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## Burn Ban is Back in County ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the incorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 204.906, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for (1) fire fighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 204.906(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 8th day of December 2003 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

/s/ Brad Stephenson, County Judge

## Jr. High One Act Play Students Perform Aesop's Fables At Miles High School



Junior High students performed in Aesop's Fables at Miles High School Thursday, December 11, 2003. All Star Cast members were Megan Lewis, aka-Wilfred M. Wolf and Brandy Carlton, aka-Amelia Eagle. Honorable Mention All Star cast members were Audrey Johnston, aka-Clarissa Crow and Tecia Jones, aka-Matilda Mouse. Other members of the cast were Eighth Graders: Clarissa Glasson, aka-Jack-in-the-Box, Aaron Keith, aka-Horace Hare, Nicole Cogburn, aka-Miss Ant and Sophie Sheep, Corey Clark, aka-Mr. Grass Hopper, Mary Powell, aka-Mod Mouse, Katie Deel, aka Sadie Sheep, and Reba Granado, aka-Shirley Sheep. Seventh Graders in the play were Miles Vann, aka Thadius T. Tortoise, Emily Lewis, aka-Miss Stork, Matthew Cogburn, aka-the Boy, and Marcie Gonzalez, aka-Cecelia Sheep. Congratulations on all your successes!

Friends of Don and Dolores Underwood are hosting a "Come and Go" Housewarming in their honor at 618 S. Pershing St. 7:00 - 9:00 PM Saturday, December 20 Friends and neighbors: Come and let's welcome them back to Gorman. Your presence is your gift!

## Firstfruits Christian Fellowship Takes Teams to India

A group from Firstfruits Christian Fellowship in Gorman flew to India December 11. Pastor Dane Gressett, Clay Wheat, Ana Saucedo, Stephanie Clinton, and Dominic Lane are serving on the ministry team. Pastor Gressett has been to India over 20 times and is very excited about this particular trip and the team members who are participating. The team will be ministering to local pastors, women, and children in an orphanage.

Local Tarleton State University student Ana Saucedo was glad to be finishing finals just two days before leaving on the trip. She said that she has wanted to go to India for years and has been looking forward to this great opportunity.

The team, which raised its own travel support for this ten day trip, will be returning on December 21. The pastor will stay an additional three days to speak in a training conference for pastors in a different location within India.

Firstfruits Christian Fellowship has been supporting native ministries in developing nations for several years, and this trip is part of their ongoing commitment to seeing life-giving churches raised up in overlooked areas of the world. You can read more about Firstfruits' commitment to missions by logging on to [www.fcf-gorman.org](http://www.fcf-gorman.org).

## Gorman Lions Club Blood Drive Slated December 23rd

The Gorman Lions will sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, December 23. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the City Park from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. "We are urging those who are blessed with good health to donate blood to come out and give the gift of life to someone this holiday season. Our mission is to ensure blood availability to our hospitals during the Christmas weekend," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter.

Meek Blood Center has implemented a new blood collection system that allows donors to give two units of red cells instead of one from a single donation. Persons who qualify can donate on a new ALYX automated blood collection system. Currently, red cells are primarily collected through manual whole blood donations. In this approach, the whole blood is divided manually into therapeutic components—platelets, plasma and red blood cells—after it has been collected from a donor. Manual donations produce a single transfusion dose of red blood cells. With the ALYX system, only red blood cells are collected, returning the platelets and plasma back to the donor. This process allows two transfusion doses of red cells to be collected from a single donation. "We have had very good feedback from our donors who have given blood on ALYX," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "The donation only takes 10 minutes more on average and uses a smaller needle. We feel that this is going to help alleviate critical blood shortages in the future. This technology is geared to those who give blood two to four times a year. We will still be doing the manual blood donations as well, and each and every donor is appreciated, for they are the true heroes of the community." Red blood cells represent the blood component in greatest demand. Transfusion patients in need of red cells include people undergoing critical surgeries, severe accident victims, cancer patients, and premature babies. Qualifications for donation on the ALYX system are as follows: men must be at least 5'11" and weight 130 pounds or more. A woman must be at least 5'5" and weight 155 pounds or more. Both must have a hemoglobin level of at least 13.3.

