay and Clifton Jarrett. The Whites were Inez Rogers and Ollie Halcomb. The Reds won.

Visiting Mildred Bellows were Darrell and Pat Graham, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Nancy Hendricks, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables.



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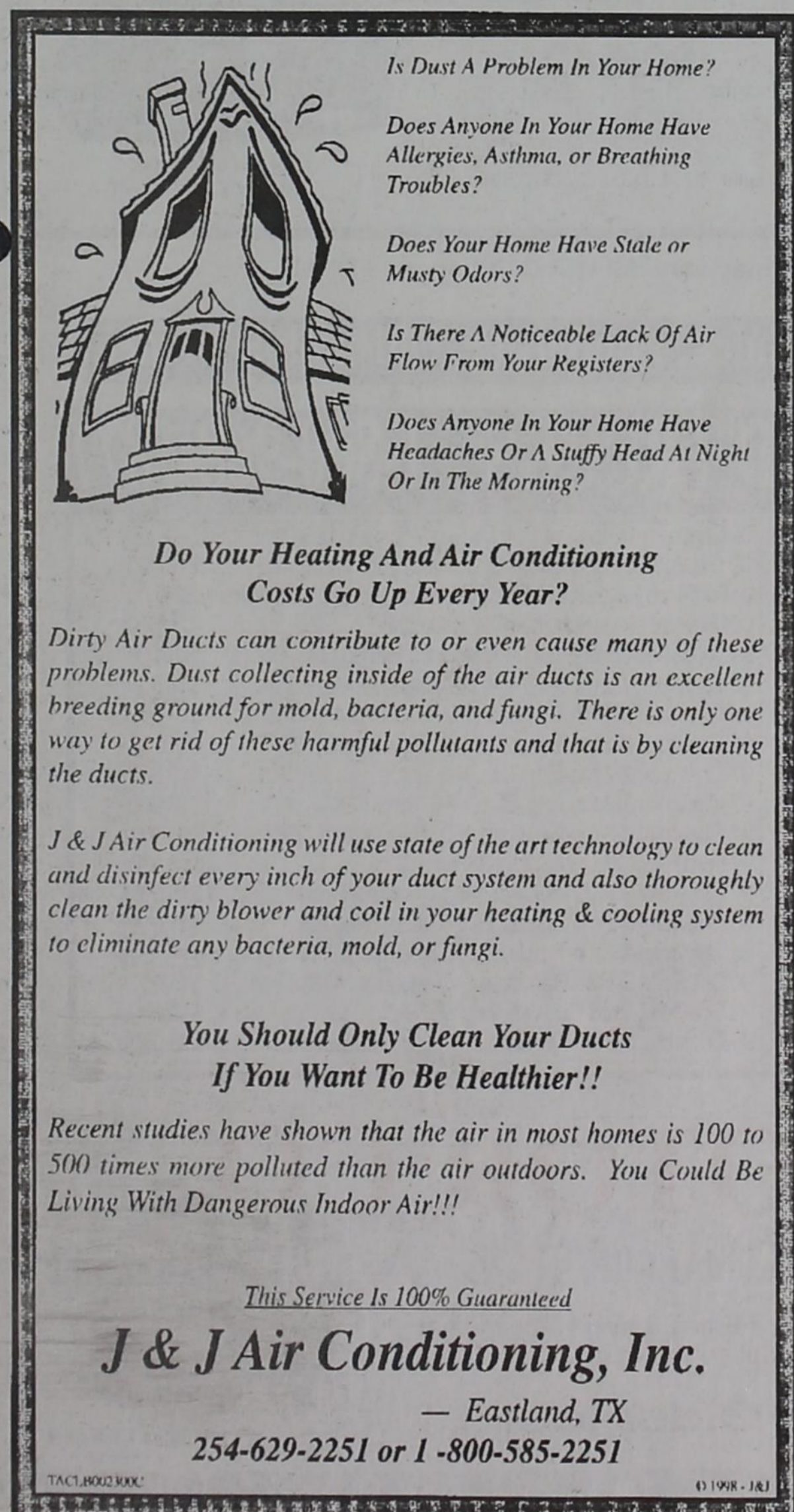
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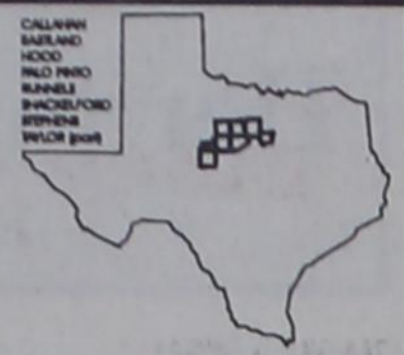
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The 77th Texas Legislature is calling for a simplification of the application process for children's Medicaid. Simplification is a victory for rural Texas because we can use additional federal funds to slow the cost-shift to our local taxpayers. Also, every \$1.00 spent on health care in a rural community generates an additional \$1.50 of economic activity in that community.