Each donor will receive a "Texas Blood Donor" T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol reading. Cholesterol results may be obtained two days after the blood drive by calling 325-670-2799.

## Lady Cubs Basketball News

On Monday, December the 8th, both 7th and 8th grade Lady Cubs teams traveled to Albany. Gorman took an early lead in the first quarter of the ball game and continued to dominate throughout most of the game. However late in the fourth quarter of play Albany rallied and scored several quick baskets off their press. The game ended 21 to 19 in favor of Gorman. This 7th grade group is now 4-0 on the 2003-2004 season. All these young athletes continue to give much participation and good work ethic. They are: Audrey Johnston, Olivia Jackson, Lindsey Laminack, Valerie Longoria, Elizabeth Borrego, Emily Lewis, Marcy Gonzalez, and Dezi Murphy.

The 8th grade game began as the Lady Cubs were on fire defensively and offensively against a tall and well rounded Albany team. At the end of the first quarter with the help of a good press, the Lady Cubs scored 7 against Albany's seemingly weak defense. Then at the beginning of the 2nd quarter the Lady Lions put on a press of their own. They stole several quick opportunities and scored 8 fast points to go ahead of the Lady Cubs. Gorman ended the game with a loss, but all the girls played their hearts out. Reba Granado, Tecia Jones, Clarissa Glasson, Nicole Cogburn, Esther Cruz, Katie Deel, Ashley Gonzales, Shanna Hair, Brandy Carlton, Megan Lewis, and Kellie Moss played in Monday night's game. Kendra Lewis went along as the team's manager. The 8th grade girls go to 2-2 on the 2003-2004 season.

Thanks for supporting your Lady Cubs and we hope that everyone has a wonderful and joyful holiday season. by Coach Sowell

## GLRA Drawing Winners

The winner of the \$250 Wal-Mart Gift Card is Rosalie Johnston from Eastland, Texas. The winner of the \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Card for selling the most tickets is Nathan Ettinger. Congratulations to both winners!

Thank you for your continued support of the Gorman Livestock Raisers Association.

## Gorman Senior Travel Club

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts again in the first part of February.

## Gorman Local Livestock Show Schedule

Shawn Boles..... Show Director/Ag Science Teacher  
Bo Caraway ..... Show Director/Ag Science Teacher  
Pete McDougal ..... Judge/Ag Science Teacher  
Comanche High School

9:00	<b>SHEEP DIVISION</b>
	Light Medium Heavy Grand / Reserve Champion Showmanship - Sr., Jr., Pee Wee
9:30	<b>GOAT DIVISION</b>
	Light Weight Medium Weight Heavy Weight Grand / Reserve Champion Showmanship - Sr., Jr., Pee Wee
10:30	<b>BREEDING GILTS DIVISION</b>
	Berkshires Chesters Durocs Hampshires Landrace Polands Spots Yorkshires Crosses Grand / Reserve Champion Showmanship - Sr., Jr., Pee Wee
12:15	<b>MARKET PIG DIVISION</b>
	Chesters Durocs Hampshires Landrace Polands Spots Yorkshires Crosses Grand / Reserve Champion Showmanship - Sr., Jr., Pee Wee

The Gorman Livestock Show will be held January 3, 2004 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The show will be held at the Gorman Ag Science building. We would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to come watch and support our local youth as they gear up for the stockshow season. A concession stand will be open throughout the day. Proceeds from the concession will go towards the purchase of livestock animals at the Eastland County Livestock show in February. If you have any questions or would like more information about our local show please feel free to call Mr. Boles at 734-2505.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast** - Third Wednesday each month at 7:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. Various community Men's Groups will be hosting the breakfast.

**4-H** - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

**Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M.** Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Daryl Hirst, Master — Bob Wilkerson, Secretary.

**LIBRARY** — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

## FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
Second Thursday

**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 Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

**Oakland Cemetery Association** is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

**DANCE** — There is a Senior Citizens Dance every Monday night. Music by *The Outcast Band* featuring Gene Williams and C. B. Sutton. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 - De Leon City Hall.

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

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**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 Aline Garrett, P.O. Box 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, 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 - JANUARY 21ST FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Please Take A Name And Purchase A Gift For A Heritage Manor Resident, Return The Gift In A Giftbag To American State Bank. The Gorman 4-H Club Will Deliver The Gifts On Christmas Eve. Thank You - Merry Christmas



# Gorman EDC Update

Just a quick note here this week. Wireless internet services are up and available. Interested individuals may contact Comanche County Telephone Company at 893-2003 or TXOL in Eastland at 254-629-3278. Either of these companies can provide the high speed wireless internet services to the Gorman area.

Happy Holidays in a High-Speed way!

# Obituary

## Bobby Carl Simpson

Bobby Carl Simpson, 73, of DeLeon passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 in an Abilene hospital. Services were Saturday, December 13th at the DeLeon First United Methodist Church with Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating. Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery. Mr. Simpson was born on May 7, 1930 in Comanche County to the late Carl Earl Simpson and Ruby Pearl Smith Simpson. He married Janice Parker on February 3, 1950 in Comanche. He was the owner of Dabney Hardware store in DeLeon; grew up in DeLeon and moved to Vernon in 1956 where he worked as a parts Manager at the Chevrolet dealership; moved back to DeLeon from Vernon in August 1971 where he became owner of Dabney Hardware. He was a member of the DeLeon First United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife Janice of DeLeon; one son, Bobby Charles Simpson of Cogan Station, PA; two daughters, Joni Simpson of Bellingham, WA and Jana Simpson of Little Rock, AK; one brother, Charles Simpson of Seguin and one grandson, Bobby James Simpson of Oklahoma City, OK. Preceded by parents and one brother, John Ed Simpson.

# EDC MINUTES

October 13, 2003

The Gorman EDC held its monthly board meeting on Monday October 13, 2003. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Bill Mears. Present were board members Mark Simmons, Kim Sharp, Robert Ervin, Becky Laminack, Judy Warren, Bill Mears, and EDC Director Lori Dodd. Also attending the meeting was Gorman resident Katherine Eaves, along with over 20 interested community members.

Secretary Kim Sharp read the EDC minutes. Judy Warren made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Robert Ervin. A motion was made to approve the bills by Judy Warren, & seconded by Becky Laminack.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m., in order to hold a meeting with the citizens, and city officials of Gorman, to discuss the new "possibilities" for Gorman.

November 10, 2003

Meeting called to order at 5:50 pm by Vice President Judy Warren. Board members present were Robert Ervin, Mark Simmons, Becky Laminack, and Judy Warren. Also present was Director Lori Dodd and visitor Catherine Eaves.

Secretary Kim Sharp was unable to attend the meeting; there were no October minutes to read/approve.

Robert Ervin made a motion to approve the bills, second was Mark Simmons. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Robert Ervin made the motion to approve Joey Casey to replace Riley Curb on the EDC board, second by Becky Laminack. Motion carried 4-0.

Under old business, The Board discussed having another community-based strategic planning session. It will be scheduled for November 17 at 6 pm, sandwiches will be provided.

There was discussion about Gorman participating in the Eastland county "Wheels" project of 2004. No decision was made as to what event Gorman would sponsor, but it was agreed we should participate.

Write-up and photographs for the Texas Midwest Guide has been completed. It goes to press in early December and should be available for distribution by Christmas.

The EDC submitted an award on behalf of Heritage Manor to the West Central Texas Workforce Center's "Salute to the Texas Workforce". Heritage Manor will be recognized as an award winner with a special presentation on December 17 in Abilene.

Lori will apply for the WCTCOG grant that will supplant the salary of a Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Gorman. Grant becomes available November 28.

CN2 Update—Public access sites now up and running are located in the Charlie Garrett Memorial Library, Gorman Housing Authority (old hotel), Heritage Manor, and inside the Community Center. These computers are hooked up to the wireless internet and access to printers is also available. Carbon and Desdemona are scheduled to be installed in the next few weeks.

# Gutierrez Inducted Into Tarleton's Alpha Chi

Jackie Gutierrez, a Tarleton State University student from Gorman, was inducted into Tarleton's Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national collegiate honor society.

Gutierrez is an English major at the University.