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ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS ON MILITARY READINESS

On March 19 the U.S. Army was forced to drastically curtail training for 65,000 soldiers in Germany for fear that their boots and equipment could spread the highly contagious hoof-and-mouth disease virus that is afflicting livestock in Europe. This will, without doubt, affect their combat readiness, and as a result, America and the world's bottom-line security.

In recent years, protesters have curtailed U.S. military training at ranges in Okinawa, Korea and Puerto Rico. With these and similar training restrictions being imposed on American troops stationed abroad, Congress may want to debate whether it makes better sense to concentrate on expanding and improving U.S.-based facilities to ensure training is conducted in our country under our total control.

As surely as Texas bluebonnets bloom in spring, the convening of a new Congress has brought calls for another round of study and debate over possible military base closures to "reduce costs" and "shape the military more efficiently." Once again, the assumption is that closing military bases on American soil is, inevitably, the only way to "reduce costs" and make the military more efficient. I'm not so sure, and these new training restrictions imposed in Europe have again cast into doubt the wisdom of prematurely closing more domestic military bases.

Before such a process even begins, Congress needs to take a closer look at several factors: 1) How should our armed forces be structured in order to reverse the decline in American military readiness we've witnessed over the past seven years and keep America the preeminent global military power? 2) How can we best avoid the missteps of the last round of base closures? The fate of Reese Air Force Base in Texas is an excellent example of a plan that looked good on paper but turned out badly. Reese was one of the Air Force's premier sites for entry-level pilot training, but an Air Force analyst decided there were adequate training facilities available elsewhere and Reese should be closed. Today the Air Force is experiencing a serious shortfall in training spaces for new pilots and is desperately trying to reestablish training sites on other bases. Everyone involved agrees that Reese never should have been closed. Or take a look at Fort Hood, downsized to just one division in 1990 at a cost of great disruption to the community. Just a little over a year later, the decision was made to bring a division back. Now Fort Hood has two active divisions and a Corps Headquarters - and is recognized as the Army's premier post. How was such a miscalculation made and how do we prevent one from being made again? Closing bases will save money only if we can be absolutely certain we will never need those bases in the future. 3) "Reducing costs" isn't a foregone conclusion. Recent rounds of the base closure and realignment process turn out to have grossly exaggerated the amount of money closures would save. To clean up abandoned bases — so they can be returned to civilian use — turns out to be vastly more expensive than anyone anticipated, and those bills come due immediately. 4) We have to be willing to learn from past mistakes. Having watched the base realignment process from my Senate position since 1993, I can bear witness that parochial political considerations came into play early and never left the field, despite assertions that decisions were being made in a politics-free arena. I am not convinced Congress should again delegate the responsibility for the fate of military bases to a commission that brings its own inherent political considerations to the table.

It is essential that we first determine whether the current mix of military facilities and infrastructure on American soil and overseas serves our needs as well as it could. The United States maintains more than 74 installations outside our borders, with nearly 213,000 personnel permanently stationed in 140 countries. These commitments have absorbed funding that in some cases may have been better used to maintain or improve our critical domestic base infrastructure and training capabilities. We need to take a closer look at the military construction projects we have undertaken abroad, which last year totaled nearly half a billion dollars, to determine if this is the most efficient use of our defense expenditures and if it is the best way to meet our national security objectives. As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Military Construction Subcommittee, I intend to hold hearings to determine what our future force structure should look like and what their mission requirements might be. Our first priority must be to ensure our military forces continue to have the training and logistical support they need to carry out the tasks we assign them. It is essential that we make these determinations first, before other decisions are contemplated. I have not entirely ruled out the idea of another base closure and realignment commission in the future, but I will not support one until all the right questions have been answered.

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