There were 81 Tarleton students inducted into Alpha Chi during the fall 2003 semester.

Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to members of the junior and senior classes who excel academically. Grade point averages must be 3.60 or better. The objectives of the honor society are to promote and to recognize superior scholarship and those elements of character that make for effective service.

The Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter at Tarleton was established in the fall of 1968. There are seven regions across the country and Tarleton's chapter is a member of Region I which includes parts of Texas and New Mexico.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Howard Kile, Susan Joyce Langley Thorne, Sharon Langley Baker, Sherry May, Ricky Wortham, Joe F. Scott, Mary Ann Greer, Robert E. Anderson, and each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and/or assigns of the said Howard Kile, Susan Joyce Langley Thorne, Sharon Langley Baker, Sherry May, Ricky Wortham, Joe F. Scott, Mary Ann Greer, and Robert E. Anderson, Grantee.

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91<sup>st</sup> District Court of Eastland County at the Courthouse thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2004, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003, in this cause, numbered CV-03-39474 on the docket of said court and styled W.G. Arnot, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. Howard Kile, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petition for appointment of receiver under Article 64.091, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to execute an oil and gas lease on the oil and gas and mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following described land:

160 acres, more or less, being the SE 1/4, Sec. 4, Block 2, BBB&C Ry Co. Survey, Abstract No. 994, Eastland County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT from the surface of said land down to a depth of 550 feet.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

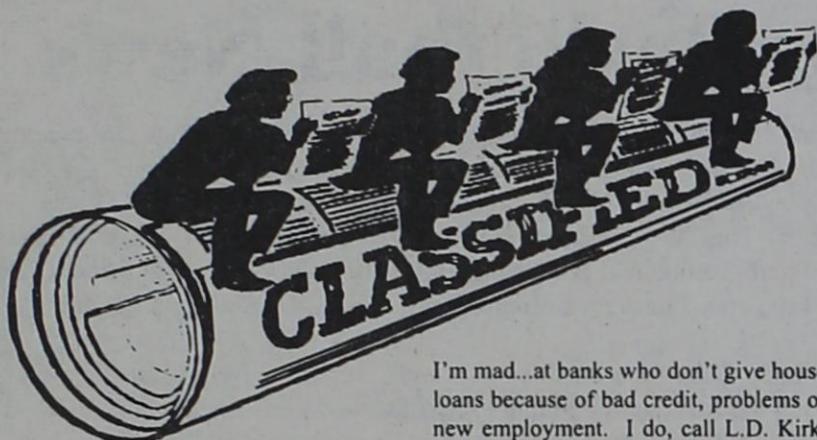
Witness, *April M. Perry*, Clerk of the 91<sup>st</sup> District Court of Eastland County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2003.



*April M. Perry* Clerk, 91<sup>st</sup> District Court, Eastland County, Texas  
By *April M. Perry* Deputy

4-12-18



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FOR SALE: The Desdemona Cemetery is seeking bids for the sale and removal of 800 feet of cyclone fence around the cemetery. Fence is in good condition. Make offers to 254-647-1020. 2-12-18-C

For Sale: Office building and corner lot next to Post Office in Gorman. Call 254-734-2755.

Three Family Garage Sale: Odene Savage, Hwy. 6, Fri. and Sat. Lots of jeans, boys clothes 18 mo-2 yr, love seat & couch, kitchen table & chairs, small kitchen appliances, linens, baby things, and lots of misc. 1-12-18-C

## 7 Days Till Christmas

## Desdemona First Baptist Church

### Live Nativity Scene

Dec. 18 - 19

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

### Candlelight Services

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NEW: 19 A, 3/4 mile Cooperas Creek front, 1000 sq ft underground home, electricity, well & septic. Great fish and wildlife place. \$37,500  
NEW LISTING: 37 A. N/W of De Leon, good sandy land, app. 5A coastal, stock pond, 3 water wells, pavement access, great building place. \$1,250 per A.  
NEW: 47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A coastal, 20 A. cultivated, 2 ponds, barn / pens, good deer area, \$1,050 acre.  
NEW: 48A. west of Sipe Springs, wooded creek, travel trailer, electricity and coop water, great hunting. \$1,250 acre.  
NEW: 193 A. Oakland Cemetery, 140 a. cult, 50 a wooded, ponds, fenced, great hunting / cattle place. Smaller tracts available. \$710 acre.  
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# Desdemona News By Vonnie Guthery

"Birthday Card Shower" for our friend, Roy Lee Whitlock on Saturday, December 20th. Roy would really enjoy hearing from friends in this area to help celebrate his '66' birthday. Address is Heritage Manor Home, Gorman, Texas 76454.

Roy and Angela Powledge of Cisco hosted a birthday party for their son, Colin to celebrate his 8th birthday on Saturday, December 13th at the Eastland Skating Rink. Those attending were his sister, Kaley and brother Lane of Cisco, Wayne and Karen Eaves, Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Lorin Eaves, Holly Guthery all of Desdemona. Colin attends school in Eastland and several of his classmates attended the skating party.

This reporter received a Christmas card and note from Bruce and Mickey Browning in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Bruce is having some health problems—he fell recently and had extensive surgery to repair a broken bone in his neck. During the surgery a pacemaker was connected to his heart. He is doing better at the present time. The Browning family, the late Charlie and Sallie (Guthery) Browning lived in the Jakehamon Community. Their children, Bruce and his twin sister, the late Emma Lou attended school in Desdemona. Emma Lou graduated with the Class of 1947 and Bruce with the Class of 1948.

## Thank You

There are not enough words to express how thankful we are for all the people who have helped us during our time of need after a recent car accident. We were left with many obstacles to overcome on our way to recovery and are thankful for those who have helped us.

Most of all we would like to thank God for bringing us through the accident alive.

Thank you to our children, Cindy and David Abbey, Melinda and Larry Walker, John Tee and Kathy Buckley, and Jeff and Angela Buckley and our grandchildren for all you have done. We thank their employers DeLeon ISD, Birdsong Peanuts and Texas TDOT for allowing them to take time off.

We also want to thank our good friends in DeLeon, Desdemona, and Gorman for bringing good everyday for 5 weeks.

Thank you to our son, Jeff, and Grant Burgess for handling our everyday farming and ranching.

Thank you to the following farmers for harvesting our peanuts: Roy Johnson, Chris Scitem, Eddie Fox, Jay Grimshaw, Gary Burgess, Donald Holder, and Scotty Koonce.

We greatly appreciate all the cards, prayers, visits and help while we were bed-ridden.

s/Pat and Jerry Buckley



## CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**



## Texans Talk Foreign Affairs

Each year I ask Texans to gather around my "listening post" and give me their opinions. Hearing from you enables me to learn firsthand what's affecting you and your families throughout our great state. Not surprisingly, I hear from a great number of you on issues ranging from homeland security to tax relief. This year, our survey hit the information superhighway and was for the first time available online. An overwhelming number of you responded to the survey via e-mail, and this is the first of several Capitol Comments devoted to your answers.

The topic of foreign affairs garnered a host of strong opinions. Many of you feel very passionately about our place in the world, and I received a huge response to the following question: "Civil unrest is plaguing many regions of our world. Often, the United States is called upon to help restore peace and meet the humanitarian needs of civilian populations. But our involvement in regional conflicts comes at a high price, both in dollars and by putting our uniformed men and women in harm's way. As our troops are stretched thinner and thinner, how do you think we should respond?"

A whopping 90 percent of you felt we should eliminate any involvement where no clear U.S. security interest is at stake. On the question of working through NATO or the United Nations to deal with regional conflicts, Texans had a variety of opinions. Below is a sampling of your thoughtful contributions:

We are spreading ourselves too thin. It is important to protect ourselves from terrorists, but not get involved in areas where the U.N. and NATO can manage. Jane, Boerne

Stop sending troops and giving money to countries that do not support free and open democracy. Stop giving money to countries that take our money and vilify us for being Americans. Anna, Fort Worth

I definitely do not want our troops under the direction of NATO or the U.N. Shannon, Friendswood

Get the U.N. out of the U.S. and the U.S. out of the U.N. James, San Antonio

We need to increase the size of the U.S. military. Natalie, Whitehouse

The U.N. has been successful. It is wrong to downgrade their accomplishments. Don, Sugarland

We can't do anything right in the eyes of the world so we must do what we feel is right for America. If that is helping to secure another nation's peace and freedom from tyrannical dictators or seeing that human rights violations do not occur in any nation then we must... Chelsea, Austin

I feel the rest of the world needs to step up to the plate and take more responsibility. Johnny, Odessa

Every nation needs to fulfill their responsibilities to the extent of their resources. We have been mightily blessed. To whom much is given much is required. Gladys, Conroe

For Heaven's sake let's get out of the nation-building business. Richard, Pennington

I share the opinion that our involvement with NATO and the United Nations must be continually reviewed. Fifty-four years ago, the United States pledged to protect Europe from the Warsaw Pact. Clearly, our commitment played a vital role in NATO's victory in the Cold War. Now is the time to ask: What is the mission of NATO today? Is NATO going to protect the future or defend the past? For NATO to remain relevant, we must agree on the fundamental mission that common threats to our security outside of NATO member countries must be addressed together. Our alliance should recognize that terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction have replaced the threat of Soviet imperialism. NATO has always been unified around a common purpose, but if it becomes nothing more than a patchwork quilt, we will be wasting our money and endangering our own national security by continuing to pay its bills and diverting our attention.

I also agree we must not stretch our troops too thin, but unfortunately, that is what's currently happening. They are doing a magnificent job in Iraq and around the world, but we simply don't have enough of them. It takes boots on the ground to win. Unfortunately, we are pushing them to a breaking point, taxing their readiness and putting undue strain on service members (both active duty and reserves), their families and their communities. I continue to make that point to officials at the Department of Defense and will keep asking the tough questions about military readiness and the size of our Armed Forces.

With nearly 22 million people in our great state, our ideas are as bold and diverse as our heritage. Thank you for taking the time to send in your thoughts on these pressing issues and providing me with a snapshot of Texan's opinions. Look for future columns devoted to your comments on homeland security, tax relief, education and much more.

*Keeping an Eye on Texas*

**Unclaimed Property Auctions on eBay**

For the next several weeks, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts will auction a selection of items from abandoned safe deposit boxes on eBay.

Unclaimed property is periodically turned over to the state, and the office uses every reasonable means to locate the rightful owners. But if the owners can't be found, the items are sold so the auction proceeds can be used to provide vital state services.

If, at any time, the rightful owner of any unclaimed property - sold or unsold - comes forward, he or she may claim their property or they are entitled to whatever proceeds were made from its sale.

For more information or a link to the Comptroller's eBay auction items, go to <http://www.window.state.tx.us/up/a2k2/>.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of R.L. Sharp, 81, of Gorman. Burial was on Thursday, December 11, 2003 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Lavona (Shipman) Sharp of Gorman; two daughters, Jerry Majors of DeLeon and Dorenda Minton of Lake Buchanan; two sisters, Ruth Lewis of Desdemona and Patsy Eaton of Abilene. Preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Mary (Fair) Sharp; a brother L.E. "Buddie" Sharp. The Sharp family are former residents of Desdemona where Lavona and her daughters attended school.

Bernard and Ann Keith was in Cleburne last Thursday for a check-up with Ann's skin doctor. She received a good report.

Lois (Henry) Kay, 93, of Levelland passed away Sunday, December 7, 2003. Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery. Survivors include son, Randall Kay of Lubbock; daughter Regina Browning of DeSota. Preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Amanda Henry; husband Bro. Murray Kay; five brothers; one sister. The Henry family are former residents of Desdemona where their children attended school. Lois graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1929. Lois enjoyed attending the Desdemona Homecoming as often as possible. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

C.W. "Booster" Murphy, Jr., 90, of Duncanville, Texas passed away on Sunday, December 7, 2003. Burial was in Terrell, Texas. He was born on September 13, 1913 in Paris, Arkansas and moved to Desdemona as a young child. He attended school in Desdemona. Also attended the annual Homecoming and School Reunion as often as his health would permit. He retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. His father, the late C.W. Murphy, Sr. served as Mayor of Desdemona in the early '30's. Thanks to his daughter-in-law, Alice Murphy in Duncanville for sending this message to this reporter. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

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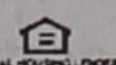
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# Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

## Writing Your Story

No matter what else you are doing—  
From cradle days through to the end—  
You're writing your life's secret story:  
Each day sees another page penned.

Each month ends a thirty-page chapter,  
Each year means the end of a part,  
And never an act is misstated,  
Nor ever a wish from the heart.

Each day when you wake the books opens,  
Revealing a page clean and white.  
What thoughts and what words and what actions  
Will cover its surface by night?

God leaves that to you—you're the writer,  
And never one word shall grow dim  
'Til some day you write the word "Finis,"  
And give back your life book to Him.

## Birthday Party

On Friday, December 5th at 2 p.m. was the December Birthday Party. There were six honorees--two were born on Christmas Day and one on Christmas Eve. Ruth Campbell came and played the electric keyboard and led singing. Ina Smith served birthday cake with "Red Tornado" (soft drink). Guests were Ann Warren, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Ruth Campbell, and Nancy Hendricks.

Some visitors were Marie Cook, Sylvia Estes of Carbon, James and Mary Jesse of Abilene.

On Friday morning, Dec. 5th, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for seven residents.

Nell Files and Vada Bihn of Carbon were recent visitors.

Sunday church services were cancelled due to illness.

Visitors were Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Dawn Roberts of Frisco, Kennard and Doyleene Roberts of Gustine, Winston Brown, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Levi Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, and Shannon Roberts.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery came and opened the beauty shop.

Some guests were Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Sara Overstreet, Jennifer Brown, Jewel Morris of DeLeon, Annie Fay Foster, Becky Smith of Cross Plains, Elmer and Rebecca Morgan of Lake Dallas.

Monday afternoon singing was cancelled.

Some recent guests were Esther Cannon of Conroe, Winnie Rainey of Stephenville, S.E. Carter and Melba Carter of Eastland, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona and Paul Johnson of Lubbock.

Residents appreciated the good magazines recently donated.

Recent guests were Max and Janice Grice, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Kenneth Good, Irene West and Glenn Glasson.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for residents.

Some guests were David and Sandra Joiner of Tyler, Donald Lee Joiner of Houston, Joyce Bramlett and Lucille Joiner of Stephenville, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks, Taylor, Hope Mahon of DeLeon.

On Tuesday afternoon, residents were busy making Christmas decorations.

Visiting recently were Pattie Tesson of Abilene, Robert Reeves of Waxahachie, Alene Reeves of Kemp, Burnadene Reeves of Weatherford, C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Vicki Seay.

The Women Own Mission of First Baptist Church made Christmas Stockings for all the residents. Ann Warren and Janice Grice brought the beautiful stockings on Wednesday and put them beside each residents door so that friends and relatives may give residents Christmas cards.

Some guests were Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Ruth Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Don Landers of Springtown, Mary Ann Alexander of Brownwood.

On Wednesday at 6 p.m., the G.A.'s of First Baptist Church with their leaders brought items that they had

collected and had a Christmas Store for all the residents. The residents picked a gift, free of charge to give to someone they chose as long as the gifts lasted. Then the girls wrapped the gifts for the residents. Residents drew names to see what order to pick the gifts.

**What We Give Away**  
Love that is hoarded moulds at last  
Until we know some day  
The only thing we ever have  
Is what we give away.  
And kindness that is never used  
But hidden all alone  
Will slowly harden till it is  
As hard as any stone.  
It is the things we always hold  
That we will lose someday  
The only things we ever keep  
Are what we give away.

## Stenholm's Statement On Capture Of Saddam Hussein

The news of Saddam Hussein's capture by American troops is a testament to the wisdom and strength of our men and women in uniform. I am pleased that Fort Hood soldiers had a big hand in this operation. While many challenges remain in restoring stability to Iraq, Iraqis can become more confident about moving forward.

In addition, the safe, swift capture of the Iraqi dictator shows that our intelligence and military forces are doing a good job working together, using tried-and-true procedures. I hope the procedures that worked so well in capturing Saddam Hussein will soon lead us to Osama Bin Laden.

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